



Webinar Series in honour of Sally Engle Merry (1944-2020)

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Co-organised by Allegra Lab and EASA LawNet.

This series of online talks features presentations that examine the current state of legal anthropology. These webinars are dedicated to Sally Engle Merry, Professor of Anthropology at New York University, President of the Law and Society Association, the American Ethnological Society, and the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology. Sally passed away on 8th September 2020. Her pioneering work on culture and rights, gender violence, and indicators has been highly influential on the subdiscipline and beyond. In memory of her generosity as a teacher and colleague, and in line with her innovative spirit and gentle soul, the seminars are an opportunity for young and more established scholars to engage in vigorous conversations on legal matters of critical relevance to contemporary societal debates.

See you on Zoom!

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Save the dates! (On Fridays)

□ 11 December 2020 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Heeding anthropological mottos in the study of law”](#) by M-B Dembour (Ghent University)

Discussant: Julie Billaud (Graduate Institute in Geneva)

□ 15 January 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Doing an ethnography of corruption”](#) by Smoki Musaraj (Ohio University)

Discussant: Birgit Müller (EHESS/CNRS)

□ 29 January 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“An intellectual odyssey. The case of legal pluralism.”](#) Keebet von Benda-



Beckmann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology) in conversation with Judith Beyer (University of Konstanz)

□ 12 February 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Sensing the translation: Language and medico-legal enactments of expertise in occupational diseases lawsuits in Turkey”](#) by Zeynel Gul (John Hopkins University)

Discussant: Jovana Bogićević (University of Palermo)

□ 26 February 2021 / 9.30-11.00 am CET

[“Legal consciousness compared: the Case of Botswana”](#) by Pnina Werbner (Keele University)

Discussant: Sophie Andretta (Université de Liège)

□ 26 March 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Vernacularizing bureaucracy and quantifying violence: The writing of Palestinians’ testimonies in Israeli human rights NGOs”](#) by Omri Grinberg (Hebrew University of Jerusalem and University of Haifa)

Discussant: Sylvie Bodineau (York University)

□ 9 April 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Kaleidoscope of truth: Legal fictions, real cases and controversial proof in the production of the Prevention of Atrocities Act in Rajasthan”](#) by Sandhya I. Fuchs (LSE and University of Bern)

Discussant: Natasha Raheja (Cornell University)

□ 23 April 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Indigenous water ontologies, plurilegal encounters and interlegal translation: some reflections from the field”](#) by Lieselotte Viaene (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

Discussant: Andrea Ballesterio (Rice University)

□ 30 April 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Words, numbers, culture: Thinking with Sally Engle Merry at the Universal Periodic Review”](#) by Jane Cowan (University of Sussex)

Discussant: Julie Billaud (Graduate Institute in Geneva)



□ 7 May 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Authoritarian vernaculars of the Right to Truth: Exhuming mass graves in Rwanda and Burundi”](#) by Astrid Jamar (Open University) and Laura Major (SOAS and University of Strathclyde)

Discussant: Gerhard Anders (University of Edinburgh)

□ 21 May 2021 / 2-3.30 pm CET

[“Mediating mobility: Migration and brokerage at the borders of the State”](#)

by Natasha Raheja (Cornell University)

Discussant: Elizabeth Challinor (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa)

□ 28 May 2021 / 9.30-11.00 am CET

[“Book launch/discussion: The Subject of human rights \(SUP 2020\)”](#) by

Danielle Celermajer and Alex Lefebvre (University of Sydney)

Discussant: Agathe Mora (University of Sussex)

Read more about Sally Engle Merry

“In Memoriam: Sally Engle Merry” on Allegra lab:

<https://allegralaboratory.net/in-memoriam-sally-engle-merry/>

Sally Engle Merry’s page on NYU website:

<https://its.law.nyu.edu/facultyprofiles/index.cfm...>