

# INNOVATION IN LAW & POLICY

# 23<sup>rd</sup>

## UBC Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Conference

### CALL FOR PAPERS

## May 1-2, 2019

Peter A. Allard School of Law  
University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia invites graduate students from all disciplines to participate in the 23rd UBC Interdisciplinary Legal Studies Graduate Conference, which will be held on **May 1-2, 2019** in Vancouver. The Conference provides graduate students and junior scholars with an opportunity to discuss and share ideas, receive feedback and network with peers.

We invite submissions from students from any discipline that fit with the conference theme, *Innovation in Law and Policy*. In 2019, more so than ever before, we face some of the most complex legal and social issues. In order to meet these challenges, researchers must embrace innovative ideas, solutions, research methods, information presentation techniques and modes of disseminating research.

Papers may be on any topic, including (but not limited to):

- The development of new technologies such as cryptocurrencies, big data, blockchain and artificial intelligence;
- Contemporary issues in criminal law, criminalization and criminal justice;
- Issues in feminism, queer theory, critical race theory and intersectionality;
- Gender, sexuality, gender identity and social justice;
- Indigenous law and theory;
- International developments affecting refugees and migrants;
- Environmental issues, such as climate change policies;
- Information security, privacy and data governance;
- Innovations in Private Law.

We also welcome papers that engage with innovative research methods, such as visual methodologies; participatory approaches; arts-based methods; ethnography; online research; mixed qualitative/quantitative approaches; comparative legal methods and socio-legal methods.

Embracing the theme of *Innovation in Law and Policy*, we also invite submissions from applicants who wish to present in a format other than a paper, such as through film, art, design or an interactive workshop.

### Submissions

Submissions should include the title of the paper or project, a 250-word abstract in English, the author's name, email address, institutional affiliation and an up-to-date CV. We welcome submissions from current graduate students and students who have recently completed graduate studies (up to one-year post-graduation). Papers from JD or LLB students may also be considered.

Please send your submissions via email to [ubclawgradconference2019@gmail.com](mailto:ubclawgradconference2019@gmail.com) with the subject line "Submission\_[Forename]\_[Surname]" by **March 8, 2019**. Please ensure that all attached documents conform to the file name convention "[Title]\_[Forename]\_[Surname]".

Applicants will be notified if they have been offered a place at the conference by **March 15, 2019** via email. Successful applicants must register, pay the \$100 (CAD) conference registration fee and submit their full paper by **April 12, 2019**. Those who wish to attend the conference dinner on the evening of **May 1, 2019** must also pay an additional \$50 (CAD) fee. All attendees are required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, though we are happy to offer assistance where needed.

### Scholarship

We are delighted to offer at least one scholarship for an exceptional graduate student to attend the conference who otherwise would be unable to attend for financial reasons. The scholarship will cover the \$100 (CAD) registration fee and the \$50 (CAD) conference dinner fee. Depending on available funding, we may also be able to offer a contribution towards travel costs. To be considered for the scholarship, please include a 300-word personal statement explaining why you believe you are deserving of the scholarship, your departure city and an estimate of your travel costs. Funding applications will be assessed based on financial need and academic merit. Successful applicants will be notified by **March 15, 2019**.



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