

CALL FOR PAPERS 'Situating Social Justice'

an interdisciplinary postgraduate & early career scholars conference in the broad area of law, gender and sexuality

Friday 6 & Saturday 7 March 2009
Westminster University (Regent Street Campus), London

Much law, gender and sexuality research coheres around issues of social justice: arguing for legal and social equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people; interrogating the gendered dimensions of exploitation, violence or crime; understanding experiences of regulation and subjugation; and challenging discrimination are all major dimensions of social justice research. But what do we mean when we talk of 'social justice'? The aim of this one-day postgraduate and early career scholars' conference is to discuss, in light of your own research, themes and questions such as:

- How can we understand the relationship between equality and social justice?
- How do social situations and identities (e.g., sexuality, disability, race, religion, class and gender) work to confound, support, challenge, frustrate or reinforce experiences of social (in)justice?
- How do people experience and/or challenge social injustice?
- How do legal spaces accommodate (or not) people's experiences of social injustice?
- In what ways do transgressive, subversive and resistant practices work towards and/or confound social justice aims?
- How can existing practices and structures be reconceptualised to take forward the aims of social justice?
- In what ways can academic research further social justice aims (or not!)?

We aim to provide a supportive and friendly environment for postgraduates and early career scholars to present their work, meet fellow researchers and benefit from interdisciplinary exchange. If you would like to present a paper, **please send a title and abstract (150-250 words) to Rosie Harding (r.harding@law.keele.ac.uk) by Friday 19 December 2008**. Suggestions and submissions are also welcomed for round-table discussions and complete panels – for more info, email Rosie Harding.

The workshop will also include practical sessions for postgraduate students and early career academics including:

- Doing Empirical Research
- Methods and Ethics
- Time Management

For more information, see the PECANS website at <http://www.clgs-pecans.org.uk> or email Rosie Harding on r.harding@law.keele.ac.uk.

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