

CALL FOR PAPERS

Book Title: Socio-Legal Imaginations: A Field in Development

This edited book collection critically explores theoretical developments in the emerging field of socio-legal studies. In contrast to doctrinal legal scholarship, which primarily focuses on law as a system of rules and regulations, the field of socio-legal studies complicates the role of law by conceptualizing its discourse/knowledges, codes, and techniques as playing an important role in mutually constituting relations of power, subjectivity, and identity.

By drawing specifically on governmentally, post-structuralism, feminism, critical race and post-colonial theory, queer theory and critical sexuality studies, legal pluralism and/or legal consciousness, contributing chapters will critically engage with one or more of the following questions:

- How does law's power mutually constitute classed, gendered, sexed, racialized and ethicized bodies in historically specific ways?
- How does law's power (re)-produce and/or maintain dominant social structures, such as colonialism, patriarchy, heteronormative hegemony, or capitalism?
- How does the law inhibit or facilitate dissent, social mobilization and resistance?

Topics may include, but are not limited to: Citizenship, Borders and Migration; Crime, Security, and Governance; Critical Disability Studies; Globalization and Human Rights; Global Justice and Social Transformation; Law, Culture and Humanities: LGBTQ issues; Policing, Surveillance, and Technology; Indigenous Sovereignty

BOOK OBJECTIVE: This book aims to challenge the prevailing misperceptions that socio-legal studies is another way to refer to the study of doctrinal law or that it exists only as a sub-discipline within sociology. By exploring the original work of current and emerging scholars in socio-legal studies, this book will reveal how scholars are establishing the discipline as a distinct and independent field of critical scholarship through the development of social-legal theory and its application to contemporary social issues.

PUBLISHER: The book will be published with a reputable academic publishing house. We are currently negotiating with the University of British Columbia press. The publication is expected to be released in 2018.

DEADLINES: Abstract submission deadline: **September 23rd, 2016**

Proposal acceptance notification: **November 25th, 2016**

Full chapter submission: **June 16th, 2017**

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

> Title of contribution

> Abstract (350 words) and Keywords

> Brief Bio of Author & Contact Information (Name, institution, and mailing address)

*Final chapters are to be a maximum of 8000 words (not including bibliography/appendices). Contributions must be original and unpublished, and not submitted for publication elsewhere.

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