Call for Proposals & Commentators

12th Annual

South Asia Legal Studies Workshop
Thursday, October 11, 2018
University of Wisconsin Law School

We invite you to submit a **SHORT PAPER or PROJECT proposal** relating to any aspect of the study of law and South Asia. If selected, your submission will be featured in a solo session at the 12th annual workshop. Your final written piece (10-12pp.) should be either: (1) an excerpted or abbreviated version of a longer paper, chapter, or article, and will be part of our SHORT PAPER sequence or (2) a project proposal for a dissertation, article, book, grant or fellowship application, and will be part of our PROJECT INCUBATOR session. As a presenter, you will not give a formal presentation, but will only provide brief opening comments (5-10 minutes) at the beginning of your session.

We also invite you to volunteer as a **COMMENTATOR** for the 2018 workshop. Commentators will provide brief questions and comments (5-10 min.) at the beginning of each short paper or project incubator session, following the author’s opening remarks.

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 paper proposals from a diverse array of disciplines and career paths, including law, the social sciences, humanities, business, medicine and the sciences. In previous years, presentations have focused on themes including: cities; colonial legacies in post-colonial contexts; constitutionalism; courts; corruption; economic policy and property rights; digitization and social media; environmental legal questions; free speech and public space; gender and sexuality; health; human rights; the Indian Supreme Court; legal liberalism and Islam; legal education; legal pluralism; micro-practices of law; natural resource use and regulation; the Pakistani lawyers’ movement; religion and the personal law system; the rule of law in Afghanistan; and South Asian diasporas and law. Research on issues of timely interest and concern have been particularly well received at past workshops. Priority will be given to scholars who have not presented at previous 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 by having one’s work presented by another person.**

To submit a **SHORT PAPER or PROJECT proposal**: please provide the following in a single PDF with your first and last name in the document title (e.g. “Rupa Gupta SALS submission”) to Mitra Sharafi (mitra.sharafi@wisc.edu) and Sumudu Atapattu (sumudu.atapattu@wisc.edu) by **Friday, April 13, 2018**:

1. full contact details: your name, institutional affiliation, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number;
2. whether you are submitting a **SHORT PAPER OR PROJECT proposal**;
3. title;
(4) abstract (max. 300 words); and
(5) short CV (max. 2 pages).

If accepted, the full text of your written piece is due to the organizers by **Thursday, September 13, 2018**. It should be 10-12 pages long, double-spaced in 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Because your piece may be an excerpted or abbreviated version of a longer piece of writing, you may want to contextualize the piece and describe the kind of feedback you are seeking in a short opening note to your readers. Please note that an outline will not be accepted as a final submission.

If your proposal is accepted, you will be provided with two nights' local accommodation. **However, the organizers reserve the right to cancel your participation if your paper is not received by the Sept. 13 deadline.**

It is expected that presenters will stay and participate in the full day's workshop, and that they will read and be prepared to discuss the other written pieces.

**To volunteer as a commentator:** please e-mail Mitra Sharafi and Sumudu Atapattu by **Friday, April 13, 2018**.

**To attend and participate in the workshop:** please e-mail Mitra Sharafi and Sumudu Atapattu by **Friday, September 28, 2018**. Workshop participants are expected to read and be prepared to discuss the written pieces, which will be made available via a password-protected website.

For further information and updates, see the UW South Asia Legal Studies Working Group webpage: [http://law.wisc.edu/gls/sa_legal_studies_working_group.html](http://law.wisc.edu/gls/sa_legal_studies_working_group.html)

We encourage you to attend the **47th Annual Conference on South Asia** (Oct. 11-14, 2018): [http://southasiaconference.wisc.edu/](http://southasiaconference.wisc.edu/)