

## **Society of Legal Scholars**

### **ANNUAL SEMINAR SERIES 2011**

### **INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS**

**DEADLINE: Friday 23 April 2010**

The commitment of the Society of Legal Scholars to supporting legal research and scholarship includes the prestigious SLS Annual Seminar Series. The Society proposes to make up to £10,000 available to fund such an annual symposium in the calendar year 2011. Typically this should be a two-day event and involve distinguished international speakers. It is anticipated that the Seminar will involve a maximum of some 60 participants, of whom approx. 40 should be by invitation only along with about 20 open places.

Proposals are now sought for the 2011 Seminar. Proposals should be sent by e-mail, with a hard copy by post, to the Hon Secretary, Professor Stephen Bailey: [stephen.bailey@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.bailey@nottingham.ac.uk); School of Law, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD, to arrive by Friday 23 April 2010. The Society's Research Committee will adjudicate on proposals.

In reaching its decision, the Research Committee will apply the following criteria:

- (i) The SLS Seminar Series is intended as one of the flagship events of the Society, reflecting its status as a learned society;
- (ii) The proposed event should concern an important area of legal research and scholarship;
- (iii) The proposed event should involve prestigious speakers and contributors drawn from the ranks of academia, the judiciary, the professions and policy makers as appropriate;
- (iv) The proposed event should be principally by invitation only, to members of the Society and non-members who can make a significant contribution to the Seminar (but see above also);
- (v) The proposed event should lead to a top quality publication.

Applications for the Seminar Series should therefore address each of the points above. Applications should also set out:

- (vi) Who the proposed participants are and how many have accepted in principle;
- (vii) The proposed venue;
- (viii) The proposed budget including itemised costs (and whether it is proposed to charge participants and, if so, how much);
- (ix) Whether (and if so which) other sources of financial support are being sought;
- (x) Whether it is proposed to run the finances for the event through the host institution or through the Society's accounts.
- (xi) Who will take responsibility for organising the conference and what support will be provided by the host institution;
- (xii) What steps have been taken with a view to securing publication.

The Seminar should be clearly badged as (e g) the Society of Legal Scholars Seminar 2011. The Society's facilities are available for publicising the event. In the event of the Seminar running at a profit, the Society would expect to receive a share of the surplus (not exceeding its original contribution) to be reinvested in further such events.

To date the seminars have usually been November events, but this timing is not a requirement. It must take place during the calendar year 2011. Obviously, regard must be had to other conference periods.

Please also note that the Society also provides more modest support to other academic seminars through the allowance made available to Subject Section Convenors to support meetings.

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