

Call for Papers

AALS Joint Program of the Section on State and Local Government Law & the Section on Comparative Law

Comparative Urban Governance

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The Section on State and Local Government Law and the Section on Comparative Law are pleased to announce a Call for Papers for their Joint Program on Saturday January 4 from 2:00 to 3:45 PM at the AALS 2014 Annual Meeting in New York, New York.

The topic of the program and call for papers is: “Comparative Urban Governance.” International law and global governance regimes are increasingly shaping the legal framework within which U.S. cities, states and metropolitan regions are operating. International institutions such as the World Bank are likewise influencing the governance approach of cities in developed countries in an effort to attract foreign investment and to make those cities more equitable, efficient, and sustainable. At the same time, scholars and local policymakers in every part of the world are looking abroad for new ideas, best practices and models to approach urban governance in light of changing fiscal realities and the variety of challenges that accompany increasing rates of urbanization across the world. *Comparative studies of urban governance regimes and policy innovations are important tools in shaping local and regional responses to urban growth, development and sustainability.*

The Joint Program will include two panels. The first panel will concern itself with the different legal regimes from which cities derive their power and explore whether international law and institutions add a new layer of governance. How does and should international and comparative law address cities, regions or sub-national governments as new emerging actors in this field? What are the methods and the problems that lawyers should use in their urban governance comparison across jurisdictions?

The second panel will focus on how scholars and policymakers engage in cross-national comparisons to assess different urban governance and planning models. What is the relevance of comparative law in determining what type of economic development agenda is more suitable to a specific geographic environment? How can interdisciplinary tools be utilized to establish some entry points for cross national comparisons? How can learning from other countries’ experiences enrich our understanding of what cities can or should not do?

Form and length of submission

Eligible faculty members are invited to submit manuscripts or abstracts dealing with any aspect of the foregoing topics. Abstracts 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 or abstracts.

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 Sheila R. Foster, Chair, Section on State and Local Government, sfoster@law.fordham.edu and Fernanda G. Nicola, Chair, Section on Comparative Law, fnicola@wcl.american.edu

The deadline for submission is **September 3, 2013**.

Papers will be selected after review by officers of both the Section on State and Local Government Law and the Section on Comparative Law.

The authors of the selected papers will be notified by **September 30, 2013**.

The Call for Paper participants will be responsible for paying their annual meeting registration fee and travel expenses.

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.

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