

General Call for Papers/Panels for 2020 SLS Annual Conference Subject Sections Programme at the University of Exeter

The 2020 Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference will be held at the University of Exeter, from Tuesday 1st September – Friday 4th September, under the Presidency of Professor Rebecca Probert.

Those presenting do not need to be members of the Society, although we encourage those eligible to be members to join (and the Best Paper and Doctoral Student Paper Prizes at the Conference are only open to fully-paid-up members).

The allocation of subject sections between the two halves of the 2020 conference is as follows:

Section A: 1st and 2nd September 2020

Company Law
Comparative Law
Energy Law
EU & Competition Law
Intellectual Property
International Law
Legal History
Media & Communications Law
Medical Law
Migration
Open
Practice, Profession and Ethics
Public Law
Restitution
Tax Law

Section B: 3rd and 4th September 2020

Banking & Finance Services Law
Civil Liberties & Human Rights
Conflict of Laws
Contract, Commercial & Consumer Law
Criminal Justice
Cyberlaw
Environmental Law
Family Law
Jurisprudence
Labour Law
Legal Education
Open
Property & Trusts
Torts

Following annual feedback from delegates and the 2019 Subject Sections Survey, we should like to highlight the following points:

- The full range of intellectual and methodological approaches to law are welcomed in the Society, and its subject sections programme.
- The Subject Sections offer opportunities for presenters at all stages of their career to present, whether established academics or emerging scholars, and that mix is vital and valuable in the programme. Delegates are encouraged to take a full part in their section programme at the conference.

- The Society also runs a Graduate Conference, which this year will take place in the heart of the main conference. Doctoral researchers are very welcome to submit papers for consideration in the subject sections programme and decisions on the programme will be communicated before the call opens for the graduate conference. In order to maximise opportunities available at the conference, presenters who have had a paper accepted for the Subject Sections programme at the Annual Conference are not able to submit the same paper for consideration for the Graduate Conference.
- The subject sections are rotated between halves of the conference programme from year to year, with some alternation so as to vary the overlap between subjects. In feedback, some delegates tell us that they would like certain subjects to be in the same half of the conference, while others would prefer their subjects to be in separate halves so that they can attend both. The approach to the programme therefore aims to balance competing considerations, while preserving the opportunity for members to interact with scholars outside their field.
- As last year, we offer flexibility in the programme by reserving slots in the Open Section at the conference for one-off topics or thematic sessions. New ideas for such sessions are very much encouraged. There remain places in the Open subject section for those whose papers fall outside the existing subject sections.
- Proposals are to be put to Council in March in respect of the renaming of certain sections to reflect the breadth of their fields, following last year's survey. Calls for papers will though be issued under the current names of the sections to avoid confusion.
- We aim to ensure that our Conferences are inclusive and accessible to all; if the provision of particular facilities would make it easier for you to attend, please do let us know and we will do what we can to put the necessary support in place.

If you are interested in delivering a paper or organising a panel, please submit your paper abstract or panel details by 11:59pm UK time on **Tuesday 24th March 2020**. 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/1763/submitter> - and following the instructions (select 'Track' for the relevant Subject Section).

If you registered for Oxford Abstracts for last year's conference, please ensure that you use the same e-mail address this year if that address remains current. If you experience any issues in using Oxford Abstracts, please contact slsconference@mosaicevents.co.uk. For those whose papers are accepted, the original submission offers the facility to upload a full paper nearer the time.

After the calls for papers close, there is extensive liaison between convenors and the Subject Sections Secretary to try to ensure that papers of sufficient quality can be accommodated within the

programme, even if in a different subject section from that to which the paper was originally submitted. Decisions on papers and proposals being included in the programme will be released by the end of April. All speakers will then need to book and pay to attend the conference, and will have to register for the conference by Tuesday 16th June in order to secure their place within the programme.

We hope that you will consider submitting a proposal in response to the calls, and look forward to welcoming members and all delegates to Exeter in September.

Best wishes,
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