

# AN INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON LEGAL PLURALISM

10-13 July 2020 | Brisbane, Australia



Commission  
on Legal  
Pluralism

## Overview

From 10-13 July 2020 the Commission on Legal Pluralism in collaboration with The University of Queensland's School of Law and Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law will organize a course on Legal Pluralism in Brisbane, Australia about theories, knowledge and methodologies of legal pluralism. The purpose of the 4-day course is to familiarize the participants with the current international debates and insights on socio-legal studies and legal pluralism and to offer a comparative perspective that allows them to rethink their own research and practical work.

Participation is limited to 25 persons to allow for maximum discussion. The participants will include academics and practitioners, e.g., NGO activists or government officials, who deal with issues related to legal pluralism, informal justice systems and social justice in their academic or professional work. During this intensive training, the participants will be given an opportunity to discuss their work and to build long-lasting intellectual connections with both other participants, and the instructors consisting of leading scholars and practitioners in their fields, allowing participants to become part of a growing international network.

## Topics and activities

- Theoretical and conceptual aspects of legal pluralism
- Tribal / customary law
- Dispute management and resolution
- Natural resources management
- Peace and conflict
- Gender
- Access to justice and legal reform
- Fieldwork methodology
- Emerging issues in legal pluralism

The course will include a one-day field trip and will be concluded with a participants' research forum.

## Selection, tuition, and funding

The course is open to students enrolled in a PhD programme; recent PhD graduates, more senior scholars who are relatively new to the field of legal pluralism, and practitioners working directly on one or more of the topics to be covered in the course. Participants must demonstrate a level of proficiency in English that allows them to read and actively discuss relevant academic literature. Selection will be based on students' motivation to join the course.

The course fee is 200 EURO (approximately 300 CAD). Participants will be responsible for the cost of their airfare, accommodation (affordable rooms are available in student accommodation on campus), meals and local transportation. A limited number of tuition waivers will be awarded to participants who demonstrate extreme financial need. In allocation of tuition waivers, the priority will be given to students coming from low- and middle-income countries. Depending on pending grant applications, some of the participants may be provided with free accommodation, local transportation and hospitality during the course.

## Application, contact and more information

Individuals interested in participating in the course are invited to apply by **November 1, 2019**.

The application should include a cover letter, brief curriculum vitae and evidence of English proficiency.

Applications should be emailed to Marc Simon Thomas at [M.A.SimonThomas@uu.nl](mailto:M.A.SimonThomas@uu.nl). Decisions will be made by December 30, 2019.

The course will precede the International Conference of the Commission on Legal Pluralism organized in collaboration with The University of Queensland's School of Law and Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law on 15-17 July 2020. Course participants are in principle expected to also present a paper at the conference. Registration for the conference requires payment of the conference fee.

For more information on the Commission on Legal Pluralism and its past courses and conferences, which have been held in venues including Wellington (New Zealand), Accra (Ghana), Williamsburg (USA), Moscow (Russia), Chiang Mai (Thailand), Fredericton (Canada), Jakarta (Indonesia), Zurich (Switzerland), Cape Town (South Africa), Manchester (UK), Mumbai (India) and Ottawa (Canada), please visit the Commission on Legal Pluralism at <https://commission-on-legal-pluralism.com>.