Professor Sheila Jasanoff will be visiting the University of Melbourne during May 2016 as a Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow. She is a leading scholar working across disciplines including law, science and politics, at the intersection of science and policymaking, and is the Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, and the Director of the Program on Science, Technology and Society at the Harvard Kennedy School.

As part of her visit, Professor Jasanoff has kindly agreed to host a PhD roundtable. This will take the form of a few PhD students presenting their work-in-progress and receiving comment and feedback, with a limited number of PhD candidates and Early Career Researchers also in attendance as observers. The work presented may be a thesis chapter, an article being prepared for publication, or similar.

We are calling for applications from PhD students whose work may benefit from this opportunity. Students from any faculty are welcome to apply. The roundtable may be of particular interest to those doing PhD’s in law, politics, science policy, biomedical research and ethics, climate, public policy and geography amongst others.

Your expression of interest should be no more than half a page long, and include:

1. your PhD topic and key research question,
2. an indication of how long you have been enrolled,
3. the area of your research you will want to have considered in this roundtable, and
4. comment on why it would benefit from Prof. Jasanoff’s attention.

If you are interested in attending only as an observer, your application should only include your thesis research topic and key question, and an indication of how long you have been enrolled.

The roundtable will take place on 20th May. Please submit your expression of interest using this link by 18th April 2016. We will be in touch with you shortly after that date to let you know if we are able to offer you a place. Earlier applications would be appreciated and will be considered when they arrive.

Faculty members interested in attending as an observer should email Jeremy Baskin on jbaskin@unimelb.edu.au.

While Professor Jasanoff is here, she will also conduct a series of Masterclasses, an introductory lecture and a large public lecture on 18 May. As they become available, details will be posted on the website of the Institute for International Law and the Humanities website here.

Professor Jasanoff’s visit is being organised jointly by Peter Christoff (Faculty of Science) and Sundhya Pahuja (Melbourne Law School), in collaboration with Jeremy Baskin (Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute), Robyn Eckersley (Faculty of Arts) and James Parker (Melbourne Law School).