

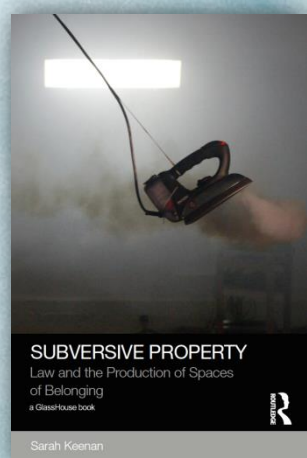
# IFLS SPEAKERS SERIES

2014-15

Monday September 22 230-4

IKB (Osgoode Hall) Room 2027 (Faculty Common Room)

## {Book Launch} **Subversive Property: Law and the Production of Spaces of Belonging** Sarah Keenan (SOAS)



This book explores the relationship between space, subjectivity and property, arguing that new political possibilities for property may be unveiled by thinking about property in terms of belonging rather than exclusion. While most socio-legal theories of property focus on the propertied subject and that subject's right to exclude, this book shifts focus away from the propertied subject and on to the broader spaces in and through which the propertied subject is located. Using case studies, such as analyses of compulsory leases under Australia's Northern Territory Intervention and lesbian asylum cases from a range of jurisdictions, the book argues that these spaces consist of networks of relations that revolve around belonging: not just belonging between subject and object, as property is traditionally understood, but also the less explored relation of belonging between

the part and the whole. This presentation will discuss the main themes of the book to suggest ways in which subversive property might offer a conceptually useful way of analysing a wide range of socio-legal issues.

**Sarah Keenan** is lecturer in Law at SOAS, University of London. She teaches Property, Feminist Legal Theory and Indigenous Land Rights and is also engaged in community-based struggles around each of these issues.

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