

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

A Sacred Covenant? Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law

Keynote Speaker: The Rt Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE

Confirmed Speakers: Prof. Rebecca Probert, Prof. Diane Urquhart, Penelope Russell, Dr Frances Burton, Dr Andy Hayward, and Dr Leigh Wetherall-Dickson.

The organisers, Dr Jennifer Aston (Northumbria University) and Dr Frances Hamilton (University of Reading) invite proposals for papers and posters from scholars and practitioners of all career stages for a one-day conference, funded by *The Journal of Legal History* and Northumbria University, on historic, legal, and cultural perspectives of marital law. This exciting event will be hosted virtually on **Thursday 20th May 2021**.

We seek to explore the changing legal and cultural definitions of marriage in any geographical location or jurisdiction across the period c.1450 - present day, paying particular attention to the changing perspectives on age, same-sex marriage, polygamy, divorce, and remarriage. This conference will create an exciting space where historical, literary, medical, artistic, and cultural perspectives can be considered alongside real-world experiences, allowing the discovery and exploration of parallels and contrasts across borders and time.

Closing Date for Papers: Please submit a proposal of no more than **250 words** along with a brief biography to asacredcovenant@gmail.com by **Friday 26th March 2021**.

Closing Date for Posters: Please submit the topic of your poster along with a brief biography to asacredcovenant@gmail.com by **Friday 26th March 2021**.

Registration: To register your interest in attending *A Sacred Covenant? Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law* please email asacredcovenant@gmail.com. Further details will be circulated in due course.

Thanks to the generosity of *The Journal of Legal History* and Northumbria University, we can offer prizes for the best paper and best poster by a postgraduate and an early-career researcher (within 8 years of their PhD or 6 years of their first academic appointment). Please note in your submission if you would like to be considered for a prize.

Please address any further queries to Adam Curry at asacredcovenant@gmail.com