



Society of Legal Scholars

Re-issue of Call for Papers on Tort for the 2009 SLS Conference at Keele

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Dear All,

SLS Tort Section: Call for Papers by 2nd March 2009

This is a call for papers for the Tort section of the 2009 SLS Conference.

This year's conference will be held at Keele University from 7-10th September. The SLS is celebrating its centenary and so the conference theme is "Advancing Legal Education: Celebrating 100 Years of Legal Scholarship". Further details are provided in the President's letter which follows.

The Tort section will meet during the second half of the conference, with two sessions on Wednesday 9th September (2-5.30pm) and two on Thursday 10th September (9-12.30pm). Sessions are likely to consist of two papers, each followed by general discussion.

If you are interested in presenting a paper please e-mail me at MorrisA7@cardiff.ac.uk by **Monday 2nd March**. I would welcome proposals for papers on any issue relating to the Law of Tort, and especially those addressing this year's conference theme. Please note that whilst you need only send me a proposed title and a short summary at this stage, speakers will be expected to submit a full version of their paper to the Conference Paperbank by mid-August. I would be grateful if you could let me know if you have responded, or are intending to respond, to the call for papers from another section.

I have been asked to make it clear to speakers that they will need to book and pay to attend the conference.

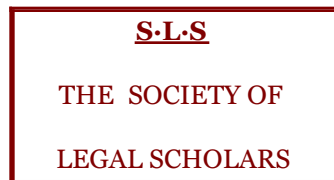
I have also been asked to remind you that the SLS offers a 'Best Paper Prize' which can be awarded to academics at any stage of their career. Further details are available at <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/conference/best-paper-prize.cfm>.

Best wishes,

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SLS CONFERENCE 2009 Keele University

The theme of this year's conference is "Advancing Legal Education: Celebrating 100 Years of Legal Scholarship". I have chosen it to enable us to reflect on the achievements of members of the Society as legal scholars over the past century, and also to enable us to consider current debates and our contribution to the cutting edge of legal scholarship in 2009. My hope is that during the subject section sessions, we will have stimulating and interesting intellectual conversations; these sessions form the heart of the conference, and in this year especially the Society is keen to welcome contributions from all its members, at whatever stage of their career. Since the conference is also a time for celebration, the social programme will reflect that, with different 'champagne moments' each evening. To maintain an element of surprise, I am not giving details of these in advance!

The Keele Conference will be the main opportunity for members of the Society to participate in celebrating the centenary, and the plenaries have been designed to reflect that fact - each one will include lighter moments when we can relax a little and enjoy our achievements, as well as containing more serious content. In 'Reflecting on 100 Years of Legal Scholarship' Professor David Sugarman will analyse the contribution made by the Society and its members to the

development of the discipline of law over the last hundred years, while Professor Dame Hazel Genn will focus on the contribution of socio-legal studies during that time, and in particular, will share her experiences of working as an empirical researcher in law when it was not such a common enterprise as it is now. In 'Celebrating the Society's Centenary', Professor Ray Cocks and I will share some of the highlights of the Society's history which we have discovered while writing our book on that topic; expect scandal and gossip, trials and tribulations, defeats and victories! Finally, the Editor of The Reporter, Professor Tony Bradney, will chair a panel debating 'The Future of Legal Scholarship'; members of the panel have been chosen for their different views, and there will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation in the debate.

Keele is an ideal venue for a conference - all the sessions will be in the Chancellor's Building, close to the publishers' stands, which will be located in the tea/coffee venue. IT facilities and plenary sessions are in the same area. The campus at Keele is very attractive, and members will enjoy a short stroll to the ensuite accommodation, which has been newly refurbished. Finally, since I am convinced that the real highlight of any conference should be the food, I can promise that Keele's award-winning team of chefs will pull out all the stops!

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Keele.

Fiona Cownie