

Fifth Annual Research Day of the Law & Dev Network

*'Law and Development Studies in a Multidisciplinary Key'*

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Law & Dev network held its **fifth annual research day** at the Human Rights Centre of Ghent University. Entitled **'Law and Development Studies in a Multidisciplinary Key'**, the encounter focused on what legal scholars conducting research at the intersection of law and development may learn from other disciplines.

The research day started with an introductory session, in which the research lines pursued by the different units that form part of the network were mapped, leading to a reflection on gaps, possible synergies, collaboration, and future research agenda's.



After that, the second session consisted in a plenary panel, in which three speakers with backgrounds in history, social sciences and medical sciences reflected on the role of law in their research and how law is conceptualised therein.





Dr. Hanne Cottyn, from the History Department of Ugent, presented a paper entitled 'The standardization of land rights: historical transitions in land rights regimes'. Dr. Ines Keynaert, from the International Centre for Reproductive Health of Ugent, gave a presentation entitled 'Sexual and reproductive health of refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants in Europe'. Prof. An Ansoms of the Louvain School of Political and Social Sciences at the UCL, presented on 'Legal pluralism in land dynamics in central Africa'.

The panel presentations were followed by the reflections of Prof. Petra Foubert and a moderated plenary debate on what legal scholars can learn from this in terms of theory and methodology.

