

CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Law and Religion 2012 Symposium “Emerging Voices in Islamic Jurisprudence”

Sept. 27-29, 2012

The JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION is issuing a call for papers for its 2012 Symposium, entitled “Emerging Voices in Islamic Jurisprudence,” to be held Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 27-29, 2012, at Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Political upheaval in the Middle East and elsewhere, most notably the Arab Spring of 2011, has been accompanied by the renewal and flourishing of Islamic jurisprudence around the world, including in the West.

Borrowing from the deepest roots of their tradition, emerging Muslim legal scholars in the legal and religious academies, human rights activists, and community leaders are re-thinking how an authentically Islamic jurisprudence can respond to local, national and global community issues of the twenty-first century. This will also be an opportunity to create an ongoing community of conversation among Western scholars about Islamic jurisprudence.

In addition to planning panels, the JOURNAL will hold a number of simultaneous workshops, allowing emerging scholars to present their work or works in progress. Plenary panel topics will include Islamic Legal Theory; Feminism, Gender, Islam and Law; Islamic Understandings of International Law and Human Rights; Interdisciplinary Approaches; and Comparative Law. All speakers who are chosen to present at the conference will be invited, but not required, to submit their papers for review and possible publication in the JOURNAL. Authors who cannot attend or cannot be slotted for workshops because of conference time limitations are likewise encouraged to submit their work for review and possible publication in the JOURNAL. Please see the JOURNAL website at <http://law.hamline.edu/jlr/submissions.html>

Those who are interested should submit abstracts of their proposed papers by January 15, 2012 to Linda Berglin, lberglin@hamline.edu. The abstracts should include the author’s name, institutional affiliation if any, contact information including telephone and e-mail, and a description of 2-3 paragraphs about their proposed paper and how it might further the goals of the Symposium. Authors may also submit relevant biographical information if they deem it helpful. The JOURNAL’s travel budget to support this symposium is extremely limited, but authors are welcome to describe their need for travel expenses in their applications if that is critical to their attendance.

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