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Dear Paul,

Congratulations to you & Geoff & Maureen - the Journal should be really good, & I look forward to seeing it in its new form one day. I might be able to help you a little, but not too much - great things are happening here: if you like, there's a massive applied sociology of law, but there is no explicit sociology of law. The only sociologist of law I've really come across is Pres. Samora Machel, who has said many striking things about law and state.

I could do a little piece giving information on the state of law here: the nationalisation of the legal profession; the law faculty; the system of popular tribunals envisaged this year; say something about startling changes in crime patterns and so on. But it's not what you've asked for.

There are in fact three great themes here: the system of community courts re-education in place of prison, and the attack on traditional family law.

I could say something about them - why they emerged as the central themes, how they are being tackled at the level of practice.

I am out of touch with Dar & Salaam now. The best person to contact is, I believe, working on a Ph.D. in London. Right now I can't recall her name - but she was due to register at Birkbeck last October. She has taught sociology of law or perhaps criminology at Dar, is a bright person. Her first name, I think, is Jenat. Just the kind of person you should make contact with.

Alternatively, you could try the Dean of the Law Faculty, who does an excellent course in commercial law, setting it in its politico-historical context. He is extremely able, but also very busy. He should be a good person to have on your advisory board. He is Professor Joe Kanywangi, and can advise you about East Africa generally.

Lesotho: my friend & colleague from Southampton Law Faculty is head of the Fac. of Law, Univ. of Lesotho, for 2 years: Sebastian Butler. His foundation is juridical, but he has done much work on

family law and has ³ sociological tendencies
(no more). He might be able to advise you
re helpers in Lesotho or Swaziland, and should
be able to do a little note on work in Lesotho
itself - basically, a bit of contextual investigation
for the preparation of handbooks to be used in
the courts.

Do you plan to have links with SA? I
think you shouldn't. If necessary, find an exiled
South African socio-log. There are some good fighters
amongst the academics in SA, but not many. The
others love to get on to international committees,
journals etc. Let me know about your southern
African plans - if you have none, I could possibly
do a general note on the area: the structures of
ignorance - the themes that are not studied in
the racist societies. On the other hand, revolution is
also not very supportive to sociology of law - practice
gets way ahead of theory, and detached or contemplative
knowledge becomes out of place.

Best wishes with the Journal - I hope, as
I've told Maureen, you keep it accessible: clear
language, themes that matter etc.

Regards,

Albie (Sachs)