

## RETHINKING PROPERTY APPROACHES IN RESOURCES FOR THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

21 June 2019, Coventry University, Coventry  
Call for abstracts – deadline: 3 March 2019

We invite submissions for papers or posters to this SLS-sponsored one-day conference co-organised by Dr Katrien Steenmans (Coventry Law School and Centre for Business in Society), Prof Alison Clarke and Prof Rosalind Malcolm (both University of Surrey School of Law and Environmental Regulatory Research Group).

We are seeking theoretical and empirical research contributions on property interests and ownership models within circular economy contexts. Papers and posters might, for example, address:

- What incentives and barriers to reuse, recycling, and recovery are provided by current property interest models and conceptions of ownership?
- To what extent can the circular economy depend on mutual self-interest of private owners?
- Do we need to re-think the relationship between property and responsibility?
- What can communal property and communal resource governance contribute towards effective, reuse, recycling and recovery of resources and waste?
- To what extent should changes in the nature of a thing lead to a reconfiguration of the property interests in it?
- Are different property approaches required for different kinds of things?
- Do humanitarian, health or environmental concerns clash with property rights in the adoption of circular economy regulation?
- How is liability associated with the implementation of circular economy policies distributed across different actors (e.g. producers, consumers, intermediaries) in complex supply chains?
- How do different models of stewardship and public trusteeship sit with circular economy initiatives?
- What are the implications for circular economy approaches and property rights in the Global South?
- What are the human rights implications of resource ownership within a circular economy?

Following the conference, there will be an opportunity to submit papers for review for publication in a special issue of the *Journal of Property, Planning and Environmental Law*.

### Submission guidelines

If you would like to present a paper or poster, please submit a title and abstract of no longer than 300 words via EasyChair on <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=pace20190> by **3 March 2019**. Please indicate in your submission whether your preferred format is a poster or paper. The notification of acceptance will be given on or before 31 March 2019. We will announce the finalised programme on 23 April 2019.

### Conference arrangements

Attendance is free. The conference will start at 09:30 and finish at 17:30. The venue of the conference is Coventry University. Food and refreshments will be provided to all delegates.

Please note that we are not able to cover any travel or subsistence costs for speakers or delegates, though there are limited travel bursaries available for PhD students. Please contact Katrien Steenmans ([katrien.steenmans@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:katrien.steenmans@coventry.ac.uk)) for further information.

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