

Law in Transition

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The upcoming XXIst Annual Forum of the Association of Young Legal Historians aims at a comprehensive discussion of law in transition. A wide variety of transitions of historical significance can be explored: political, economic, social, cultural, and more. “Law”—legal symbols, discourses, players, institutions, theories, and texts—has played a significant role in historical transitions, and legal historians have been crucial in exploring its multiple and contradictory effects. The stakes are not just historical, but current: these studies encourage transitions in the way law itself is conceived, theorised, and researched.

We invite young legal historians to present papers dealing with any aspect of law in transition. (Proposals on other topics will also be considered.) Papers can explore specific events or periods in a particular region or state, or provide a comparative analysis of different periods or multiple locations. Papers can

focus on local questions or deal with transnational legal justice. We welcome papers combining legal transitions with political, economic, social, and cultural ones. Methodological reflections are also welcome: Have legal transitions been “top-down” or “bottom-up”? What have been the legal sources of transition? What are the relationships between legal and non-legal histories of transition? What conceptions of law, its forms of operation, its effects, and its significance inform the analysis of transition?

The conference’s discussion formats will vary to include panels of 3-4 independent papers, roundtables, panels dedicated to a specific book (including author-meets-readers if authors can attend), and panels dedicated to a canonical article. The organising committee encourages the submission of proposals for all of these formats, and will also welcome new and exploratory formats.



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Presentations may be given in any major language, but English-language presentations are likely to receive the widest audience.

The deadline for proposals is **1 November 2014**; please email Forum2015@aylh.org. Decisions will be made quickly.

- Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of up to 350 words and a short c.v.
- Proposals for full panels should include, in addition to individual paper proposals, an abstract introducing the theme of the panel.
- Proposals for roundtables should include an introduction of theme, abstracts of presenters' intended comments (up to 100 words for each presenter), and a short c.v. for each participant.
- Proposals for panels discussing a single book or article should include a full citation of the book or article, an explanation of its significance, abstracts of the papers, and a short c.v. for each participant.

The conference fee will be ILS 450 (approximately 95 Euro). The program will include social events and tours.

Discounted conference fees and accommodation at a nominal charge will be available for participants with no institutional funding. Applicants requesting such support should explain their request in a document accompanying their submission.

Further information about the Association of Young Legal Historians and past Annual Forums can be found at www.aylh.org. Please direct any questions about the conference to Forum2015@aylh.org.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tel Aviv.

The Organising Committee

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