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Workshop on “Issues in Public Law in South Asia”

Call for Papers

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Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School*

10-12 June 2022

The Workshop

The organisers are pleased to announce a workshop on “**Issues in Public Law in South Asia**”. Geographical gaps in the field of public law scholarship from around the world have long been recognised by comparativists. The aim of this workshop is to encourage and provide a forum for scholarship on South Asia as an area of neglect and understudy. We invite papers addressing any area of public law (broadly defined to include, but not limited to, constitutional law, administrative law and human rights law) from legal and non-legal scholars. We also welcome submissions from scholars who routinely write outside the area of public law, and where the submission implicates an area of public law (for example, a paper on public international law, corporate law, private law, civil procedure, criminal law, legal history that is connected to public law). We particularly invite submissions from doctoral and postdoctoral students and early career scholars.

The organisers are Farrah Ahmed (Melbourne Law School), Rehan Abeyratne (CUHK Law), Surabhi Chopra (CUHK Law), Swati Jhaveri (DPhil Candidate in Law, Oxford), Tarunabh Khaitan (Oxford Law), Mara Malagodi (CUHK Law), Kate O’Regan (Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, University of Oxford) and Dinesha Samararatne (University of Colombo).

Format of the Workshop

The organisers have scheduled the workshop for 10-12 June 2022 in the hope that it will be possible for us to physically convene. In the event that this is possible, the workshop will be hosted by the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford. The organisers will provide funding to cover travel costs to the UK and can also provide some funding towards accommodation and ground transport within the UK if financial need can be demonstrated and subject to the availability of funding. Participants will need to fulfil any visa and health insurance requirements on their own, although (subject to our budget) a subsidy towards these additional costs may be available if financial need can be demonstrated. The organisers will explore other formats or alternative dates for the workshop should a physical event not be possible in June 2022. Final reimbursement of any costs is subject to the submission of a full draft of the paper prior to the workshop.

The organisers will circulate specific details to selected participants closer to the time. Briefly, selected participants will be expected to read all selected papers prior to the workshop. Discussions on papers will be led by discussants / commentators and not authors, with a view to facilitating a thorough discussion on papers. Selected participants will also be expected to attend all sessions and participate in discussions on all papers.

Submission Information

To apply please submit the following:

- CV (no more than 2 pages)
- A paper proposal (of no more than 1000 words) clearly outlining your hypothesis, research questions and structure of arguments (focussed, clearly written, original and feasible proposals will be preferred)
- A list of relevant bibliographical references (no more than 1 page)

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to develop their proposal into an early draft (of around 4000-5000 words) of the proposed paper. The final selection will be made on the basis of this draft.

Timeline:

- Submission of proposal – 30 July 2021
- Notification of whether a candidate has been shortlisted – 31 August 2021
- Submission of early draft by shortlisted candidates – 30 November 2021
- Submission of full draft paper – 1 May 2022

Please email your applications to the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford at bonavero-events@law.ox.ac.uk by **30 July 2021**.