

creative law

16th Annual UBC Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Graduate Law Students' Society of UBC invites graduate students in all disciplines to participate in its 16th annual interdisciplinary academic conference, to be held in Vancouver, Canada, in May 2011.

The theme for the 2011 conference is Creative Law. The conference is intended to promote reflection on "creativity and the law" in all the possible senses of that phrase: law and its interaction with the arts, including literature and theatre; innovation within the law and innovative uses of the law; the development of new law; legal postmodernism; new and distinctive ways of interpreting law; the relationship between law and religion; the application, adoption or appropriation of law in or by other disciplines... and in a thousand other ways.

We encourage scholars to critique or apply the law in new and unexpected ways, and in doing so to consider the field of law as one that is bounded not by the strictures of formal law but only by the creativity of the scholar interpreting or applying that law. We also strongly encourage abstracts that approach law from a more traditional perspective, especially those that consider the ways in which traditional scholarship can respond to the creative impulses of law (and its practitioners), as well as the benefits and limitations of approaching law and legal theory from more traditional perspectives.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Proposals should include the title of the paper, a 250 word abstract, and the student's full institutional affiliation, e-mail address and phone number. Presenters should be current graduate students or have recently completed graduate studies (exceptional proposals from 3rd year LL.B./J.D./B.A. students may be accepted). Early submissions are strongly encouraged as participation is limited. In order to keep registration fees as low as possible, funds cannot be provided to assist with travel or other costs of participation. The general working language of the conference will be English.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 4, 2011 (please email your abstract to: lawgradcon@gmail.com)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEES PAYABLE BY: April 1, 2011

CONFERENCE DATES: Friday - Saturday, May 13 & 14, 2011

CONFERENCE LOCATION: The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

The registration form can be found on the conference website at: <http://www.law.ubc.ca/events/2011/may/registration.html>. Conference organizers can also be contacted at lawgradcon@gmail.com.