Symposium on Crime Fiction and the Law

Birkbeck School of Law and Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities

Saturday 8 December 2012
Room B01, Clore Management Centre, Torrington Square

10.00 – 11.30:  Session 1  Chair: Maria Aristodemou

Giancarlo De Cataldo, Judge of the Appeal Court of Assize, Rome; widely published writer of both non-fiction (including In Giustizia (2011) and fiction (including Romanzo Criminale 2002); screenwriter and translator: Journalism and Justice

Peter Fitzpatrick, School of Law, Birkbeck:
Mysterium non tremendum, or: the normality of transgression

Patricia Tuitt, School of Law, Birkbeck:
Crime, Fiction and Legal Critique

11.30 – 12.00:  Tea/Coffee  Foyer

12.00 – 13.30:  Session 2  Chair: Patricia Tuitt

Chris Boge, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cologne:
Suspending Democracy: Vigilante Justice and the Rule of Law in Christopher Nolan’s Dark Knight Trilogy

Barbara Villez, Department of English for specific purposes (Département d’études des pays anglophones), University Paris 8; Visiting Fellow, Birkbeck Institute of the Humanities:
Coming out of the confusion: Representation of French justice through Spiral (Engrenages season 4)

Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, School of Law, Birkbeck:
On Genocide. From Sartre to Cortázar
13.30 – 14.30:  Lunch  Foyer

14.30 - 14.45:  Collisions by Zimbo (Birmingham-based musician; director and founder of One Mile Away), Anastasia Tataryn (School of Law, Birkbeck) and Penny Woolcock (film director and documentary maker; winner of the Michael Powell Award, 60th Edinburgh International film Festival)

15.00 – 16.30:  Session 3  Chair: Maria Aristodemou

John Kraniauskas, Department of Iberian and Latin American Studies, School of Arts, Birkbeck:
Force/Law/Power: On The Wire

Janet McCabe, Department of Media and Cultural Studies, School of Arts, Birkbeck:
The Girl in the Faroese Jumper: Female Representation, Sexual Politics and the Precariousness of Power and Difference in ‘The Killing’

Fiona Macmillan, School of Law, Birkbeck:
Is Bondurant’s The Wettest County in the World really Lawless?

16.30 – 17.00:  Tea/Coffee  Foyer

17.00-18.00:  Chair: Maria Aristodemou

Giancarlo De Cataldo in Conversation with Costas Douzinas on law, justice, politics and fiction (including questions from the floor)