

# Law's Empire

A critically engaged social-legal conference

Saturday, June 25 to Thursday, June 30, 2005

**Sponsorship:** Canadian Law & Society Association; Law&Society@UBC; Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ); University of Melbourne Faculty of Law; University of Wollongong Legal Intersections Centre; Socio-Legal Research Centre, Griffith University; Murdoch University Faculty of Law; the University of Melbourne Post-colonial Institute; Centre for Comparative Legal History, Division of Law, Macquarie University; Socio-Legal Studies unit, University of Calgary.

**Theme:** Critically engaged socio-legal scholars around the world are increasingly taking on the challenge of understanding “Law’s Empire” both in relation to the contemporary wave of globalization and in tracing out the socio-legal history and historical carry-forwards from the last age of Empire, which terminated with post World War II decolonization. This conference theme will form the focus for the 2005 Canadian Law and Society Association conference. Though particular emphasis is placed on comparative literatures being developed in relation to socio-legal issues in Canada and the Antipodes, other law and Society scholarship is also welcomed.

*This conference provides an opportunity to honour the remarkable career contributions of Dr. John McLaren to socio-legal scholarship, legal history, and colonial legal studies.*

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