

The Legalization of Culture and the Enculturation of Law

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This one-day conference will explore the potential of legal pluralism to account for the varied and dynamic roles of culture within legal discourse. Can legal pluralism create a richer model of legal knowledge, one that reflects plural cultural narratives, while still offering a normative foundation for formal legal processes? Or does it entail abandoning a distinctively legal discourse in favour of an assemblage of anthropological and legal knowledge or "centaur discipline"?

In short, can legal pluralism bring culture within the domain of law? Four panels will explore these questions from a multidisciplinary perspective in the context of international law, aboriginal law, alternative dispute resolution, and the recognition/accommodation of minority cultural practices. A fuller description of the Centaur Jurisprudence Project is available here.

The closing date for abstract submissions was **15 July 2013**. We will notify successful applicants by early August 2013.