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INTRODUCTION

This is the first edition of the electronic Newsletter from the Comparative Research in Law & Political Economy Network – [CLPE](#) – out of [Osgoode Hall Law School](#) in Toronto. Its aim is to provide all affiliated researchers and the interested public with a periodic update as to the current activities, publications and future endeavours at the Centre. You are receiving this Newsletter as a member of the Board of Editors, the Board of Advisers or as an author of a CLPE Research Paper. If you do not wish to receive this Newsletter, please send an email entitled “unsubscribe newsletter” to clpe@osgoode.yorku.ca.

RESEARCH AT CLPE

Established in 2004 with support of the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#), the [Provincial Government of Ontario](#), [York University](#) and the [Canada Research Chairs Program](#), the [CLPE Network](#) brings together research associates, fellows, scholars and graduate students from Universities worldwide to collaborate in interdisciplinary research. The CLPE's mandate is to enhance a truly border-crossing examination of the intersections between law and political economy by providing a forum and research portal for scholars working in Law, Business, History, Sociology and Political Science with an interest in governance and regulation. Drawing on a wealth of experience and knowledge of its collaborators, [CLPE](#) is a meeting point for researchers, policy analysts and practitioners.

[CLPE](#) hosts three distinctive programs. First is an annual fellowship program for established and emerging scholars. This program offers such scholars an opportunity to spend a period of time at Osgoode to conduct research, to engage with other Network members, faculty and students, and to write a research paper. Second is an annual conference that brings to Toronto

renowned experts in law and political economy for a two-day meeting of panels, discussions and lectures, subsequently published as a Special Journal issue or in book form. Third is the [CLPE Research Paper Series](#) of papers in law, business, history, sociology and political science which is published and distributed through the [Social Science Research Network](#).

PROMOTING PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

CPLE has been directly participating in initiatives that help to support graduate students in their publication efforts. On October 7th, 2009, [Sujith Xavier](#), one of the two Acting Academic Co-Directors of the CLPE, addressed the graduate student body during the Graduate Student Workshop on Publications at Osgoode, providing information about how to submit research papers to CLPE and [Social Science Research Network](#). On February 24th, 2010, [Fenner Stewart](#), the other Acting Academic Co-Director, will speak at “The Roundtable on Publishing in Law Journals – Experiences and Strategies” at Osgoode. He will be discussing the politics of publishing law papers in the US academic market as a graduate student.

ACADEMIC OUTREACH

Due to the success of the *Toronto Circle* Reading Group in 2008–2009, convened by CLPE Founder and Director, Canada Research Chair Professor [Peer Zumbansen](#), CLPE has recommenced its monthly reading group. The group’s focus is on legal theory and attracts graduate students from a number of universities in the Toronto area as well as interested local lawyers.

CLPE has also played a significant role in the organization of the [Third Annual Toronto Group Conference](#) (January 2010), providing support and publication opportunities. The theme of the conference is “Concerning States of Mind, Disturbing the Minds of States”. The 57 presenters are flying in from North America, Europe, South Asia and other regions; the keynote speakers include [Martti Koskenniemi](#) and [Mariana Valverde](#). Special guests and discussants include [Antony Anghie](#), [Ruth Buchanan](#), [Rosemary Coombe](#), [Karen Knop](#), [Lisa Philipps](#), [Lorne Sossin](#), [Benjamin Richardson](#) and [Kerry Rittich](#).

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The CLPE issued a number of publications in the fall of 2009. All papers are available by clicking on the abstract at the CLPE homepage (<http://www.comparativeresearch.net/papers.jsp>) or by following the links below:

Harry W. Arthurs, Law and Learning in an Era of Globalization, CLPE Research Paper No. 22/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1478722>.

Margaret Thornton, The Law School, The Market and the New Knowledge Economy, CLPE Research Paper No. 23/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1135989>.

Antoinette Muntjewerff, ICT in Legal Education, CLPE Research Paper No. 24/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1478726>.

Toni M. Fine, Reflections on U.S. Law Curricular Reform, CLPE Research Paper No. 25/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1478728>.

Roberto Fragale Filho, Brazilian Legal Education: Curricular Reform that Goes Further without Going Beyond, CLPE Research Paper No. 26/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1478732>.

Luis Perez Hurtado, Transnationalizing Mexican Legal Education: But, What About Students' Expectations?, CLPE Research Paper No. 27/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1478734>.

Alison von Rosenvinge, Global Anti - Corruption Regimes: Why Law Schools may want to take a Multi - Jurisdiction Approach, CLPE Research Paper No. 28/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1478733>.

David M. Siegel, The Ambivalent Role of Experiential Learning in American Legal Education and the Problem of Legal Culture, CLPE Research Paper No. 29/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488181>.

Richard Wilson, Western Europe: Last Holdout in the Worldwide Acceptance of Clinical Legal Education, CLPE Research Paper No. 30/2009. Available at SSRN: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1488241.

Craig Scott, 'Transnational Law' as Proto - Concept: Three Conceptions, CLPE Research Paper No. 32/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488245>.

Simon Chesterman, The Evolution of Legal Education: Internationalization, Transnationalization, Globalization, CLPE Research Paper No. 33/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488246>.

Helge Dedek and Armand de Mestral, Born to be Wild: The "Trans - Systemic" Programme at McGill and the De - Nationalization of Legal Education, CLPE Research Paper No. 34/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488265>.

NEW PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED

Jaakko Husa, *Turning the Curriculum Upside Down: Comparative Law as an Educational Tool for Constructing Pluralistic Legal Mind*, CLPE Research Paper No. 35/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488266>.

Phillip Bevans and John McKay, *The Association of Transnational Law Schools' Agora: An Experiment in Graduate Legal Pedagogy*, CLPE Research Paper No. 36/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488283>.

