

Call for Panels

ILSA (Israeli Law and Society Association)

2012 Annual Conference

Academic Center of Law & Business

December 19-20, 2012

What is Wrong with the Legal System, and Where does Academia Fit In?

The world of academic research is focused, by its nature, on theoretical and abstract questions. The academic researcher is not supposed to serve directly any social or governmental institution or system. But does this mean that the academic researcher is absolved of any commitment to the promotion of the values and institutions of the society in which she lives? What, in particular, is the role of academy with regard to the legal system? To what extent is the academic research and discourse relevant to the real problems of contemporary legal systems? The annual conference of the Israeli Law and Society Association (ILSA) will be devoted to the discussion of these questions.

The Program Committee of the conference invites scholars of all disciplines to submit proposals for organized panels that will be devoted to the main theme of the conference – *What is Wrong with the Legal System, and Where does Academia Fit in?*

Possible panel topics include: the congestion of the courts, judicial legitimacy, alternative dispute resolution, the workings of the prosecution and of the criminal system, competing narratives regarding the legal system, and more. The committee is also initiating particular panels on relevant topics, including: the privatization of the legal system, empirical studies of the legal system, procedural access to justice,

constitutional dialogues and notwithstanding power, the legal system and disempowered segments of society, the legal system and the media, legal education and legal practice, the flooding of the legal profession, publication policy of court decisions. Panels will be held either in Hebrew or in English.

While promoting the submission of complete panels, the organizers would welcome inquiries about fitting individual papers into existing conference panels. Inquiries should be addressed to Iddo Porat (poratiddo@gmail.com) or to Eyal Katvan (drkatvan@gmail.com).

Please provide the following details regarding panel proposals: panel title, personal details and affiliation of the panel organizer, abstract of panel – 300 words maximum, title and abstract of panel presentations – 300 words maximum per presentation, and personal details, short bio and affiliation of each panel presenter.

Registration fee that includes light lunch and dinner: 150 ILS (50 NIS for students).

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Proposals should be submitted by email to the Program Committee at: ILSA2012CLB@gmail.com, by **July 31st**, 2012. Answers will be sent shortly thereafter.