

CALL FOR PAPERS



International Roundtables for the Semiotics of Law — IRSL 2021

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Hosted by the Leuven University Faculty of Law

IRSL President: Anne Wagner

The Rearguard of Subjectivity

In Honor of Jan M. Broekman's 90th Birthday

Edmund Husserl's ideas, impressed by Kant's Critiques, constituted a point of departure when rereading philosophical problems of subject and of subjectivity. Broekman unveiled in his 1961/63 "Phänomenologie und Egologie" how Husserl analyzed the "Split Ego"—thoughts in Kant's vision, which became fundamental for his phenomenology. Form and function of subjectivity were likewise positioned in psychiatry and in literature as well as in aesthetics, as Broekman's texts on 'Cubism' demonstrated. Problems of 'language' unfolded in studies from texts of Ezra Pound to dialogic insights of Martin Buber, all participating in *significs* developing into *semiotics*. Two themes accompanied these insights: the notion and later Parisian mainstream entitled *structuralism* as well as the urgency to deepen insights into links between Marxism and Phenomenology. Central language concepts played a role: already in 1986 Broekman published on 'semiology and medical discourse', in 1992 on 'neurosemiotics' whereas in 1993 the link between speech act and (legal as well as social) freedom was exposed. In all these thoughts played the subject and the atmosphere of subjectivity a role. Broekman had been teaching parallel to actual philosophical issues, law and medicine until his 1996 retirement, and offered a synthetic view in his "Intertwinements of Law and Medicine" revisiting the subjectivity dimensions. In 1998, during his six years of visiting professorship at the Illinois Urbana-Champaign Law School, he developed his "A Philosophy of European Union Law". A 2004 study on "The Multicultural Self" brought him back to language and semiotics, especially when functioning several years as 'Distinguished Visiting Professor' at the Penn State University, Carlisle Law School, establishing there the "Roberta Kvelson Seminar on Law and Semiotics". Two issues of "International Journal for the Semiotics of Law" in 2009 and 2010, informed about these activities. The 'Law and Semiotics' thinking brought 2011 "The Semiotics of Law in Legal Education", in 2013 "Lawyers Making Meaning" in 2015 "Signs in Law-A Source Book" and 2016 "Meaning, Narrativity, and the Real". The subject in law amidst a plurality of languages types (especially analog- and digital language) remained a major theme in

Broekman's 2019 "Rethinking Law and Language. The Flagship 'Speech'." Its basic ideas were expanded in his "Springer Briefs in Law", published with F. Flerackers in 2020, entitled "Legal Thoughts Convert. Rethinking Legal Thinking".

Contributions are requested for—but not limited to—the following topics:

- The analog/digital dichotomy in semiotics
- The multicultural self in language and semiotics
- Semiology and legal discourse
- The legal subject and the atmosphere of subjectivity
- Intertwinements of law and medicine
- The semiotics of law in legal education
- Signs in law and legal discourse
- Making meaning in law
- Legal speech acts

Abstracts of 300 words (max.) should be submitted by March 11, 2021 to both Frank Flerackers (Organizer: frank.flerackers@kuleuven.be) and Anne Wagner (valwagnerfr@yahoo.com) with decisions made by March 25, 2021.

The proposals regarding sub-calls, workshops and webinars can be submitted from now on.

Selected papers will be invited for publication in a Special issue of the International Journal for the Semiotics of Law (Springer: <https://www.springer.com/journal/11196>) and/or for inclusion in an edited volume of the Law Book Series (Law and Visual Jurisprudence – Springer: <https://www.springer.com/series/16413>).

The roundtable language will be English.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS OF PROFESSOR JAN M. BROEKMAN

LEGAL THOUGHTS CONVERT (with F.Flerackers)

RETHINKING LAW AND LANGUAGE: THE FLAGSHIP 'SPEECH'

LEGAL CONVERSATION AS SIGNIFIER (with F. Flerackers)

LEGAL SIGNS FASCINATE (with F. Flerackers)

MEANING, NARRATIVITY, AND THE REAL

SIGNS IN LAW – A SOURCE BOOK (with L. Cata Backer)

LAWYERS MAKING MEANING (with L. Cata Backer)

THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW IN LEGAL EDUCATION (with J. Mootz III)

PROSPECTS OF LEGAL SEMIOTICS (with A. Wagner)

BINDING WORDS, UNFOLDING SELVES

THE VIRTUAL IN E-EDUCATION

E-EDUCATION AND THE WEB

INTERACTING MINDS (with H. Foon)

ENCARNACIONES

ZIEKTEBEELDEN

RECHT UIT WOORDEN

SCHIZOFRENIE – HET RAADSEL OPGELOST?

A PHILOSOPHY OF EUROPEAN UNION LAW

BIOETICA CON RASGOS JURIDICOS

RECHT, RECHTSFILOSOFIE EN RECHTSTHEORIE

INTERTWINEMENTS OF LAW AND MEDICINE

DARSTELLUNG UND SINN (with H. Feldmann)

RECHT EN TAAL

PHENOMENOLOGY AND MARXISM (4. Vols. With B. Waldenfels & A. Pazanin)

STRUCTURALISM -MOSCOW. PRAGUE. PARIS.

RECHT UND ANTHROPOLOGIE

MENS EN MENSBEELD VAN ONS RECHT

HEDENDAAGSE RECHTSFILOSOFISCHE LITERATUUR

PHÄNOMENOLOGIE UND EGLOGIE