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

Call for Panel Proposals

Tenth Annual

South Asia Legal Studies Pre-Conference Workshop

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Madison, Wisconsin

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 ninth 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: colonial legacies in post-colonial contexts; courts; corruption; cultural accommodation and legal pluralism; economic policy and property rights; digitization and social media in research; environmental legal questions; gender and sexuality; health; Indian legal education; the Indian Supreme Court; legal liberalism and Islam; micro-practices of law; the Pakistani lawyers’ movement; religion and the personal law system; the rule of law in Afghanistan; and South Asian diasporas and law. 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.

Please note that only in-person presentations are permitted. In the event that a presenter is unable to attend, we do not allow remote presentations via skype or having one’s talk read aloud by another panelist.

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, phone number, e-mail address, and website (if any); and
(4) abstract for each speaker’s talk (max. 300 words each).

Please submit your proposals by Friday, April 15, 2016 to organizers Mitra Sharafi (mitra.sharafi@wisc.edu) and Sumudu Atapattu (saatapattu@wisc.edu). If accepted, the full text of your talk should be sent to the organizers and the chair of your panel by Monday, October 10, 2016.

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

We encourage you to attend the rest of the 45th Annual Conference on South Asia (Oct.20-23, 2016): http://southasiaconference.wisc.edu/