COMPARATIVE LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Course Schedule and Readings

I. Introduction, Context, and Background

July 2. The Comparative Context for Social Science in Law


July 3. Wrongful Convictions and Forensic Science. Guest lecturer: Mandeep K. Dhami, University of Surrey


July 5. Admitting and Employing Social Science Evidence in Common Law & Civil Law Systems


Claudia Knörnschild & Peter J. van Koppen, Psychological Expert Witnesses in Germany and the Netherlands, in ADVERSARIAL VERSUS INQUISITORIAL JUSTICE 255 (Peter J. van Koppen & Steven D. Penrod eds., 2003).
II. Social Science Expert Evidence: Special Topics

July 6. Syndrome Evidence


July 9. The Duty to Warn


III. Decision Makers: Judges, Juries, and Lay Assessors as Evaluators of Expert Testimony

July 10. Lay Adjudication in Civil Law Countries: The Case of Austria. Guest lecturer Peter Lewisch, University of Vienna


July 11. Juries and Judges in Common Law Systems


IV. Conclusion

July 12. Reforming the Use of Social Science Evidence in Legal Cases


Judy van Rhijn, Hot-tubbing experts – should lawyers like it? CANADIAN LAWYER (July 2011).


July 16. Final Exam