**LAW BY OTHER MEANS: PICTURING LAW, POLITICS AND JUSTICE**

**8 April 2015**

**Book Launch and Discussion**: Shirin M. Rai and Janelle Reinelt, *The Grammar of Politics and Performance* (Routledge *Interventions* Series).

* + Upendra Baxi (Emeritus Professor, University of Delhi and University of Warwick)
  + Anuradha Kapur (Visiting Professor, Ambedkar University of Delhi)
  + Julia Eckert (University of Bern)
  + Leslie Moran (Birkbeck College)
  + Lawrence Liang (Alternative Law Forum and Warwick alumnus)
  + Shirin M. Rai (University of Warwick)
  + Chaired by Niraja Gopal Jayal (CSLG, JNU)

**Date**: 8 April 2015

**Time**: 6.30 pm

**Venue**: India International Centre, Lecture Room – II

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Borrowing the title of Peter Goodrich’s essay, *Law by Other Means*, we note with Goodrich that “if the legislator was regarded, at least in one medieval tradition, as the unacknowledged poet of the world, the lawyer was historically a sub-species of linguist, variously depicted as a purveyor of fictions, an actor and narrator, an artist, "conteur," and spinner of verbal images or painted words.” This edition of *Law by Other Means*, an outcome of conversations between faculty at the JNU and Warwick, aims to interrogate the manifold ways of picturing law, politics and justice in everyday and extraordinary contexts. By highlighting the performative, the visual and the affective, we hope to stage a conversation on the aesthetics of the state, political and juridical iconography, images of justice, and anthropological pictures of law and politics in everyday or exceptional contexts. Moving from political or juridical iconography, we will also examine how contestations around violence, gender and sexuality are framed.

**Program**

**Day One, 9 April 2015**

**10:00­-10:15 a.m.:** Welcome:Amit Prakash(CSLG, JNU)

**10.15–11.30 a.m.**

**Session 1: Political and Legal Aesthetics**

**Chair**: Niraja Gopal Jayal (CSLG, JNU)

**Upendra Baxi** (University of Warwick and University of Delhi), *Aesthetics of Human Rights*

**Shirin M. Rai** (University of Warwick), *Political Aesthetics of the Nation: The Parliament in Murals*

**11.30-11.45 noon**: Tea

**11:45–1:30 p.m.**

**Session 2: Imaging the Law**

**Chair**: Bishnupriya Dutt (SAA, JNU)

**Deepak Mehta** (Shiv Nadar University), *Naming the Deity, Naming the City: Rama and Ayodhya*

**Lawrence Liang** (Alternative Law Forum), *Of Hidden Cameras and Hidden Truths: Law and Visual Evidence in an era of digital uncertainty*

**Werner Schiffauer** (Europa-Universität Viadrina–Frankfurt), *Visual Truths*

**1:30–2:30 pm**: Lunch

**2:30–5:00 pm**

**Session 3: Visual Cultures of Law**

**Chair**: Lawrence Liang (Alternative Law Forum)

**Leslie Moran** (Birkbeck College, London), *Judicial pictures as legal data and a research method*

**Mani Shekhar Singh** (Jindal Global University), *A village murder, a painter’s tale and the (im)possibility of Justice*

**Jayati Srivastava** (CIPOD, JNU), *Images and Articulations of Global Justice: Real and Imagined*

**Srimati Basu** (University of Kentucky), *Posing Menace: Law and Media in the Indian MRM*

**Day Two, 10 April 2015**

**10.00 a.m.-11: 45 a.m.**

**Session 5: Law, Governance and Exception**

**Chair:** Pratiksha Baxi (CSLG, JNU)

**Anna Hájková** (University of Warwick), *Boundaries of the narratable: The Holocaust and sexuality perceived as extreme*

**Dolly Kikon** (Postdoctoral fellow, Stockholm University), *Imaging Friendships in Exceptional Times: Alliances and Anxieties among coal traders in North East India*

**Srila Roy** (University of the Witwatersrand)**,** *The punitive paternalism of feminist governance*

**11.45-12.00 p.m.: Tea**

**12:00-1:45 p.m.**

**Session 6: Law, Violence and Memory**

**Chair**: Varun Sahni (CIPOD, JNU),

**Stewart Motha** (Birkbeck College, London),*Un-Homely Files: Law, Violence, and Memory*

**Arvind Narrain,** (Alternative Law Forum),*Do not Bury the Dead but Immortalize*

*Them: Disappearances, culture and memory in Argentina*

**Xonzoi Borbora** (TISS, Guwahati), *Long Road Home: Poignancy of Return for Migrants from Assam*

**1:45-2:45 p.m.: Lunch**

**2.45-3.45 p.m.**

**Session 7:**

**Chair**: Amit Prakash (CSLG, JNU)

**Sarah Hodges** (University of Warwick), *Leaky medicine, brisk business and the problem of recycling*

**Amaka Vanni** (University of Warwick), *Framing Pharmaceutical Law and Intellectual Property Rights in India: The Local Self of the International*

**Tea**: 3.45-4:00 p.m.

**4.00-5.45 p.m.**

**Session 8: Ethnographies of Law, Politics and Justice**

**Chair**: Ann Stewart (University of Warwick)

**Julia Eckert** (University of Bern, Switzerland), *Truths, Lies and Visions of Peace: ethnographic explorations of law and violence in Mumbai police stations*

**Anuj Bhuwania** (South Asian University, Delhi), *Towards a sociology of criminal law, as if policing*

**Shrimoyee Nandini Ghosh**(CSLG, JNU), *Dematerializing Documents, Re- materializing Legality:  A study of the electronic stamp paper*

**Mayur Suresh** (Birkbeck College, London)**,** *Technologies of the State: Files, documents and the paper lives of a terrorism trial*