

## Legal Profession Group Meeting 2012

The International Working Group for Comparative Studies of Legal Professions held its 14 th biannual meeting in Bonn from the 1st to 4th of July. 65 colleagues from 16 countries had come to present their work.

The introductory plenary dealt with:

Change in the Legal Profession – for better or worse?

Aspects of global lawyering and Comparative views from 8 countries

The subject of the second plenary was:

Gender and Careers in the Legal Academy.

The presentations have been video-recorded by the media team of Fernuniversität in Hagen and can be watched under

[http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/videostreaming/rewi/ls\\_haratsch/](http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/videostreaming/rewi/ls_haratsch/)

Two new books were discussed in Author-meets-Reader sessions:

Privatising the Public University, the case of law by Margaret Thornton, and

Lawyers in Practice: ethical decision making in context by Lynn Mather and Leslie Levin

There were numerous sessions of the subgroups on

Ethics and Deviance

International Lawyering

Legal Education

Judiciary

Family, Policy and the Law

Women/Gender in the Legal Profession

Legal Professional Values and Identities

Management in/and Justice

The plenary on Gender and Careers in the Legal Academy was meant as a kick-off for a new international comparative project. Interested colleagues are welcome to join into the work.

The video recorded presentations of the session are also accessible via the website of the project JurPro – Women in the Legal Academy - of FernUniversität in Hagen. [www.fernuni-hagen.de/jurpro](http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/jurpro)

The venue of the meeting, an old sochage of a cloister, offered a perfect environment for good intensive work and leisurely evenings in the yard under a big tree. The traditional excursion on the 2nd day of the meeting went to well-known places of Rhine romantic: the Drachenfels rock, which offers a famous view of the Rhine, Schloss Drachenburg (dragon castle) and the ruins of an old cloister.

The next meeting of the Legal Profession Group will commemorate the 30th jubilee of the inaugural meeting which had taken place at Bellagio at Lake Como in Italy in 1984. Since many projects have been run and many publications have resulted from the work of the group. Further information about the group can be found on the RCSL website

[http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl\\_wg\\_professions.htm](http://rcsl.iscte.pt/rcsl_wg_professions.htm)

and in the group's blog:

<http://iwglp.wordpress.com/>

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