



*Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence*  
invites you to

*Seminar*

on

**Making India in London**  
**Staging Politics, Internationalism, and Failures**  
**at the Round Table Conferences, 1930-32**

Monday, 27 March 2017

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

T-1 Big Bang Conference Room

O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat



Speaker:

**Stephen Legg**

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**Abstract:** Constitutions mark the moments in which law, politics and geography intersect. They establish the legal conventions that enable a polity to exist in a particular territory; but the politics and the geographies of constitutions are rarely studied. This seminar will explore one of the fundamental moments in the history of the Indian constitution; the three Round Table Conferences, in London, between 1930-32. It is widely acknowledged that the conferences laid the framework for the Government of India Act 1935 which itself informed India's first independent constitution. However, little is known about what took place in London and what is known is known as failure. The seminar will explore why the Round Table Conferences were read as failures, and how a detailed understanding of the staging of the conference can help us understand this internationalist moment in India's constitutional history.

Stephen Legg is author of *PROSTITUTION AND THE ENDS OF EMPIRE: SCALE, GOVERNMENTALITIES AND INTERWAR INDIA* (2014, Duke University Press) and *SPACES OF COLONIALISM: DELHI'S URBAN GOVERNMENTALITIES* (2007, Blackwell). A recent paper written by Dr. Legg is entitled "Dyarchy: Democracy, Autocracy, and the Scalar Sovereignty of Interwar India"; recommended pre-reading and available for download here: <https://tinyurl.com/h57a9n8>

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