Successful legal pluralism course and conference in Manchester

The Commission on Legal Pluralism looks back on a successful set of events in the United Kingdom. Being affiliated to the International Union for Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), we took part in the 17th World Congress entitled 'Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds', that occurred on August 5-10, 2013 at the University of Manchester. Members of the Commission organised approximately 20 sessions (60 papers) in this larger conference on a variety of topics, ranging from classics on land and natural resources, to discussions on public morality, securitization, and the specific position of children and young children. For specifics see the conference programme book on www.iuaes2013.org or this short review of the conference by University of Amsterdam MA student Eline Peters.

Prior to the conference the Commission continued its tradition of arranging a course on legal pluralism for young scholars and practitioners (August 1-4, 2013). This course, which also took place on the premises of the University of Manchester, included eight teachers and seventeen participants, mainly from Europe. It was concluded with a field trip to the Muslim Arbitration Tribunal at Nuneaton.

The Commission also made use of the opportunity to hold its general body meeting. This meeting, which was attended by more than 50 members and non-members, ended with a reception hosted by Taylor & Francis on the occasion of the re-launching of the Journal of Legal Pluralism.