Changing Dimensions of Rule of Law: From Theory to Practice

"Often we mistake stability, in terms of security and economic activity, to mean a country is doing well. We forget the third and important pillar: *rule of law and respect for human rights*." Kofi Annan

This quote inspires us to ponder over the role and increasing significance of rule of law in this present world. The 19th century concept of rule of law by AV Dicey has always been dynamic, expanding its horizons beyond public law. Rule of law has not only made the domestic governments accountable under law with just laws, responsible governance, and access to just, fair and impartial justice, it has also influenced, enriched and broadened the scope of several other branches of law including public international law, environmental law, human rights, humanitarian law, criminal law, economic law, private law to name a few.

The technological advancements, digital transformations, climate change driven environmental challenges, universalisation of human rights and consequent expansions of legal frameworks has necessitated re-thinking, re-conceiving and re-conceptualisation of the hitherto understanding of rule of law. This vibrant and transitional character of rule of law has raised several questions, calling for intellectually challenging debates in scholarship to match its evolving nature.

We therefore welcome contributions to SOAS Law PhD Colloquium 2020 covering a range of issues, including (**but are certainly not limited to**):

- Scope, rationale and understanding of rule of law in 21st century.
- Pillars of rule of law.
- Internationalisation of rule of law.
- Religion, gender and rule of law.

Call for Submissions

The School of Law, SOAS University of London is delighted to announce its ***12th Postgraduate Law Colloquium 2020*** to be held at SOAS University of London on **10 June 2020**. The Focus of this edition of Colloquium is **"Changing Dimensions of Rule of Law: From Theory to Practice'**. This one-day Colloquium aims to bring together PhD scholars to share their ideas, experience and present their work in a stimulating environment. Participants could enrich their research through the feedback and comments from scholarly experts in the field. Participants should be registered on a University Research Masters or PhD programme (or other research degree) but need not be based in a law school.

The Committee welcomes abstracts from students addressing the broader theme of Rule of Law. This Colloquium is open to all PhD students irrespective of the stage of research, dissertation or topic.

Application Procedure

Please send abstracts not longer than **500 words** to soaslawphdcolloquium@gmail.com by Thursday **20 February 2020**. Submissions sent should be accompanied by a short CV no more than two pages on key research achievements to date (conference presentation, funding, publications etc).

We aim to notify successful applicants in the second week of March 2020. Selected participants will be required to provide a summary of the argument they wish to present at the colloquium (no more than 2000 words) by **20 May 2020** to give the discussants time to prepare.

Funding

Registration is free and lunch will be provided. Participants are expected to cover travel and accommodation expenses. We *may* be able to provide some *limited* travel grants for participants from the UK and Europe who would not otherwise be able to attend. If your paper is selected, please advice the organisers of your need for financial assistance by email. The final decision on travel grants, however, is subject to discretion of the organising committee.

Venue

The Colloquium will take place at Alumni Lecture Theatre, SOAS University of London on **10th June 2020**.

For any further enquire, please, send an email to one of the following addresses: soasphdcolloquium@gmail.com or Gayathri D. Naik 655800@soas.ac.uk