

# Socio-Legal Newsletter Nr. 52

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### Call for Papers

***Deadline: 31 January 2024***

**[Senses of Law. 2024 Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities \(LCH\)](#)**

**University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada**

**17 to 18 May 2024**

Law is heard, seen, experienced, felt, and understood in many ways. This year's theme invites submissions on legal senses, sensibilities, and sensations. What satisfies "the sense of justice"? What makes for a legal sensation? How does law depend on, appeal to, or defy common sense(s)? What are the different sensibilities that law creates, cultivates, challenges, and ignores? How do the meanings that law takes for granted, or brings into being, fall differently on different ears?

Submission of fully assembled panels is encouraged (mandatory for online participants). Panels that reinvent or experiment with models for academic presentations, such as roundtables, author-reader sessions (which may include several books and their authors in conversation), collaborative presentations, multi-panel presentation streams, etc., are conceivable.

The 26th Annual Conference will emphasise face-to-face conversation. If on-site participation in Vancouver is not possible, virtual panel submissions will also be accepted, but not as individual contributions. For assistance in finding others who may be interested in forming a committee, Graduate Coordinators Tyler King ([t.king@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:t.king@mail.utoronto.ca)) and Lindsay Stern ([lindsay.stern@yale.edu](mailto:lindsay.stern@yale.edu)) are available.

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***Deadline: 24 January 2024***

**[LCH Graduate Student Workshop 2024](#)**

**University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada**

**16 May 2024**

The Annual Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Graduate Student Workshop will be held on Thursday 16 May 2024 (the day before the annual meeting begins). The workshop is designed for graduate students who are undertaking research that cuts across law, cultural studies, literature, philosophy, legal studies, anthropology, political science, and history, among others.

Applications to the workshop should consist of a current curriculum vitae (2-3 page maximum), an abstract of a current project not exceeding 700 words, as well as a

short (5- page maximum) text relating to that project. This “text” could be a case, literary work, a time-line, a photo, a sound or video file, or some other relevant text. Applicants whose proposals are accepted will receive some support towards an extra night’s accommodation from LCH as well as some support (varying, depending on distance traveled) towards the cost of transportation to the conference site.

The application must be sent to [lch@lawculturehumanities.com](mailto:lch@lawculturehumanities.com) by 24 January 2024.

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***Frist: 31. Januar 2024***

**[Human Rights in Migration Societies](#)**

**Multidisziplinäre Konferenz, 18.-20. September, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen**

Am 18.–20. September 2024 veranstaltet die DFG-Forschungsgruppe “Menschenrechtsdiskurse in der Migrationsgesellschaft” (MeDiMi) die multidisziplinäre Konferenz „Human Rights in Migration Societies. Exploring the Intersection of Human Rights and Migration in Law, Politics, and Everyday Life“. Vorschläge für Beiträge können bis zum 31. Januar 2024 eingereicht werden.

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***Deadline: 15 February 2024***

**[Representing Law. RSCL Conference 2024](#)**

**Bangor/Wales, 3 to 6 September 2024**

Bangor University hosts the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL) international conference. The conference topic is “Representing Law” and alludes to the necessity to represent, symbolise, and communicate law.

Who speaks for the law? Who decides legal conflict and provides legal advice? Who is best placed to adapt law to changing social conditions? Such questions also form part of the conference theme. In some ways, the legally trained and especially those in legal offices, are privileged interpreters of the law, at least in modern states relying on a differentiated-out legal system. This raises issues of legitimacy and of democratic representation. Critics question why graduates of leading universities, those with long family tradition in law, why males rather than females in high legal offices, are still dominant. Some social groups are underrepresented in law, and some are described as discriminated against by holders of legal offices. This may affect national minorities and those discriminated on “racial” and ethnic grounds. The economically marginalised can suffer from further disadvantages inflicted by the way the law operates.

The conference theme covers a wide area of academic interests. However, the RCSL working groups are invited to organise their own panels on whatever topics they want

to discuss, as well as their business meetings. Invited are also single papers on topics of sociology of law / socio-legal studies. The conference covers a range of socio-legal topics RCSL members and others are researching, such as the work of lawyers, the handling of law by public officials, law in the arts and in popular culture.

Submissions are requested through the [conference website](#). Address for enquiries: [rcsl2024@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:rcsl2024@bangor.ac.uk).

In addition, the Journal of Law and Society (JLS) and the Centre of Law and Society at Cardiff University as co-sponsors of the conference are organising a stream/session on socio-legal studies in Wales and the UK and invite young colleagues to submit their papers to this stream. The Journal will support selected paper presenters with their conference fees. Details of how to apply will be announced in due time on the conference homepage.

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**Deadline: 31 May 2024**

**[2nd conference of the Swiss Network for Law and Society](#)**

**Institute of Social Anthropology, UniS, University of Bern, Switzerland**

**10 to 12 February 2025**

The second SNLS conference will provide an opportunity to explore legal developments and responses to the challenges of the Anthropocene. These challenges include climate change and global warming, biodiversity loss, climate-induced migration and refugees, public health, human rights and, more broadly, the "sustainability" of capitalism. Many of the responses to these challenges are socio-legal in nature, including legal property formation and privatisation, gendered or racialised divisions of labour, new migration regimes, new financial instruments, the constitution of new legal subjects and the exclusion of others from rights ownership. For the purpose of the study, the conference is divided into the following topics:

- 1) Dilemmas of juridification and democratic politics in the Anthropocene
- 2) Making rules for 'green' capitalism
- 3) Privatisation of law in the Anthropocene
- 4) Critical Perspectives on (New) Rights-Bearing Subjects in the Anthropocene
- 5) The Normative and the Empirical in Socio-legal Research

For the panels, proposals with a panel summary of a maximum of 500 words are sought for the conference topics. Proposals can be submitted in English, French or German. All panel proposals must be sent before 1 June 2024 to [conference2025@lawandsociety.ch](mailto:conference2025@lawandsociety.ch). In case of a successful response in July 2024, abstracts for papers must be submitted directly to the panel organisers by 30 September 2024.

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## Veranstaltung

### ***Werkstatt-Gespräche der Sektion Rechtssoziologie der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS)***

**Online (Zoom), 23. Februar 2024, 14.00 Uhr**

Die Werkstattgespräche sind auf eine Dauer von 90 Minuten angelegt und finden online als Zoom-Meeting statt. Sie dienen der Vorstellung und Diskussion gegenwärtiger rechtssoziologischer Arbeiten. Insbesondere Entwürfe und Work in progress, welche bereits für fachliches feedback tauglich sind, können eingereicht werden.

Meldungen und Themenvorschläge für diesen oder spätere Termine nimmt unser Vorstandsmitglied Laura Affolter ([Laura.Affolter@his-online.de](mailto:Laura.Affolter@his-online.de)) gern entgegen. Der Link zur Zoom-Veranstaltung wird 36 Stunden vor dem Werkstatt-Gespräch über den Verteiler der Sektion versendet werden.

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