

Conference on Education Law

Oslo University, Faculty of Law - Oslo 26 and 27 April 2012

Hosts: Department of Public and International Law, Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law and Faculty of Educational Sciences.

Legal Norms - ensuring the right to education

The purpose of the conference is to bring together researchers in the field of education law, education reforms, and educational administration and leadership. Education Law covers a sector of great societal significance and many legal aspects. Interdisciplinary research is necessary to disentangle the complexity of legal standards and school leaders' professional judgment in warranting the students' legal rights. The Education Law group is part of the interdisciplinary co-operation "Kunnskap i Skolen" (KIS) and this conference is a product of this co-operation.

Thursday 26 April 2012

09.30 Registration and Coffee

10.00 Welcome *Post. Doc. Helga Aune, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo and Professor Jorunn Møller, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway*

Session 1 – The right to education

10.15 The Fundamental Right to Education – U.S.A.s Constitutional Rights
Content of right(s) and legal norms/standards ensuring the rights

Professor William Koski, Faculty of Law, Stanford University, U.S.A.

11.00 Discussion

11.45 Coffee

12.00 The Right to Education – Human Rights, EU and national legislation – Legal Norms at interplay in a plural cultural and gendered reality

Post.doc. Helga Aune, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

12.40 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

*Session 2 – Overarching Values and Basic Principles -
Norms and legal standards as a tool for steering*

- 14.00 Values A broader set of values for Norwegian schools – what are the new consequences?
Prorector and Associate Professor Inga Bostad, University of Oslo, Norway
- 14.30 The Principle of non-discrimination
- Speaker 1 (20 min.): Education, the market and the right to non-discrimination
Associate Professor Stine Jørgensen, The Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Speaker 2 (20 min.): The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the right to education
Professor Kirsten Sandberg, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway
- Discussion (30 min.): *Chair Professor Kirsten Ketscher, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark*
- 15.40 – 16.00 Refreshments
- 16.00 Speaker (40 min.): Legal norms and social norms at the interface of different socio-cultures
Professor Per Wickenberg, Department of Sociology of Law, Lund University, Sweden
- Discussion (20 min.): *Chair Post.doc. Helga Aune, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo*
- 17.00 Conclusion
- 19.00 Dinner: Onda restaurant at Aker brygge, Stranden 30, 0250 Oslo

DAY 2 Friday 27 April 2012

Session 1 Ensuring the right to education

08.45 Morning Coffee and Welcome

09.00 Speaker (40 min): Trajectories of national school inspection: between norms and rights
Associate Professor Kirsten Sivesind (40 min), Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway

Discussion (20 min.): *Chair Professor Jorunn Møller, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Oslo, Norway*

10.00 Speaker 2 (40 min): Getting the right: litigation or administrative complaint system or both?
Professor Koski (20 min), Faculty of Law, Stanford University, U.S.A
PhD student Trond Welstad and Hadi Lile (PhD), Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway (20 min)

Discussion: *Chair Professor Olof Johansson, School Leadership Development, Umeå University, Sweden*

11.30 Lunch (in the meeting room)

Session 2– Future perspectives on education law

12.30 Around the table - current status and future perspective on legal research on education law/sociology of law as well as perspectives from the sciences of education

Chair Professor Kristian Andenæs, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway

14.00 Conclusion *Professor Jorunn Møller and Post.doc. Helga Aune*