

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

Sixth Annual International Junior Faculty Forum

Call for Papers

Stanford Law School and Harvard Law School in 2008 established an International Junior Faculty Forum. Its purpose is to stimulate the exchange of ideas and research, among younger scholars in the academy, from all parts of the world. We live today in a global community— in particular, a global legal community— and we would like to foster legal scholarship on a transnational basis. Scholars in different countries are often divided by barriers of time and space and also by barriers of different legal traditions and cultures. We hope that the Forum will be a step in the direction of surmounting these barriers. The papers at the 2012 forum were on a very wide range of subjects, from plant relocations and property rights in China, to how dispossessed farm workers in Zimbabwe struggle for a livelihood, to a treatment of migration law and the concept of state territoriality. The authors of these papers came from many countries, as did the senior scholars who chose the papers and commented on them. A wide range of views, techniques, and methodologies were represented.

The sponsors, Harvard and Stanford Law Schools, are pleased to announce plans for the sixth international forum. It will be held in Fall 2013, either in late September or early October (the exact date has not yet been fixed). It will take place at Harvard Law School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In order to be considered for the 2013 International Junior Faculty Forum, authors must meet the following criteria:

- Citizen of a country **other** than the United States
- Home academic institution is **outside** of the United States
- Have held a faculty position or the equivalent, including positions comparable to junior faculty positions in research institutions, for **less than seven years** as of 2013; and
- Last degree earned less than ten years before 2013

Papers may be on any legally relevant subject. We particularly welcome work that is interdisciplinary. The papers can make use of any relevant approach: they can be quantitative or qualitative, sociological, anthropological, historical, or economic. The sponsoring schools would like to emphasize that they welcome papers from junior scholars from all parts of the world. No country or group of countries has a monopoly of talent. Please note, however, that already published papers will not be eligible for consideration.

The first step is to submit an abstract of the proposed paper. We would like these to be no more than four (4) pages long; and to be in English. Tell us what you plan to do, lay out the

major argument of the paper, say something about the methodology and what you think the paper's contribution will be to scholarship. The due date for the abstracts is January 25, 2013, although earlier submissions are welcome. Please submit the abstract electronically to both schools—at Harvard, to Juliet Bowler, jbowler@law.harvard.edu; and at Stanford to Lisa Woodcock, lwoodcock@law.stanford.edu, with the subject line, International Junior Faculty Forum. The abstract should contain the author's name, home institution, and the title of the proposed paper. Please also send a current CV.

After the abstracts have been reviewed, in February we will invite a number of junior scholars to submit full papers of no more than 15,000 words, electronically, in English, by May 31, 2013. Please include a word count for final papers. There is no fixed number of papers to be invited, but in the past years, about 50 invitations have been issued, from among hundreds of abstracts.

An international committee of legal scholars, who themselves represent many different countries, and many different styles and approaches, will review the papers. In the end, about ten of the papers will be chosen for full presentation at the conference. At the conference itself, two senior scholars will comment on each paper. After the remarks of the commentators, all of the participants, junior and senior alike, will have a chance to join in the discussion. One of the most valuable—and enjoyable—aspects of the Forum, in the opinion of many participants, has been the chance to meet junior and senior scholars, and to talk about your work and theirs.

The sponsoring schools will cover expenses of travel, including airfare, lodging, and food, for each participant. Questions should be directed to Juliet Bowler (jbowler@law.harvard.edu) or Lisa Woodcock (lwoodcock@law.stanford.edu).

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