

The UW Global Legal Studies Center & South Asia Legal Studies Working Group are pleased to announce:

Call for Panel Proposals
for
the Fifth Annual
South Asia Legal Studies Pre-Conference Workshop

Thursday, October 20, 2011

2:00-6:30 pm (dinner to follow)
Lubar Commons (7200 Law)
University of Wisconsin Law School

We invite you to submit panel proposals relating to any aspect of the study of law and South Asia. If selected, your panel will be featured as a plenary session at the fifth annual workshop.

We understand “law” in its broadest sense to encompass not only state law, but also norms emanating from non-state sources and actors. “Law” may therefore describe customary, religious and international normative orders, as much as rules produced by government institutions. We welcome panel proposals featuring speakers based in different countries, and from a diverse array of disciplines and career paths, including law, the social sciences, humanities, business, medicine and the sciences. In previous years, panel themes have included: the Pakistani lawyers’ movement; South Asian diasporas and law; cultural accommodation and legal pluralism; gender and sexuality; empirical approaches to dispute resolution; and environmental legal questions. Panels on issues of timely interest and concern have been particularly well received at past workshops. Priority will be given to panels that feature speakers at different institutions and stages of their careers, and who have not spoken at previous pre-conference workshops. For further information and updates, see the South Asia Legal Studies Working Group webpage: http://law.wisc.edu/gls/sa_legal_studies_working_group.html.

Panels should consist of four speakers and a chair. Please note that the chair may not be one of the speakers. Your submission should include the following:

- (1) panel title;
- (2) panel abstract (max. 300 words);
- (3) names of speakers and chair, including institutional affiliation, position and e-mail address; and
- (4) abstract for each speaker’s talk (max. 300 words each).

The original March 1 deadline has been extended. Please submit your proposals by **Friday, March 4, 2011** to Mitra Sharafi (sharafi@wisc.edu) or Sumudu Atapattu (atapattu@wisc.edu).

Funds may be available to cover successful panelists’ Madison travel expenses. We encourage you to attend the 40th Annual Conference on South Asia (Oct.20-23, 2011), immediately following the pre-conference: <http://southasiaconference.wisc.edu/index.html>.