



## ***Post Graduate Conference*** ***4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018***

The School of Law, Queen's University Belfast

Every year the SLSA runs a conference for post graduate students which is led by well know senior socio-legal academics with an established research record and understanding of the University sector. This year The School of Law, Queen's University Belfast, is hosting the conference. It is open to both members and non-members of the SLSA, and is FREE.

The conference is primarily aimed at PhD students registered at UK institutions. The conference will be run principally through small group workshops.

The conference is very informal, and one of its main aims is to encourage networking between postgraduate research students with an interest in socio-legal studies. There will be plenty of opportunities for discussions with other postgraduates, as well as with the facilitators. Everyone attending will be invited to submit a short synopsis of their research interests. These will be distributed to all students attending the conference, so as to facilitate the networking process.

The topics covered in the conference workshops will include:

- Giving a conference paper
- Getting published
- Managing your supervisor
- Getting through your viva
- Academic job-hunting
- Presenting your work
- Career trajectories

Only students who have not attended a postgraduate conference in the past are eligible for a place. There is a limit of 5 students from any one institution.

### **Practical details**

Note: Precise times may be subject to minor changes.

***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January***

Registration 1 – 1.30 pm  
Close of sessions: 5.30 – 6.00pm  
Dinner: 7 - 10pm

***Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January***

Start: 9.30 am  
Finish: 1pm

- Eligibility:*** The conference is open to postgraduate research students from the UK and beyond. Students who have attended a postgraduate conference in the past are not eligible for a place. There is a limit of 5 students from any one institution.
- Registration*** If you would like to attend please contact us at [admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk) for instruction on paying the deposit and providing us with the details we require. Please tell us at this stage if you want a single occupancy room.
- Places at the conference are allocated on a first come first served. The deadline for reservations is the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017.**
- Deposit*** The conference is free but, to prevent non-attendance, we require the payment of a £45 deposit. Monies can be transferred via a direct bank transfer. This will be refunded following the conference.
- Accommodation:*** Conference sessions will take place at the *The School of Law, Queen's University Belfast*. Accommodation will be in a hotel within walking distance. Accommodation will be in *shared (single-sex) rooms* with en-suite facilities. If you would prefer a single room we ask you to pay the difference between single and double occupancy (approx. £45). **Note:** in order to take advantage of the offer of free accommodation students **MUST** stay in the accommodation booked by the conference organisers.
- Travel:*** **Students are asked to pay for their own travel.** Flights are available to Belfast City Airport, Belfast International Airport and Dublin Airport. A Coach from Dublin to Belfast is approx. £20 rtn. Public transport from the City and International airports is, respectively, £3 each way and £10 rtn (approx.) £ around £10 and £25 in a taxi (Value Cabs, Fona Cabs and Uber). In good traffic, the International and the City airports are around 50mins and 15-20mins drive from QUB. As someone who lives in Belfast, I prefer to use the City Airport to the tune of a £40-50 difference in airfare.
- Conference dinner*** There will be a dinner for all attendees on the Thursday evening which is paid for by the SLSA. We will try to accommodate special dietary requirements – but please make sure you tell us of these when you register.
- Cancellations*** As places are limited, we would like to know as soon as possible if anyone who has registered is unable to attend. Deposits will only be returned if notification is given by 16th December 2017 or we can find someone else to take your room.
- Questions?*** Please contact [admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk)