

The Eighth Annual
**South Asia Legal Studies Pre-Conference
Workshop**

**Thursday, October 16, 2014
Lubar Commons (Room 7200)
University of Wisconsin Law School**

Program

- 9:00-9:20** **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:20-9:30** **Welcome and Introductions**
MITRA SHARAFI
Associate Professor of Law, UW-Madison
- 9:30-10:30** **Special Lecture: “The Promised Law: An Analysis of the Rise
and Fall of Pakistan’s Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005”**
MARTIN LAU
SOAS, University of London
- 10:30-12:00** **Panel 1: Legal Liberalism and Islam: Co-optation, Conflicts and
Commensurations**
- Chair/Discussant**
ASIFA QURAIISHI-LANDES
Associate Professor, UW Law School
- “Islam as Belonging: The Law of Conversion in Pakistan”
MARTIN LAU
SOAS, University of London
- “Liberal Legality and Heresy: The Language of Truth and Alterity”
ASAD AHMED
Harvard University
- “The Politics of Culture and Muslim Family Law: Analyzing the role of
Cultural Experts in English Matrimonial Disputes”
SAMIA BANO
SOAS, University of London

- 12:00 – 12:45** **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:30** **Keynote address**
 “Bhopal: Thirty Years On”
 MARC GALANTER
John and Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law and South Asian Studies, UW-Madison
- 1:45-3:00pm** **Panel 2: How the Law Knows: Ethnographic Perspectives on Legal Milieux and Truth Production in India**
- Part I: The Supreme Court and National Legal Debates**
- Chair/ Discussant**
 WILLIAM MAZZARELLA
Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago
- “The Right to Death: Evidentiary Productions of the Dying Body”
 DWAIPAYAN BANERJEE
Postdoctoral Fellow, Leslie Center for the Humanities, Dartmouth College
- “Legal Forensics and the Forest Rights Movement”
 ANAND VAIDYA
PhD Candidate in Anthropology, Harvard University
- 3:00-3:15pm** **Break**
- 3:15-5:00pm** **Part II: Micro-practices of Law**
- Chair/Discussant**
 SRIMATI BASU
Associate Professor, Anthropology and Women’s Studies, University of Kentucky
- “‘She is not revealing anything:’ Prostitution, *Parens Patriae*, and Productions of Identity in a Mumbai Court”
 VIBHUTI RAMACHANDRAN
PhD Candidate, Anthropology, New York University
- “Narrative Disjunctures: The Institutional Incoherence of Legal ‘Truths’”
 POULAMI ROYCHOWDHURY
Assistant Professor, Sociology, McGill University
- “The Age of Impunity in the Era of the Witness: Justice in Gujarat 2002”
 MOYUKH CHATTERJEE
PhD Candidate in Anthropology, Emory University

“Accessing the Truth: Law, Science and Policing in India”
JINEE LOKANEETA
Associate Professor, Political Science, Drew University

5:00pm

Closing Remarks
MITRA SHARAFI
Associate Professor of Law, UW-Madison