



Socio-Legal Studies Association

SLSA One-Day Conference
Exploring the 'Legal' in Socio-Legal Studies
CALL FOR PAPERS
London School of Economics
21 September 2012

Closing date for abstracts of no more than 350 words

30 APRIL 2012

Confirmed Speakers

Professor Annalise Riles

Professor Chris Tomlins

Professor Linda Mulcahy

Professor Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos

The rationale for the successful SLSA conference, 'Exploring the "Socio-" in Socio-Legal Studies', was based on locating the social within socio-legal studies. We can, of course, take different views on that location and identity. However, in doing so, we should not lose sight of the terrain of 'the legal' on which there have been significant developments in recent years. Those developments owe a debt to the work of certain STS (Science and Technology Studies) scholars, such as Annelise Riles and Bruno Latour. In her work, Riles draws attention to the significance of metaphor in doctrinal law as an under-developed site for the study of socio-legality, which has tended to be an outsider to legal technicality. This outsider-insider approach to legal technicality is potentially productive and recent work suggests that this (ambitious) project is one in which socio-legal scholars should engage. Furthermore, the question of legality engages with thinking about the identity or non-identity of the "legal" in legal consciousness studies, as well as issues around the scale, space or place of law.

Papers are invited which address the conference theme and which may address the following questions:

- What do we mean by law and legality in socio-legal studies?
- To what extent are the distinctions between 'law in the books' and 'law in action', 'insiders' and 'outsiders', maintainable as binary oppositions?
- To what extent can a focus on legal technicality enrich socio-legal studies?
- What types of methods are appropriate for such study?
- To what extent can socio-legal understandings about legal technicality seep into pedagogical practice?

Please email your abstract to Dave Cowan by **30 April 2012**: d.s.cowan@bris.ac.uk. Participants will be informed if their abstract has been accepted for the conference by **15 May 2012**. Participants will be asked to provide a full written paper of 8000 words in Harvard style by **7 September 2012**. It is intended that selected papers from the conference will form part of an edited collection to be published in the Palgrave Macmillan socio-legal series in 2013
<http://www.palgrave.com/products/series.aspx?s=PMSLS>.

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The fees are as follows (please tick):

SLSA members: £75 Non-members: £95 Postgraduates: £20

The registration fee includes all refreshments and lunch. Those wishing to join the SLSA should do so via the website: www.slsa.ac.uk.

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