

Stanford Program in Law and Society
Sixth Conference for Junior Researchers
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BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS: LAW IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Call for Papers

Introduction

The Stanford Program in Law and Society (SPLS) at Stanford Law School is pleased to announce its *Sixth 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

In a time in which existing norms, rules and laws are under severe pressure from the changing social, economic and political landscape, it becomes necessary to examine the fate of the legal order at the global, national and local levels. We encourage submissions that explore this broad theme and employ empirical methods of investigation (quantitative and/or qualitative), including mixed methods and big data analytics.

Some examples of research papers that fit the theme of the conference might be those that explore: (a) the attack on democracies and rise of authoritarianism; (b) the threat of new technologies to society, politics and governance; (c) the disintegration of the global economic order and institutions; (d) weakening environmental protection, including climate change-related issues; (e) issues of crime, race, gender, immigration, and human rights that reflect a time of crisis.

Papers related to other interpretations of the theme are also welcome. Authors should provide some information on how their proposal fits the conference theme.

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, and from social science and other university departments.

Submissions and Selection

Junior researchers are invited to submit paper proposals to stanfordlawandsociety@gmail.com by **February 8, 2019**. Submissions must include:

- an abstract of up to 400 words, with 3 to 4 keywords describing the research paper
- the author's CV (no more than 2-3 pages)
- the abstract and the CV must be in English and in a single PDF file

We also request that you submit your proposals using the following naming convention:

(Last Name)_(First Name)_SPLS 2019_Paper Proposal *e.g. Doe_John_SPLS 2019_Paper Proposal*

Proposals will be selected based on their quality and connection with the conference theme. All applicants will be informed of the decision by March 1, 2019. All selected participants must submit their final paper by April 12, 2019, 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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