The Eighth Annual
South Asia Legal Studies Pre-Conference Workshop

Thursday, October 16, 2014
Lubar Commons (Room 7200)
University of Wisconsin Law School

Program

9:00-9:20  Registration and Breakfast

9:20-9:30  Welcome and Introductions
MITRA SHARAFI
Associate Professor of Law, UW-Madison

MARTIN LAU
SOAS, University of London

10:30-12:00  Panel 1: Legal Liberalism and Islam: Co-optation, Conflicts and Commensurations

Chair/Discussant
ASIFA QURAISHI-LANDES
Associate Professor, UW Law School

“Islam as Belonging: The Law of Conversion in Pakistan”
MARTIN LAU
SOAS, University of London

“Liberal Legality and Heresy: The Language of Truth and Alterity”
ASAD AHMED
Harvard University

“The Politics of Culture and Muslim Family Law: Analyzing the role of Cultural Experts in English Matrimonial Disputes”
SAMIA BANO
SOAS, University of London
12:00 – 12:45  Lunch

12:45 – 1:30  Keynote address
“Bhopal: Thirty Years On”
MARC GALANTER
John and Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law and South Asian Studies, UW-Madison

1:45-3:00pm  Panel 2: How the Law Knows: Ethnographic Perspectives on Legal Milieux and Truth Production in India

Part I: The Supreme Court and National Legal Debates

Chair/ Discussant
WILLIAM MAZZARELLA
Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago

“The Right to Death: Evidentiary Productions of the Dying Body”
DWAIPAYAN BANERJEE
Postdoctoral Fellow, Leslie Center for the Humanities, Dartmouth College

“Legal Forensics and the Forest Rights Movement”
ANAND VAIDYA
PhD Candidate in Anthropology, Harvard University

3:00-3:15pm  Break

3:15-5:00pm  Part II: Micro-practices of Law

Chair/Discussant
SRIMATI BASU
Associate Professor, Anthropology and Women’s Studies, University of Kentucky

“She is not revealing anything:’ Prostitution, Pares Patriae, and Productions of Identity in a Mumbai Court”
VIBHUTI RAMACHANDRAN
PhD Candidate, Anthropology, New York University

“Narrative Disjunctures: The Institutional Incoherence of Legal ‘Truths’”
POULAMI ROYCHOWDHURY
Assistant Professor, Sociology, McGill University

MOYUKH CHATTERJEE
PhD Candidate in Anthropology, Emory University
“Accessing the Truth: Law, Science and Policing in India”
JINEE LOKANEETA
Associate Professor, Political Science, Drew University

5:00pm
Closing Remarks
MITRA SHARAFI
Associate Professor of Law, UW-Madison