

The Annual Conference of the Israeli Association of Law and Society

College of Law and Business, Israel

**Communities and Borders in Israel and in the Global World**

**December 18-19, 2013**

**Call for Panel Submissions**

Israeli society—a divided, multi-community society—has faced over the past years two conflicting, yet intertwined phenomena. On the one hand, globalization has made state borders permeable to the movement of capital, goods, and people and has magnified the influence of global corporations and other external bodies on the local economy and culture. On the other hand, Israeli society has experienced an increased provincialization of communities and their increasing attempts to withdraw from external influences. These intertwined phenomena challenge social compositions in the already delicate fabric of Israeli society.

The Conference will discuss the role of law in regulating these external movements that cross and create borders, and law's effects on the composition of relations within and between communities. It will engage with issues such as: How can law, essentially communal in nature, regulate issues arising from these phenomena and organizations that cross its boundaries? How should it respond to attempts to create boundaries within it? Does reciprocity exist between law, nationalism, and globalization, and if so, what is its nature? What is the role of law in shaping markets and in controlling growing corporate power? How can law maintain or re-establish community boundaries? Can law act as common denominator in defining communities or in creating formal relations between them? Is law a means of dialogue or rather a means of exclusion and limitation?

The Conference invites scholars from all disciplines to submit proposals for panels that examine these issues and aspects relating to the central theme of the conference, as well as any other topics in law and society, including panels on methodological and comparative issues. In addition, the Conference Committee will turn to researchers requesting they offer panels in their relevant areas. Building the Conference around such panels will improve our ability to examine the conference theme in a more exact manner.

The Committee encourages researchers from all disciplines (including law, sociology, anthropology, history, psychology, political science, conflict resolution, geography, and philosophy) to submit panel proposals. In addition, the Committee entreats graduate students to submit panels or individual articles in order to examine the possibility of incorporating their suggestions within suggested panels. **Researchers suggesting panels should incorporate a variety of disciplines, young researchers, graduate students, clinicians, and social activists, and try to achieve gender balance within the suggested panels.**

**Researchers from abroad are invited to propose, in addition to panels, individual articles—which will be evaluated to determine their combination as part of Conference panels.**

**Guidelines for Proposal Submissions:**

- Panel title;
- Researcher suggesting the panel, including institutional affiliation;
- Panel chair, including institutional affiliation;
- Short bio of participants and chair (up to four lines for each participant);
- Abstract—up to 400 words—on the panel in Hebrew, unless the panel includes English speakers, in which case abstracts will be submitted in both Hebrew and English. In this event, the panel will be held in English. Mark the language of the panel with an “H” for Hebrew or “E” for English.
- Abstracts on panel participants’ lectures—up to 400 words per participant;
- Abstracts shall include: lecturer, institutional affiliation, title of each lecture, and email addresses of panel proposer, chair, and all participants.
- Suggestions for individual articles should be submitted as follows: name, institutional affiliation, email address, short biography (up to 4 lines), lecture summary (up to 400 words), title, and email address.

Proposals are to be sent to the Steering Committee at: [ILSA2013CLB@gmail.com](mailto:ILSA2013CLB@gmail.com) by the 09/08/13. The Committee will send their decisions by 15/10/13.

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