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## WORKSHOP ON:

# "Structural inequality and the complexity of power: understanding why transformative legal concepts hit a glass ceiling"

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and **Dr. Alexandra Timmer** (Utrecht University)

12 - 13 May 2022

## Programme

Meeting room: Karl Renner & Achille Loria (*1<sup>st</sup> floor*)

### Wednesday 11 May 2022

21:00 **Welcome reception** (Residencia Antia, first floor)

### Thursday 12 May 2022

09:30-10:00 Registration at the IISL office

### **Characterization and shortcomings of inequality-addressing notions: from the abstract to the concrete**

10:00-10:30 **Welcome and introduction to the workshop**

*IISL Publications officer: Leire Kortabarría*

*Coordinators: Alexandra Timmer, Kathrin Thiele and Lorena Sosa*

10:30-10:45: Coffee [Gurvitch & Galdos room]

10:45-12:30: **Round Table 1: The emergence of intersectionality, decolonisation, inclusion, and stereotyping**

*The first session entails an interdisciplinary discussion of 'en vogue' concepts in critical cultural, social and legal discourses. Starting with a historical overview, it will explore how intersectionality, decolonisation, diversity, inclusion and stereotyping are characterised and used across disciplines, and how the relationships between these concepts can be understood. We expect to trigger a reflection on how the power dynamics within our disciplines and geopolitical locations become reproduced in our theoretical delineation and usage of these concepts.*

Chair: Alexandra Timmer

*Short statements by Elena Ghidoni, Dolores Morondo, Sophie Withaecx, and Alexandra Timmer*

## **Thursday 12 May 2022 (continuation)**

13:00-15:00: Lunch and after lunch 'inspiration' walk [Cantina Zapore]

15:30-17:30: **Round Table 2: Bodies and materiality: representation, contestation, and resistance**

*During this session, we propose to examine corporeal/material realities, and turn to embodiment/bodies as a place of contestation and possible 'disruption' of hegemonic hierarchies and asymmetrical structures. Here we look concretely into how the embodiment of structural inequalities can redirect the discussion in view of transformation towards greater equality. We seek to explore questions of representation, contestation, and resistance to established inequality inducing power relations in institutional, educational (including academic) and legal settings.*

Chair: Lorena Sosa

*Short statements by Ruth Mestre, Beril Önder, Lourdes Peroni, Inessa Sakhno, Yofí Tirosh, and Lorena Sosa*

18:00 Drinks and dinner

## **Friday 13 May 2022**

**'Reigniting' the transformative potential of structural inequality-addressing notions**

09:30-11:30 **Round table 3: Problematizing the institutionalization/legalization of intersectionality, decolonisation, inclusion and stereotyping.**

*In this session we will problematize the ways in which intersectionality, decolonisation, diversity, inclusion and stereotyping have been institutionalised and incorporated into law. The appeal of these concepts has resulted in their quick recognition and incorporation in popular discourse, including into laws, policies and institutions. Yet their incorporation of has in many cases resulted into their distortion and watering down.*

Chair: Kathrin Thiele

*Short statements by Francesca Romana Ammaturo, Ana Gabriela Mendes Braga, Alazne Irigoien, Maggy Barrère Unzueta, and Kathrin Thiele*

11:30-11:45 [Gurvitch & Galdos room]

## **Friday 13 May 2022 (continuation)**

11:45-13:15

### **Round Table 4: Power reconfigured**

*Continuing the conversations from the first day, we hope that the limitations of the legal approach to power will become more evident, leading us to a discussion on how we could reconfigure such legal understanding of power to better address structural inequalities and finally move closer towards transformative strategies.*

13:30-14:30

Lunch [Cantina Zapore]

15:00-16:30

### **Conclusions and further steps**

*In this last conversation, we will draw some conclusions, discuss ongoing work and possible collaborations.*