The Sacred and the Law
The Durkheimian Legacy

International Conference at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study
“Law as Culture”
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SESSION 1: THE NORMATIVE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOCIAL
(Chair: Werner Gephart)
9:30-10:15 STEVEN LUKEs (New York City, NY)
Norms as Social Facts
10:15-11:00 STEPHEN P. TURNER (Tampa, FL)
Durkheim as an Error Theorist of the Normative
11:00-11:45 JEAN-LOUIS HALPÉRIN (Paris)
Durkheim dans la culture juridique de son temps
11:45-12:00 Coffee break

SESSION 2: THE SOCIAL AS THE SACRED AND THE REALM
OF SACRED NORMATIVITY
(Chair: Daniel Witte)
12:00-12:45 LAURENT DE SUTTER (Brussels)
Durkheimian Mysteries: Law, Magic and the Sacred in Paul Huvelin and Marcel Mauss
12:45-14:30 Lunch break
14:30-15:15 WERNER GEPHART (Bonn)
The Social, the Sacred, and the Cult of Law
15:15-16:00 LAURA FORD (Buffalo, NY)
Legacies of the Sacred in Private Law: Roman Civic Religion, Property, and Contract
16:00-16:30 Coffee break

SESSION 3: SACRED NORMATIVITY, POLITICS AND THE DIVISION
OF LABOR (PART 1)
(Chair: Marta Bucholc)
16:30-17:15 DANIEL WITTE (Bonn)
From Durkheim’s (A-)Political Sociology to Bourdieu’s Religio-Sociological Critique of the State
17:15-18:00 JEAN-LOUIS FABIANI (Paris/Budapest)
Contract, Context, Social Action
18:00 Reception

SESSION 4: SACRED NORMATIVITY, POLITICS AND THE DIVISION
OF LABOR (PART 2)
(Chair: Marta Bucholc)
9:00-9:45 DIRK TÄNZLER (Bonn)
Reading Hobbes with Durkheim. The Ritual Roots of Politics
9:45-10:30 JAN CHRISTOPH SUNTRUP (Bonn)
Why Respect the Law? Durkheim’s Theory of Democracy and Political Legitimacy
10:30-11:00 Coffee break

SESSION 5: LEGAL CULTURES AND THE CULTURE OF LAW
(Chair: Werner Menski)
11:00-11:45 PRAKASH SHAH (London)
Does Durkheim Enhance our Understanding of Law and Religion?
11:45-12:30 DANIEL SÜBER (Würzburg)
Law from Myth? Symbolic Dimensions of Law in Serbia
12:30-13:15 RAJA SAKRANI (Bonn)
Cultures de droit judaïques et islamiques: un regard durkheimien
13:15-15:00 Lunch break

SESSION 6: CULTURES OF VALIDITY AND THE FOUNDATIONS
OF HUMAN RIGHTS
(Chair: Erika de Wet)
15:00-15:45 MARTA BUCHOLC (Bonn/Warsaw)
Particular Norms and Universal Normativities in Durkheim: Entangled Normative Orders
15:45-16:30 ROGER COTTERRELL (London)
Moral Individualism Today: Human Rights and Dignity through a Durkheimian Lens
16:30-17:00 Coffee break
17:00-18:00 Panel Discussion:
Consequences for Legal Doctrine, or: Why we all do remain Durkheimians
(Chair: Werner Gephart)
Overview of Speakers

Marta Bucholc (Bonn/Warsaw): Legal scholar and sociologist, Research Professor and former fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study “Law as Culture”, Assistant Professor for Sociology at the University of Warsaw, holder of i. a. the Florian Znaniecki Award of the Polish Sociological Association

Roger Cotterrell (London): Legal scholar and sociologist, Anniversary Professor of Legal Theory at the School of Law at Queen Mary University of London, fellow of the British Academy and of the Academy of Social Sciences, awarded the Socio-Legal Studies Associaton life-time achievement award for contributions to the socio-legal community in 2013

Nina Dethloff (Bonn): Legal scholar, Professor for Private Law, Private International Law, Comparative Law and European Private Law, director of the Institute for German, European and International Family Law at the University of Bonn, director (executive) at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture”

Jean-Louis Fabiani (Paris/Budapest): Sociologist, Professor at the Central European University, Budapest, Directeur d'études EHESS, Paris, visiting professorships, i.a., at the University of Chicago (1999), University of Montréal (2005), HU Berlin (2006), Fernand Braudel Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence (2014)


Werner Gephart (Bonn): Legal scholar, sociologist and artist, Professor at the University of Bonn, founding director of the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture”, editor of the volume “Recht” of the Max Weber-Gesamtausgabe (MWG I/22-3) and of the series “Law as Culture”

Jean-Louis Halpérin (Paris): Legal historian, Professor of Law at the École normale supérieure, deputy director of the Centre de Théorie et Analyse du Droit and former director of the social sciences department of the ENS


Raja Sakrani (Bonn): Legal scholar and cultural scientist, Scientific Coordinator at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture”, member of the Société de Législation Comparée (Paris)

Prakash Shah (London): Legal scholar, Reader in Culture and Law at the Department of Law and Director of GLOCUL: The Centre for Culture and Law at the Queen Mary University of London, Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

Daniel Süber (Würzburg): Sociologist, Academic Council at the Institute for Political Science and Sociology of the University of Würzburg, author of Emile Durkheim (Reihe Klassiker der Wissenssoziologie, ed. by T. Luckmann and B. Schnettler, 2011)

Jan Christoph Suntrup (Bonn): Political scientist, Researcher at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture”, author of Formenwandel der französischen Intellektuellen. Eine Analyse ihrer gesellschaftlichen Debatten von der Libération bis zur Gegenwart (2010)

Laurent de Sutter (Brussels): Legal scholar, Professor of Legal Theory at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, editor of the series Perspectives Critiques and co-editor of the journal Law and Literature, former fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture”

Dirk Tänzler (Bonn): Sociologist, Professor for General Sociology at the University of Bonn, co-editor of the series Law, Crime and Culture (Ashgate), visiting professorships and lectureships inter alia at the universities of Lucerne, Zurich, Salzburg, Friedrichshafen and Konstanz

Stephen P. Turner (Tampa): Sociologist, Distinguished University Professor at the Department of Philosophy and director of the Center for Social and Political Thought at the University of South Florida, editor of The Search for a Methodology of Social Science: Durkheim, Weber, and the Nineteenth Century Problem of Cause, Probability, and Action (1986) and of Emile Durkheim: Sociologist and Moralist (1993)

Erika de Wet (Pretoria/Bonn): Legal scholar, professor of International Law and co-director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa at the University of Pretoria, Honorary Professor of International Law at the University of Bonn and Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities “Law as Culture”