THE LEGALITY OF DRESS:
Historical and modern approaches to the control of clothing and textile production

International Conference
Saturday, 12th July 2014
The Art Workers’ Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AT

For more information and to register to attend the conference, please visit www.dresshistorians.co.uk.

9:00-9:30 Registration and tea

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Gary Watt

9:30-9:50 Governed and Groomed: Styling self when dress is law
The Keynote Address will be delivered by Gary Watt, Professor of Law, University of Warwick, and author of Dress, Law and Naked Truth (Bloomsbury Academic, 2013)

Q&A: 9:50-10:00
SESSION I: DRESS AND ITS IDEOLOGIES

10:00-10:20  Redressing London: Attempts to control dress in the Elizabethan and Jacobean metropolis
Sophie Pitman

10:20-10:40  The Justaucorps à Brevet (1670s-1780s): The French court uniform for men created by Louis XIV
Corinne Thepaut-Cabasset

10:40-11:00  Cloth, Clothing and Control: Dress and Thomas Jefferson’s slaves, 1790-1826
Sally Tucket

11:00-11:20  Military Dress Regulations: Designing civilian bodies for the First World War
Jane Tynan

Q&A: 11:20-11:40

Tea & Discussion: 11:40-12:00

SESSION II: DRESS AND ITS LEGALITIES

12:00-12:20  The Counter-Fashion of the Nigilista: Female defiance of law and convention in 1860s Russia
Alison Kowalski

12:20-12:40  Smuggled in the Bustle: Fashionable smuggling in Gilded Age New York
Hind Abdul-Jabbar

12:40-13:00  Le Syndicat de Défense de la Grande couture Française and its publications Le Style parisien and Les Élegances parisiennes come to the rescue of Parisian haute couture during the First World War
Sophie Kurkdjian

13:00-13:20  Control of Clothing and Tattoos: A copyright law perspective
Theodoros Chiou

Q&A: 13:20-13:40

Lunch Break: 13:40-15:00

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: 15:00-15:30
Chaired by Gary Watt

Q&A: 15:30-15:50

Tea & Discussion: 15:50-16:10
SESSION III: DRESS AND ITS CONTENTIONS

16:10-16:30
Myrsini Pichou and Chryssa Kapartziani
Thirty Centimetres above the Ground:
The regulation length for Greek skirts during the dictatorship of General Theodoros Pangalos, 1925-1927

16:30-16:50
Kelly Richardson
Forbidden Fur, Sumptuary Laws, and Seizures:
Two coats from the Sage Collection

16:50-17:10
Marta Kargól
A Muts Is Legal, yet a Hoofddoek Is Not:
The role of Dutch regional dress in the discussion about the hijab ban in the Netherlands as a case study against similar tensions in Europe

17:10-17:30
Uthra Rajgopal
My Learned Friend:
Discovering the barrister’s ‘appropriate’ court dress

Q&A: 17:30-17:50

The conference concludes at 18:00.