

Call for Papers for Conflict of Laws Subject Section at the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference 2018

SLS Conflict of Laws Section: Call for Papers and Panels for 2018 SLS Annual Conference at Queen Mary University of London

This is a call for papers and panels for the Conflict of Laws section of the 2018 SLS Annual Conference to be held at Queen Mary University of London from Tuesday 4th September - Friday 7th September. This year's theme is 'Law in Troubled Times'.

This section is new to the SLS Annual Conference, having been introduced as a trial section last year.

The Conflict of Laws section will meet in the second half of the conference on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th September.

We intend that the section will comprise four sessions of 90 minutes, with 3 or more papers being presented in each session, followed by discussion. At least three of the sessions will be organised by theme. We hope, if submissions allow, to be able to set aside the fourth session for papers by early career researchers (within 5-years of PhD or equivalent).

We welcome proposals from scholars in the field for papers or panels on any issue relating to any topical aspect of the Conflict of Laws (private international law), including but not limited to those addressing this year's conference theme.

If you are interested in delivering a paper, please submit a proposed title and abstract of around 300 words. If you wish to propose a panel, please submit a document outlining the theme and rationale for the panel and the names of the proposed speakers (who must have agreed to participate), together with their proposed titles and abstracts.

If you are also interested in delivering a paper or organising a panel, please submit your paper abstract or panel details **by 11:59pm UK time on Monday 26th March. All abstracts and panel details must be submitted through the Oxford Abstracts conference system** which can be accessed using the following link - <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/488/submission> - and following the instructions (select 'Track' for the relevant subject section). If you experience any issues in using Oxford Abstracts, please contact slsconference@mosaicevents.co.uk.

As the SLS is keen to ensure that as many members with good quality papers as possible are able to present, we discourage speakers from presenting more than one paper at the conference. With this in mind, when you submit an abstract via Oxford Abstracts, you will be asked to note if you are also responding to calls for papers or panels from other sections.

We should also note that the SLS offers a Best Paper Prize which can be awarded to academics at any stage of their career and which is open to those presenting papers individually or within a panel. The Prize carries a £250 monetary award and the winning paper will, subject to the usual process of review and publisher's conditions, be published in Legal Studies. To be eligible:

- speakers must be fully paid-up members of the SLS;
- papers must not exceed 12,000 words including footnotes (as counted in Word);
- papers must be uploaded to the paperbank by 11.59pm UK time on Monday 27th August; and
- papers must not have been published previously or have been accepted or be under consideration for publication.

We have also been asked to remind you that **all speakers will need to book and pay to attend the conference and that they will need to register for the conference by the end of June in order to secure their place within the programme**, though please do let me/us know if this is likely to pose any problems for you. Booking information will be circulated in due course.

We note also that prospective speakers do not need to be members of the SLS or already signed up as members of a section to propose a paper.

We look forward to seeing you, as a speaker or delegate, at the Conflict of Laws session in London.

With best wishes,

Professor Andrew Dickinson, St Catherine's College, University of Oxford

Dr Lorna Gillies, University of Strathclyde

Dr Máire Ní Shúilleabháin, University College Dublin (Co-Conveners)