



“Harmonization of European Law and Legal Education: Toward a Trans-systemic Perspective?”

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9h30-15h30**

*Faculty of Law, McGill University
New Chancellor Day Hall
3660 Peel, Stephen A. Scott Seminar Room (room 16)*

Many law faculties in North America and Europe are faced with the need to reinvent the teaching of law, driven in large measure by the notion – be it real or imagined – that social, economic and political globalization is transforming ideas of law. In Europe, in particular, networks are developing to address the new transnational configuration of European legal practice. Study programs offering education in civil law and common law are emerging everywhere in Europe and in Canada. At McGill University, the thirty-year old National Program has now taken the shape of integrated, trans-systemic legal studies. More and more legal scholars are intrigued by the idea that learning the law must be pursued in a comparative and integrated manner from the very beginning of a jurist’s university education. Legal education moves into a world of ideas, no longer constrained by political geography and local knowledge.

The *Round Table* is intended to question the shape of legal education in this changing environment. More specifically, it takes the form of a one-day seminar to assess recent developments in the harmonization of European law, and to explore the relevance of a model of trans-systemic legal education – like the one currently developed at McGill University - to other institutions, particularly European institutions. How will European jurists resolve the tension between a European ‘common frame of reference’ and national codifications? Does the quest for a common frame of reference and shared legal principles within Europe lead to a trans-systemic approach for legal education?

Guest Speakers:

Prof. Christophe Jamin (Institut d’Études Politiques, Paris)
Prof. Ruth Sefton-Green (Université de Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne)
Prof. Franz Werro (University of Fribourg)
Prof. Hector MacQueen (University of Edinburgh)
Prof. Lionel Smith (McGill University)

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Programme

9h30-9h45 *Welcome – Mot de bienvenue*

9h45-11h15 *Towards a European Law of Contracts? Reflexions on a Dual Strategy and New Directions in the Harmonization of European Private Law.*

Vers un droit européen des contrats? Réflexions sur une double stratégie et sur la trajectoire de l'harmonisation du droit privé européen.

Christophe Jamin, *Institut d'Études Politiques, Paris*

Ruth Sefton-Green, *Université Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)*

11h15-11h30 *Break -- Pause*

11h30-12h45 *The Transformation of Legal Education in Europe*

Le nouveau visage de la formation juridique en Europe

Franz Werro, *University of Fribourg*

12h45-14h00 *Lunch – Déjeuner*

14h00-15h30 *Putting the Trans-Systemic Approach to the Test: the Case of Unjustified Enrichment/Restitution*

L'approche trans-systémique appliquée au droit de l'enrichissement injustifié

Hector MacQueen, *University of Edinburgh*

Lionel Smith, *McGill University*