﻿International Colloquium

Rethinking Prostitution: From Discourse to Description, from Moralisation to Normalisation?

(Faculty of Law, Ghent University, 27 March 2014)

Programme

10.15 – 10.30  Arrival, tea and coffee
10.30 – 10.45  Welcome address

Session I: Prostitution in action: past and present

Chair: Prof. dr. Gert Vermeulen

10.45 – 11.20  Prostitution in world cities (1600s – 2000s)
                Magaly Rodríguez García (Free University of Brussels (VUB-ULB))

11.20 – 11.55  Europe’s legal red-light districts: Comparing different models and distilling best practices
                Ron Weitzer (The George Washington University, USA)

11.55 – 12.30  Prostitution and its relations with informal economies
                Dominique Boels (Ghent University)

Lunch (12.30 – 13.00)

Session II: Construction of prostitution as a social problem

Chair: Prof. dr. Nina Peršak

13.00 – 13.35  Talking about prostitution and the representation of a (problematic) group: Identifying frames in Flemish news coverage on prostitution
                Katrien Symons (Ghent University) and Kristien Gillis (University of Antwerp)

13.35 – 14.10  Regulating street prostitution as public nuisance in the ‘culture of consumption’: A comparative analysis between Birmingham, Brussels and Milan
                Anna Di Ronco (Ghent University)
14.10 – 14.45  Analysing the use of the trafficking victim archetype by Brazil and the Iberian countries

Julie Lima de Pérez (Ghent University)

Tea and coffee break (14.45 – 15.00)

Session III: Prostitution policies beyond moralism

Chair: Prof. dr. Gert Vermeulen

15.00 – 15.35  The framing of prostitution as victimhood and violence for criminalisation purposes

Nina Peršak (Ghent University)

15.35 – 16.10  To punish or not to punish: What works in the regulation of the prostitution market?

Alexis Aronowitz (Utrecht University, NL)

16.10 – 16.45  Private-public cooperation in the prostitution sector through self-regulation and certification and the focusing of law enforcement efforts on providers and users of non-certified services?

Gert Vermeulen (Ghent University)

16.45 – 17.20  Sex work, policy and empowerment in the media: Who's talking?

Alexander Witpas (Flemish Association for Sexology (VVS))

Closing of the colloquium (17.20 – 17.45)

Organisation: Prof. Nina Peršak and Prof. Gert Vermeulen

Venue: Faculty Council Room (Facultaire Raadzaal), Faculty of Law, Ghent (entrance through Volderstraat Nr. 3)