

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

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## Call for Proposals & Commentators

*15th Annual*

### South Asia Legal Studies Workshop

Friday, October 15  
& Saturday, October 16, 2021

University of Wisconsin Law School

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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 15th annual workshop. Your final written piece (max. 3,000 words plus notes and any bibliography) should be either: (1) an excerpted or abbreviated version of a longer paper, chapter, or article, and will be part of our SHORT PAPER session 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 (max. 5 minutes) at the beginning of your session.

We also invite you to volunteer as a potential **COMMENTATOR** for the 2021 workshop. Commentators will provide brief questions and comments (max. 5 minutes) 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 proposals from a diverse array of disciplines and career paths, including law, the social sciences, humanities, business, medicine, and the sciences. 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 the 2021 workshop will be virtual, and will take place during the morning (US Central Time) of the two conference days. Authors' time zones will be taken into account in scheduling.**

**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](mailto:mitra.sharafi@wisc.edu)) and Sumudu Atapattu ([sumudu.atapattu@wisc.edu](mailto:sumudu.atapattu@wisc.edu)) by **Friday, April 9, 2021:**

- (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 **Friday, September 17, 2021**. It should be max. 3,000 words plus notes and any bibliography. 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. **The organizers reserve the right to cancel your participation if your paper is not received by the Sept.17 deadline.**

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

**To volunteer as a potential commentator:** please e-mail Mitra Sharafi and Sumudu Atapattu by **Friday, April 9, 2021**.

**To attend and participate in the workshop:** please e-mail Sumudu Atapattu ([Sumudu.atapattu@wisc.edu](mailto:Sumudu.atapattu@wisc.edu)) by **Friday, October 1, 2021**. 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 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia (Oct.20-24, 2021): <http://southasiaconference.wisc.edu/>