Call for abstracts:

UNSW International Law Junior Scholar Workshop

Abstract submissions are invited from eligible researchers for the inaugural UNSW International Law Junior Scholar Workshop, to be held in person (without any hybrid or online component) at the UNSW Faculty of Law & Justice on Friday 24 November 2023.

Eligibility and process

This workshop is open to Level A-C academics, untenured academics, postgraduate or higher degree research students, post-doctoral scholars, and independent scholars working on international, global, or transnational law, broadly understood, including scholars working on these whose primary field is not law (historians, political scientists, etc.). We are especially interested in submissions from members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the academy (which may include, but is not limited to, groups underrepresented by reference to gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, race, disability, first-generation in higher education, Indigeneity, or combinations of the foregoing). We also welcome submissions from those working at regional and teaching-intensive institutions.

Based on anonymous evaluation by a selection committee, up to eight papers will be chosen for presentation at the Workshop, at which a senior scholar will comment on each paper. Commentators and other Workshop participants will be asked to highlight strengths and weaknesses of the selected scholarly projects with a view to guiding them towards publication. The selected papers will then serve as the basis for a larger conversation among all the participants that may include discussion of the state of the international, global, or transnational law field and emerging trends in international, global, or transnational law scholarship.

Although the aim of the Workshop is to assist participants to work towards publication, there is no publication commitment associated with Workshop selection. In view of this aim, only papers that are true works in progress or drafts that are still open to revision will be considered; articles or chapters that are already in page proofs or are otherwise unable to be revised by the time of the Workshop are ineligible.

Likewise, draft theses in preparation for doctoral or masters examination -- as distinct from stand-alone works intended for publication that may be derived from doctoral or masters work -- will not be considered.

Submission instructions and dates

Applications should include a 500-800 word abstract of the paper (including any footnotes or endnotes), plus an optional 1-page bibliography. Applications are due by 16 June 2023. The application is intended to be a summary of existing, ongoing work rather than a proposal for new or planned work that has not been commenced.

If your application advances to the final stage of consideration, you will be advised of this by 30 June 2023 and asked to submit a full paper by 16 October 2023 that does not exceed the word-limit typical for publication outlets in the jurisdiction and field where publication is likely to be sought, and in any event is no longer than 15,000 words (including footnotes or endnotes). Please do not apply if you will not have a full paper by this date.

Applications (in Microsoft Word—no pdf files, please) should be sent by e-mail to: ilpg@unsw.edu.au. Please be sure to include your name, institutional affiliation (if any), and phone and email contact information in your covering email, not in the paper itself. If you wish, please also provide any information about ways that a relevant aspect of your identity has been traditionally underrepresented in the academy, as per above. For more information, please send an email inquiry to ilpg@unsw.edu.au.

Travel and accommodation arrangements and expenses

Workshop participants are expected to cover their own costs of travel and accommodation and make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. However, up to AUD$500 (domestic) or AUD$1,200 (international) may be made available by way of reimbursement to help defray these costs for selected participants that indicate, at the time of submission of the application, that they are unable to access financial support from any other source.