Franziska Weber, *Hanse Law School - A Promising Example of Transnational Legal Education? An Alumna's Perspective*, CLPE Research Paper No. 37/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1488285>.

Janet Leiper, *Nurturing Commitment in Legal Profession: Student Experiences with the Osgoode Public*, CLPE Research Paper No. 38/2009.

Lisa Rieder & Hanjo Hamann, *Student Participation in Legal Education in Germany and Europe*, CLPE Research Paper No. 39/2009.

Nadia Chiesa, *The Five Lessons I Learned Through Clinical Education*, CLPE Research Paper No. 40/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1491447>.

Federico Longobardi and Luigi Russi, *A Tiny Heart Beating: Student - Edited Legal Periodicals in Good Ol' Europe*, CLPE Research Paper No. 41/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1190999>.

Danielle Allen and Bernadette Maheandiran, *'You Don't Have to Speak German to Work on the German Law Journal': Reflections on Being a Student Editor While Being a Law Student*, CLPE Research Paper No. 42/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1491451>.

Stepan Wood and Clarkson, Stephen, *NAFTA Chapter 11 as Supraconstitution*. CLPE Research Paper No. 43/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1500564>.

Fenner Stewart, *Review Article: Bainbridge's The New Corporate Governance (in Context)*, CLPE Research Paper No. 44/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1497622>.

Michael Fakhri, *Reconstructing The WTO Legitimacy Debate toward notion of development*, CLPE Research Paper No. 45/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1500562>.

Amaya Alvez, *Proportionality Analysis as an 'analytical matrix' adopted by the Supreme Court of Mexico*, CLPE Research Paper No. 46/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1515952>.

Gail Henderson, *The Materiality of Climate Change and the Role of Voluntary Disclosure*, CLPE Research Paper No. 47/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1515955>.

NEW PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED

Wai Ho Yeung, *Non-Tradable Share Reform in China: Marching Towards the Berle and Means Corporation?*, CLPE Research Paper No. 48/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1515957>.

Xiao huang, *Shareholder Revolt? The Statutory Derivative Action in China*, CLPE Research Paper No. 49/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1516448>.

Dunia Prince Zongwe, *The Contribution of Campbell v Zimbabwe to the Foreign Investment Law on Expropriations*, CLPE Research Paper No. 50/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1516564>.

Alessandro Turina and Nicolo Zingales, *Economic Analysis and Evaluation of "Fair Prices": Can Antitrust and International Taxation Learn from Each Other?*, CLPE Research Paper No. 51/2009. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1516486>.

All of these publication are available on the CLPE website, which provides a link to the paper on the [Social Science Research Network](#).

THE COMPARATIVE RESEARCH IN LAW AND POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

On Thursday November 26th, the CLPE launched the *Comparative Research in Law and Political Economy Research Seminar Series*. Its first speaker was [Dr. Keith Culver](#), a professor and international chair in generating eco-innovation at the [UniverSud Paris](#). The focus of his work has ranged from e-democracy to the investigation of fisheries and aquaculture, most recently resulting in [Aquaculture, Innovation and Social Transformation](#). He has just finished co-writing [Legality's Borders](#), forthcoming with Oxford University Press. His lecture was on the interrelationship between urban eco-innovation and community social innovation in the context of regulatory development in France.

The next speaker in the series will be [Joanna Erdman](#), Co-Director of the [International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme](#), and [Director of the Health Equity and Law Clinic](#). She is slated to speak in early February. Her specific presentation will be on the intersections of gender and community health.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITY:
THE CLPE
POSTDOCTORAL
FELLOWSHIP IN
TRANSNATIONAL
& COMPARATIVE**

Each year, CLPE offers specialized institutional support for a rising scholar who wishes to focus on a postdoctoral research project addressing social theory, interdisciplinary scholarship and comparative research in the transnational context of law, society and political economy. The nature of this fellowship is unique, helping to facilitate a successful candidate's ambitions to establish an institutional network between CLPE and at least one other research institution. This program allows CLPE to act as a medium for global learning, creating a foundation today for a more cosmopolitan scholarship tomorrow. The selected candidate will be integrated into the intellectual life of Osgoode Hall Law School during his or her time in Toronto. The Fellow will be offered assistance on his or her work through access to all physical and virtual library facilities at York in a manner similar to other CLPE fellows who are invited to the school.

A rationale for the connections between the institutions (including the names of mentors that have committed to guide the candidate in a specific area of his or her proposed research project) must be submitted. The applicant can devise the program as either one-year or two-year. Interested candidates should submit a proposal of work, a cover letter, a CV, a writing sample, letters of recommendation from his or her doctoral supervisor, an additional letter of reference, a letter(s) of confirmation from the additional research institution(s) in question, and letters of appraisal from each mentor. All required documentation must be received by September 15, 2010.

The successful candidate is expected to give a presentation on his or her work to Osgoode Hall Law School in a Public Lecture or Faculty Seminar and to submit a research paper or an advanced work in progress to the CLPE Research Paper Series, which is published on www.comparativeresearch.net and distributed through the [Social Science Research Network](#). To inquire more about this CLPE Fellowships, please contact: CLPE@osgoode.yorku.ca.

**THE NEW BOOK REVIEW
PUBLICATION SERIES –
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
BOOK REVIEWS**

The CLPE is requesting proposals for book reviews of current and significant books related to the research theme of the CLPE. All book reviews will be peer-reviewed and added to the CLPE paper series, which is published on the [Social Science Research Network](#). This initiative is designed to create a catalog of book reviews that, when accumulated, will prove to be a significant study reference for researchers focusing on the interdisciplinary examination of the intersections between law and political economy. To participate in this important project, please propose a book review and email it to one of the Acting Academic Co-Directors:

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