

Call for Papers – Deadline October 25th, 2019

The Sex, Work, Law and Society Collaborative Research Network (CRN#6) seeks submissions for the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

Denver, Colorado: May 28 – May 31, 2020

The **Sex, Work, Law and Society Collaborative Research Network** would like to invite you to participate in panels and other sessions at the Law and Society Conference in Denver, Colorado. This CRN seeks to broaden the conversation on sex work by bridging it with considerations of issues relating to sex in labour contexts, bringing together socio-legal scholars and experts to examine the intersections of sex, work and law. For more information about our CRN, please visit <http://www.lawandsociety.org/crn.html#6>. Information about the Law and Society meeting is available at <http://www.lawandsociety.org>

The theme of the 2019 meeting is **Rule and Resistance**. We interpret the meeting theme as an opportunity to explore issues such as: the development and enforcement of ‘rules’ regarding labour conditions and labour rights as well as resistance to the arbitrary development of and imposition of such regulations; ‘rules’ as both effecting barriers and delineating routes to accessing to justice and equality; how ‘rules’ both create civic inclusion and exclusion; how informal principles can affect the substance and composition of sex workers’ rights movements and other social justice mechanisms; and how rules, standards and resistance are (re)presented in discourse (public, academic, and policy realms) related to sex work. Sessions and papers critically examining *who* rules in political, legal, and social sectors and how this impacts sex markets and the experiences of, opportunities for, and threats to, sex workers, as well as forms of resistance, are invited. Finally, the theme of rule and resistance offers the opportunity to consider structures and flows of power and privilege in academia, activism, sex work, and broader socio-legal settings, and interrogate the subtle but important ways that norms, mores, tradition, and conventions reinforce rules, foment resistance, or both.

The theme of meeting could also be interpreted to include discussion on who has access to rule-making, the politicization of such processes and how to use politicized processes to effect or resist change. We encourage participants to consider the social construction of ‘rules’ on intersectional lines and to take care to consider who resists rule-making, who engages in rule-breaking, and on what basis they do so. We ask participants to consider forms of resistance, particularly in the current political context, and strategies of resistance that can be taken up to fight oppression, but to also examine those which sustain such inequality.

We invite scholarly presentations relating to the overall conference theme, and our CRN’s aims and scope. We encourage full panel session proposals as well as individual papers. If you have any questions or would like to explore participation options, please contact us directly.

When submitting abstracts, please note that your **primary key words should be ‘Sex, Work, Law and Society’; secondary key words should come from the following list:**

Access to Justice
Citizenship, Migration, and Refugee Studies
Class and Inequality
Economic and Social Rights
Economy, Business and Society
Gender and Sexuality
Labor and Employment
Policing, Law Enforcement

Race and Ethnicity
Race, Critical Race Research
Regulation, Reform, and Governance
Rights and Identities
Social Movements, Social Issues, and Legal
Mobilization
Social Networks, Personal Relationships

Law and Society requires a **100-250**-word abstract for paper presentations, and panel (salon) sessions, **100-200** word abstract for roundtable presentation to be submitted for conference presentation vetting. The deadline for submission to this CRN is **OCTOBER 25TH 5PM EST OR 10PM BST.**

All proposals for paper presentations, panel (salon) sessions, roundtable discussions will be accepted through LSA's automated submission system. You can find more details about the conference generally and the automated submission system here <https://www.lsadenver2020.org/>. **When creating your submission, please be sure to select CRN 6 from the dropdown menu in order to be aligned with Sex, Work, Law and Society sessions.**

If you wish to publicize your book through CRN 6 Author Meets Reader sessions, please submit the following to Menaka Raguparan at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org

- The book title and author's name;
- Names of minimum of three and a maximum of five Readers (persons who will be attending and are able to commit to the role);
- An abstract of 100-200 word (850 characters), which summarizes the significance of the book for the sociolegal community. The description must include the name of the publisher and the date of publication. Please also indicate here if you prefer to present in a Salon format;
- Keyword selection(s).

You do not have to be a member of LSA or any of the co-sponsoring organizations to participate in the meeting generally.

Please email us at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to hosting you in Denver, Colorado.

Best Wishes,

Your CRN#6 Coordinators (Dr. Menaka Raguparan, Dr. Raven Bowen, Dr. Tamara O'Doherty and Dr. Kate Korgan)