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Mapping Imperial Legal Connections: Toward a Comparative Historical Sociology of Colonial Law

DATE 29 May 2008

TIME 1.00 pm

VENUE Law School (Ligertwood Building), Moot Court Room

TOPIC The study of British colonial history has been transformed in recent years with studies aimed at mapping “imperial connections” and “networks of personal communication” between England – the “metropole” – and colonies, as well as between various British “slave” and “white-settler” colonies themselves. This approach, however, also offers critical insights for developing a comparative historical sociology of colonial law. In this paper, I illustrate this through discussing comparative evidence of the apparent intended “double-edged” control of colonial criminal law, by the British Colonial Office, as an agent of pacification and domination of both white-settlers and Indigenous peoples across four British settler colonies in the mid-nineteenth century.

SPEAKER Russell Smandych is Professor of Sociology at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, where he has taught since 1986. He has been recognized both nationally and internationally for research he has completed in the fields of Canadian youth justice system reform, law and Indigenous peoples, and Canadian and comparative common-law legal history. He is currently working on a study of the discursive construction of legal subjects and sensibilities in the nineteenth-century British settler colonies of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Cape Colony of southern Africa.

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