

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPARATIVE LAW
YOUNGER COMPARATIVISTS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Younger Comparativists Committee (YCC) of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL) is pleased to invite submissions for its Seventh Annual Conference, to be held on April 20-21, 2018, at Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio. The purpose of the conference is to highlight, develop, and promote the scholarship of younger comparativists.

Conference Subject-Matter and Eligibility

Submissions will be accepted on any subject in public or private comparative law from scholars who have been engaged as law teachers, lecturers, fellows, or in another academic capacity no earlier than July 1, 2008 (i.e., less than ten years as of June 30, 2018). Submissions from full-time faculty, research fellows and graduate students are equally welcome.

Submission Instructions

To submit an entry, scholars should email an attachment in Microsoft Word or PDF containing an abstract of between 500 and 750 words to ycc.conference.2018@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2017. Abstracts received thereafter will not be considered.

Abstracts should reflect original research that will not yet have been published (but may have been accepted for publication) by the time of the conference. They should also include the author's name, title of the paper, institutional affiliation, contact information, and three to five keywords. In the email, the author should certify that she/he qualifies as a younger scholar. Graduate students should identify themselves as such in the email.

Proposals for fully formed panels are encouraged. Panels must center around a common theme and include a confirmed list of panel members, abstracts for each presenter, and other required information. Please include the words "Panel Proposal" in the subject line of your email.

Plenary Panel

In addition, the conference will convene a Plenary Panel on the theme of Comparative International Law. Abstracts should address the ways a particular jurisdiction approaches one or more disciplines of international law. For example, scholars may discuss Chinese approaches to international human rights law, U.S. approaches to investment law, E.U. approaches to free trade agreements, or other topics. Proposals of an explicitly comparative nature (e.g. Canadian and French approaches to international humanitarian law) will be of particular interest.

Each scholar may make only one submission. Both individual and co-authored submissions will be accepted. For co-authored submissions, both authors must qualify as younger comparativists. The conference's Program Committee will assign individual and co-authored submissions to thematic panels according to subject area.

Notification

Authors of the submissions selected for the conference will be notified no later than January 30, 2018. There is no cost to register for the conference but participants are responsible for securing their own funding for travel, lodging and other incidental expenses. A limited number of travel stipends, of up to \$400, may be awarded to those who indicate financial need. Priority will be given to faculty and students of ASCL Member Institutions, and thereafter to authors from non-Member institutions. If you would like to be considered for a travel stipend, please make that request in your submission, and indicate your institution's status. All scholars selected for the conference—other than graduate students who wish to be considered for the Colin B. Picker graduate student prize listed below (and have an earlier deadline)—must submit final papers by email to ycc.conference.2018@gmail.com no later than March 15, 2018.

Colin B. Picker Graduate Student Prize

The YCC will award the Colin B. Picker Prize for the best paper submitted by a graduate student. To be considered for the award, in addition to submitting an abstract by the above deadline, graduate students whose abstracts are accepted for the conference must also submit their papers in their final form by January 31, 2018, to ycc.conference.2018@gmail.com with the following subject line: "Submission for Graduate Student Prize."

Phanor J. Eder Prize in Comparative Law

The YCC will award the Phanor J. Eder Prize for the best paper submitted by a J.D., B.A., or LL.B. or other student who has not yet completed the first law degree as of April 1, 2018. The author(s) of the winning paper will receive a modest stipend to help defray the costs of attending the Conference and presenting the paper there. A separate call will be forthcoming with the details of the Phanor J. Eder competition. Final papers will be due on January 28, 2018, in order to be considered for the competition. Inquiries should be directed to Valentina Rita Scotti, Chair of the Affiliates Advisory Group of the YCC, at vscoffi@ku.edu.tr.

Acknowledgements and Questions

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