



Commission
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Young Scholar Best Paper Award

Background

In 2015, the Commission on Legal Pluralism decided to introduce a 'Young Scholar Award' for the best paper presented during the biennial conference, with a view to draw more attention to this field of study and academic research.

Eligible candidates

The award is conceived as an incentive award for young researchers, and the nominations are limited to 'young scholars', i.e. scholars who obtained their PhD (or any other degree where relevant) no longer than *five* years before the starting date of the conference.

The prize is awarded every two years and consists of a present and publication of the winning paper in the peer-reviewed, international Journal of Legal Pluralism.

Criteria

To qualify for the best paper award, submissions have to fulfil the following requirements:

- Papers should be original work, not published earlier; papers by more than one author are accepted, on the condition that all authors fulfil the requirements;
- Papers should be accepted and presented at the Syracuse conference;
- Papers should be full papers, well-written (in English), clearly structured, argued and referenced;
- Papers should clearly address theoretical issues concerning legal pluralism, either as a fully theoretical paper or as a case study-based paper linking insights from the case study to theory of legal pluralism.

Procedure

The deadline for submission of the final papers is 15 June, 2017. Nominations for this award should be submitted personally by the author(s) of the paper. If you intend to participate, send the final version of your paper to Dik Roth (dik.roth@wur.nl), adding a cover letter stating that you wish to participate and that author(s) and paper fulfil the general requirements.

Jury

All manuscripts will be evaluated and the prize winners selected by an international jury that will be composed of the following members of the Executive Body of the Commission on Legal Pluralism:

- Prof. Gordon Woodman, Emeritus Professor of Law, Birmingham University;
- Dr. Waheeda Amien, Associate professor, University of Cape Town;
- Dr. Dik Roth, Associate Professor, Wageningen University; Editor in Chief, Journal of Legal Pluralism

Presentation

The Young Scholar Award 2017 will be presented at the General Assembly of the biennial conference of the Commission on Legal Pluralism in Syracuse, from 9 to 11 August 2017. More details will be announced later.

Additional information

For more information please contact Dik.Roth@wur.nl
