

FEMINIST LEGAL STUDIES QUEEN'S

CALL FOR PAPERS

Arctic/Northern Women: Law and Justice, Development and Equality *In celebration of Dr. Patricia A. Monture (1958-2010)*

Feb. 28-Mar. 1, 2014 in Kingston, Ontario

Canada and other northern countries are undergoing rapid changes in climate, economic development, employment, environmental, and political priorities. This conference will focus on how these changes affect women's legal, economic, and social status with particular reference to challenges facing indigenous, northern, racialized, and immigrant women. Relevant legal frameworks include international human rights, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; constitutional provisions, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982; and domestic laws and policies. This conference is designed to accelerate access to legal and policy research concerning Arctic/northern women, people affected by changes occurring in and as the result of policies in circumpolar states, and proposals for governance and policy reforms.

This conference is convened in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Patricia A. Monture, Queen's Law 1988, Hon. LL.D. (Athabaska and Queen's), a fierce and proud Haudenosaunee woman who graced the Queen's and Kingston communities with her tireless teachings as she confronted the realities of racism, colonialism, and Aboriginal existences. For those who wish to address the many challenges and contributions made by Dr. Monture in her work and activism, please see Malinda Smith, 'Thunder in her soul,' at <http://www.idees-ideas.ca/blog/thunder-her-soul-remembering-patricia-monturex>.

FLSQ invites academic and practicing lawyers, policy analysts, interdisciplinary and comparative scholars and experts, students in law and other disciplines, community members, and those involved in research and governance to submit proposals for papers that examine issues relevant to this broad area of engagement. Proposals are invited on the following topics, as well as on others proposed in response to this call for papers:

- First Nations, Inuit, and Metis women – activism, rights, and law
- Indigenous women in other countries
- Traditional economies and reciprocal relationships
- Self-governance and political agency
- Environmental issues, including human and ecological degradation, settlements, and human health
- Legal education and legal needs of indigenous and northern women
- The 'paradox of plenty' and nonrenewable resource extraction
- Food, shelter, and wellbeing in northern regions

- Fiscal policies and tax jurisdictions
- Commons, users, and concepts of property, including traditional knowledges
- Science, nation building, and militarization in circumpolar states
- State systems and policy options
- Demographics of northern and extractive regions
- Globalization and interstate politics
- Corporate governance
- De/re/neo/colonizations
- Economic development and social inequalities
- Public services and accountability
- Sexual assault, trafficking, and violence
- Maternal and reproductive health
- International human rights
- Reproductive health and genetics
- Law and policy reform related to any of these substantive topics, based on doctrinal, theoretical, empirical, comparative, or interdisciplinary approaches

This conference is being organized and presented in collaboration with Queen's University Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre and the Department of Gender Studies, and the Tromso-Umea-Arkhangelsk-Canada Network on Gender and Law in the Arctic Region (TUAC Network).

Call for papers:

Submissions grounded in Aboriginal studies, domestic or international law, public policy, social anthropology, history, sociology, economics, geography, philosophy, women's/gender studies, human rights, or political studies are sought.

Date and Location: The conference will be held in the Robert Sutherland Hall, the Policy Studies building, on the ground floor (room 202), located at 138 Union St., Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario on Friday Feb. 28 and Saturday March 1, 2014.

Submitting paper proposals:

If you are interested in presenting a paper or organizing a panel on a specific issue, please email a short outline of your proposal (a paragraph in length) to Kathleen Lahey (at kal2@queensu.ca) or Bitu Amani (at amanib@queensu.ca). Proposals may be made at any time until October 20, 2013. Participation will be confirmed in November 2013.

Travel funding:

When submitting a paper or panel proposal, please indicate whether you would be able to obtain institutional support to attend, or whether you could attend only if you receive funding from Feminist Legal Studies Queen's.

Registration:

Attendance without presenting a paper is welcome, as the goal is to discuss a wide variety of equality and justice issues. Contact the organizers to indicate interest and obtain registration information. Some funding is available to assist students to attend. Formal registration will open on November 15.

Accommodation and childcare:

Information on accommodation will be provided on request. Anyone wanting childcare should mention this request so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Accessibility:

The venue is fully accessible; please contact the coordinators with any questions.

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