

Stanford Program in Law and Society
Fifth Conference for Junior Researchers
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Call for Papers

Introduction

The Stanford Program in Law and Society (SPLS) at Stanford Law School is pleased to announce its *Fifth Conference for Junior Researchers*. This two-day conference seeks to provide a stimulating platform where junior researchers from around the world can present their current research projects on law and society and receive input from faculty and other participants. It also seeks to build a community and network of young scholars in law and society. The conference will also feature a keynote address by an internationally renowned scholar, and an optional research methods workshop for conference participants.

Conference Theme

Policies, laws and regulations have an influence on our daily lives, from consumer protection to criminal justice, from corporate behavior to intellectual property. High-level political and economic decision-making can eventually affect the way we live our everyday lives and vice versa. We encourage submissions that consider the impact of law on the day-to-day activities and existence of individuals, institutions and societies.

Some examples of research papers that fit the theme of the conference might be those that: (a) explore the ways in which laws have emerged from or shaped people's experiences; (b) legal consciousness and perceptions about the law by lay persons, as well as legal actors; (c) symbolic and instrumental uses of the law to influence everyday life; (d) need for laws or regulation of new and emerging technologies, regimes or identities; (e) the role of the state in today's global order.

Papers related to other interpretations of the theme are also welcome. We strongly encourage papers that employ empirical methods of investigation (quantitative and/or qualitative).

Eligibility

Graduate students, post-graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, teaching fellows as well as recent graduates who are *not* faculty members are eligible to apply. As this is an interdisciplinary conference, we welcome applicants from law schools as well as other social science departments.

Submissions and Selection

Junior researchers are invited to submit an abstract of up to 400 words, together with their CV. All abstracts and CVs should be submitted to stanfordlawandsociety@gmail.com by February 5, 2018. Proposals will be selected based on their quality and connection with the conference theme. All applicants will be informed of the decision by February 26, 2018. All selected participants must submit their final paper by April 13, 2018, so that it can be shared with the other members of their panel and their discussant for feedback.

The final paper should be no longer than 10,000 words (including footnotes). Each paper should be an unpublished work. We will consider papers that have been accepted for publication, so long as they have not been published and the author may still have an opportunity to incorporate feedback from the conference.

Financial Aid

A very limited amount of money is available to help cover participation costs. Unfortunately, *in no case will financial aid cover all the travel and lodging expenses* and so we strongly encourage participants to seek financial support to attend the conference in their home countries and institutions.

Only participants from outside the San Francisco Bay Area are eligible to receive such assistance. Together with the notification of acceptance, selected participants will receive a financial aid request form. Participants will have to submit such form in order to be considered for the limited financial assistance.

Contact

Please feel free to direct any question or comment to: stanfordlawandsociety@gmail.com.

For further information on the Conference and on the Stanford Program in Law and Society visit: <https://law.stanford.edu/stanford-program-in-law-and-society>.

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