

CALL FOR PAPERS
AALS Sections on Comparative and African Law
Works-in-Progress Program: Understudied Comparative Law

AALS Annual Meeting, January 3, 2015

Washington DC

After a successful and lively session featuring new scholarship in the Section on Comparative Law works-in-progress program for the first time last year, the Section on Comparative Law — this time, jointly with the Section on African Law—is pleased to announce a **Call for Papers** for a second **Works-in-Progress Program in Comparative and African Law** from 10:30am to 12:15pm on **Saturday, January 3rd** at the AALS 2015 Annual Meeting in Washington DC.

A central aim of this program will be to bring together junior and senior comparative law scholars for a lively discussion of the junior scholars' works-in-progress. Junior comparatists and African law scholars, based on our call for papers, are encouraged to submit papers that are substantially complete (many may have been submitted in the summer/fall 2014 law review submission cycle). After the selected junior scholars briefly present their papers, senior comparative law scholars will provide oral comments and critiques on the papers, to which the junior scholars will have an opportunity to respond and the audience will have a chance to join in discussion of the paper. Confirmed senior scholars include Professor Duncan Kennedy of Harvard Law School and Professor Teemu Ruskola from Emory University School of Law. Continuing the trend of last year, this program presents an opportunity to participate in discussions of cutting-edge comparative law scholarship by recently joined members of the academy.

This year's theme is **Understudied Comparative Law**—aiming to attract papers that address subjects and methodologies in comparative and African law that move beyond, critique, or engage traditional categories, however defined, in new ways. We will limit our selection to no more than four papers to allow junior participants to receive substantive feedback from senior commentators and to enable the members of this joint section meeting to engage in substantive discussion of comparative law methodologies. While all are welcome to submit papers, scholars writing on African law, Chinese law, Islamic law, South or East Asian law—or methodologies for these and other understudied comparative law areas—are especially encouraged to submit papers.

Form and length of submission

Eligible faculty members are invited to submit manuscripts dealing with any aspect of the foregoing topics. Draft papers should be comprehensive enough to allow the committee to meaningfully evaluate the aims and likely content of papers they propose.

Untenured faculty members are particularly encouraged to submit manuscripts. Papers may be accepted for publication but must not be published prior to the Annual Meeting.

Deadline and submission method

To be considered, papers must be submitted electronically to **Intisar Rabb**, Chair, Section on Comparative Law, irabb@law.harvard.edu; and **Susan Hascall**, Chair, Section on African Law, hascalls@duq.edu by **November 1, 2015**.

Papers will be selected after review by officers of the Sections on Comparative and African Law. The authors of the selected papers will be notified by **November 15, 2015**.

Eligibility

Full-time faculty members of AALS member law schools are eligible to submit papers. The following are ineligible to submit: foreign, visiting (without a full-time position at an AALS member law school) and adjunct faculty members, graduate students, fellows, non-law school faculty, and faculty at fee-paid non-member schools. Papers co-authored with a person ineligible to submit on their own may be submitted by the eligible co-author. Call for Papers participants will be responsible for paying their annual meeting registration fee and travel expenses.

Please forward this Call for Papers to any eligible faculty who might be interested.

For questions, please contact:

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