

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW CLUSTER READING GROUP

International Law's Sites

Every four weeks, Thursdays 12-1pm AEDT

First Session: Thursday 2 March 2023

The La Trobe International and Comparative Law Cluster (ILC) invites you to join our new reading group. This reading group is a space for building scholarly interest and community focused on questions related to international and comparative law. In 2023, we focus on intersections between international law, spatiality and affect by exploring the sites of international law – its discursive and material emplacement and displacement, the positioning and performance of legal institutions and bodies in space, and the affective experience of this lawscape.

The group is co-convened by Dr Maria Elander and Dr Kathleen Birrell. We meet in person at La Trobe Law School (Bundoora campus, Kingston Braybook Moot Court, Social Sciences Building, level 2) on Thursdays every four weeks.

Please email Maria Elander [m.elander@latrobe.edu.au] to RSVP and for access to the Teams site with reading resources.

Semester 1 2023

Thu 2 March

Miriam Bak McKenna, 'Designing for International Law: The Architecture of International Organizations 1922-1952' (2021) 34(1) *Leiden Journal of International Law* 1-22.

Thu 30 March

Sara Ahmed, 'Introduction: Feel Your Way' in *The Cultural Politics of Emotion* (2014): 1-19.

Thu 27 April

Eyal Weizman, *Forensic Architecture. Violence at the Threshold of Detectability* (Zone Books, 2017) Preface and Introduction 9-48 (page count includes images!).

25 May

Rahul Rao, 'The Locations of Homophobia' (2014) 2(2) *London Review of International Law*, 169

Thu 22 June

Adam Rosenblatt, 'Born at the Graves: A Human Rights Movement Takes Shape' in *Digging for the Disappeared: Forensic Science After Atrocity* (Stanford University Press, 2015): 1 – 37.

Semester 2 2023

Thu 20 July

Luis Eslava, 'The Moving Location of Empire: Indirect Rule, International Law, and the Bantu Educational Kinema Experiment' (2018) 31(3) *Leiden Journal of International Law* 539-567.

Thu 17 August

Daniel Matthews, 'Territory' in *Earthbound: The Aesthetics of Sovereignty in the Anthropocene* (2021) 79-108.

Thu 14 September

Sarah Keenan, 'From Positionality to Spatiality: Theorising Legal Geography and Finding Life in Space' in *Subversive Property: Law and the Production of Spaces of Belonging* (2015) 39-64.

Thu 5 October

Doreen Massey, 'Geographies of Responsibility' (2004) *Geografiska Annaler* Series B, Human Geography 86(1) 5-18

Thu 2 November

TBC – Suggestions welcome