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**“Legal Pluralism in Postcolonial, Postnational,  
and Postdemocratic Times”**

The study of law, as a subtopic of anthropology, has contributed enormously to contemporary sociolegal analyses of legal pluralism across the academy. However, in this talk I suggest that anthropology’s contribution is ultimately limited by the enduring analytical framing of legal pluralism within colonial/postcolonial contexts. This analytical constraint prevents scholars from seeing other forms of legal pluralism of immense importance in analyzing contemporary societies in which genealogies of colonialism, and modernist units of analysis and assumptions of state power, are not so evident or significant.

Professor Darian Smith's paper (in progress) is available in hard copy at the Center and by request [via email](mailto:csls@law.berkeley.edu) at [csls@law.berkeley.edu](mailto:csls@law.berkeley.edu)

**PLACE** Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Avenue  
**TIME** 12:45 – 2:00pm. Coffee and water provided. Bag lunches welcome.  
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