Hello!

We would like to invite graduate students from all disciplines to participate in the first Graduate Student Workshop at the 2006 annual conference of the Canadian Law and Society Association. This workshop will be held at Osgoode Hall, at York University in Toronto on Saturday 3 June 2006. This e-mail provides some details about the workshop and also tells you how to apply for the (limited) funding that CLSA makes available to graduate students who present a paper at the conference. All students who are registered to attend the CLSA conference are welcome to register for the workshop, regardless of whether you plan to present a paper at the conference. However, you must present a paper at the conference in order to obtain funding.

Graduate Student Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to provide students with the opportunity to meet senior law and society faculty and to discuss different research methodologies and theoretical approaches to the field of law and society. In particular, the workshop will focus on the methodological and theoretical challenges inherent in research that takes the ideas of law and society, and the relationship between these ideas, seriously. Discussants will briefly introduce the methods that they have found useful before guiding discussion of questions such as the advantages and shortcomings of particular methodological approaches and the benefits of interdisciplinary research. The workshop is modelled on the successful formula used by the American Law and Society Association.

If you plan to attend the workshop, please send an e-mail to: atelierlawandsociety@yahoo.ca. Registering will enable us to send you materials before the conference and to make sure that we have enough lunch! In your e-mail, please indicate which of the morning workshops you are most interested in.

The agenda for the workshop is as follows:

Morning: 9:30 - 12:00 (morning tea at ~10:30)

Workshop 1 - Comparative international law, law and geography, and legal history

This workshop will be led by Professor Obijiofor Aginam from Carleton University, Professor Renisa Mawani from the University of British Columbia, and Professor Doug Hay from York University.

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Workshop 2 - Law and Sociology, Law and Gender, and Law and Science

This workshop will be led by Professor Shelley Gavigan from the University of York, Professor Kirsten Kramar from the University of Winnipeg and Professor Ron Levi from the University of Toronto.

Afternoon: 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch and plenary discussion

All that you have ever wanted to know about jobs and publishing in law and society but were too afraid to ask.

Themes: publishing your work in law and society journals, writing research grants, applying for academic positions.

This plenary session will be led by Professor Ruth Murbach from the University of Quebec, Ron Levi from the University of Toronto, Diana Majury from the University of Carleton and Kirsten Kramar from the University of Manitoba.

Lunch will be served.

Graduate Student Funding

Students presenting papers at the CLSA/ACDS conference at York University on May 31-June 3, 2006 may apply to the Association for a travel grant. The policy of the Board of the CLSA/ACDS is to distribute the available travel funds to applicants who are full-time students; members of the CLSA/ACDS (applicants who are not members now should register as members at the conference); have presented a paper or chaired a panel at the conference; and have incurred significant expenses traveling to the conference (i.e., students attending the conference from a location in southern Ontario are not eligible for a travel grant).

The amount of funding that individual students will receive is modest as we typically receive about 30 applications from eligible students. The amount of each student's grant is determined by a formula based roughly on distance traveled to the conference. Once the conference programme is announced, students may apply for funding by sending an email to the Secretary-Treasurer of the CLSA/ACDS, Professor Bruce Ryder (bryder@osgoode.yorku.ca), indicating where you will be traveling from, that you will be presenting a paper or chairing a panel at the conference, that you are (or will be) a member of the CLSA/ACDS, and providing a mailing address. There is no need to present receipts or make a case for receipt of funds – applicants who meet the qualifying conditions described above will receive their share of the available funds. Applicants will receive a cheque from York University (which manages the CLSA/ACDS account) after the conference.

We look forward to meeting you all in Toronto in June.

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