

## **ALT2020 - Call for Papers, Posters and Abstracts**

Stirling Law School is delighted to host the 2020 Association of Law Teachers' conference at the Stirling Court Hotel, in the grounds of Stirling University, on **Monday 6 April and Tuesday 7 April 2020**. The call for papers is now open, with the conference theme being 'Building Community'. We would be delighted if you could join us for what promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking conference. A full programme will be available [here](#).

The concept of 'Building Community' is deliberately broad. It can cover (for example) building communities within and between students; across disciplines; with colleagues; with legal practice; with different user groups or those with different personal and life experiences. Colleagues are encouraged to think creatively about what it might mean to them, and for their work.

The conference will include an informal drinks reception and buffet dinner on **Sunday 5 April 2020**. The Conference Dinner and Ceilidh will take place on the evening of Monday 6th April.

Book for the Association of Law Teachers' Annual Conference 2020: Early Bird, Standard Rate and Late Booking packages are available, but please note that all bookings for the Conference will close at **5:00pm on Wednesday 1st April 2020**.

Proposals are invited for papers and posters to be delivered at the Conference. In addition to the traditional paper presentations, the conference organisers invite papers which focus on sharing our knowledge and experience and supporting those new to teaching law. We therefore welcome proposals for training-type sessions (broadly conceived) and papers from experienced law teachers to pass on tips and tricks.

### **Submission of Abstracts/Proposals:**

Please submit your abstract, session proposal or poster proposal by email to [ALT2020@stir.ac.uk](mailto:ALT2020@stir.ac.uk) by the submission deadline. The call for papers is open until **5:00pm on Friday 7th February 2020**. All submissions will be peer reviewed and decisions will be made and communicated no later than **Friday 14th February 2020**.

A template for abstracts for papers will be available on the website. Please use it and please note in particular that abstracts should:

- Be no more than 250 words. Anything longer will be returned for editing.
- Have a title, followed on separate lines by the author(s) names/affiliations and three keywords (for example 'assessment', 'technology', 'reflection').
- Include a short description of the topic.
- Provide a summary of the argument and the literature upon which it draws.
- Outline the aims of the paper, an indication of how it reflects the conference theme and say what participants can hope to gain from it.
- State clearly at the bottom of the abstract if you do NOT wish your name, email and other contact details to be included in the delegate list.

### **Abstracts for panels should include:**

- An over-arching title
- Three separate papers which address the criteria outlined above.

We are aware that drafting conference abstracts can be daunting for those who haven't done it before. Anyone in that position should do their finest Four Tops impersonation and Reach Out to senior colleagues within their institution for assistance. And please tell us in your email if this is your first conference paper. We will find somebody nice to chair it...

We are particularly keen to receive proposals from those formerly in practice, or who have recently completed the PG Cert, HEA Fellowships or other training processes and wish to share their experiences or research findings.

**Poster proposals can be less detailed but must include:**

- The title of the poster
- A summary of the argument to be presented and the literature upon which it draws
- An indication of how it reflects the conference theme.
- State clearly at the bottom of the abstract if you do NOT wish your name, email and other contact details to be included in the delegate list.

Posters should be laminated and ideally produced at A2 size (42cm x 60cm). Smaller posters can be accommodated, but not bigger ones. Please let us know the size of your poster so we can organise sufficient poster boards, and please mail your posters to:

The ALT Hosts  
School of Law  
Pathfoot A63  
University of Stirling  
Stirling FK9 4LA

Posters must reach us no later than Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. **Posters received after this time may not be displayed.**

**Details regarding prizes are available on the website here:**

<https://altconference2020.wordpress.stir.ac.uk/prizes/>

**Stan Marsh Best Paper Prize/ Stan Marsh Best Poster Prize**

The Association of Law Teachers is delighted to announce that prizes will be available for the best paper and best poster presented at the conference. To be entered, please send abstracts for the conference proceedings in the usual manner, but write *'to be entered into the Stan Marsh Competition'* at the bottom. If your paper is accepted for the conference, you will need to submit your full paper **NO LATER THAN Monday 30th March 4pm.**

Posters will be judged by the panel during the conference and do not need to be sent in advance.

The judging panel for both the best paper and the best poster will consist of members of the ALT Committee and they will judge the entries based on the following criteria:



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| <p><b>For both poster and papers:</b></p>  | <p>A strong educational message or finding which is based on existing and/or developing legal education research, and which addresses the Conference Theme.</p> |
| <p><b>For papers only (as presented at the conference)</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement of audience;</li> <li>• Clarity of presentation</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>For posters only</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye-catching poster</li> <li>• Appropriate use of poster format</li> <li>• Clear coverage</li> </ul>                   |
| <p>The winners will be announced at Dinner on the Monday evening, so presentations by prize entrants will be scheduled for that day. The prize for the best paper is £250 and the prize for the best poster is £100.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Chris Gale Memorial Prize</b></p> <p>The ALT is honoured to award the joint Committee of Head of University Law Schools (CHULS) and ALT Chris Gale Memorial Prize for the third year. The prize will be awarded to the best joint paper presented at the conference and aims to celebrate values of collegiality, collaboration and support in legal education research.</p> <p>To be entered for the prize, please follow the instructions above, but write <i>'to be entered for the Chris Gale Memorial Prize'</i> at the bottom.</p> <p>If your paper abstract is accepted for the conference, you will need to submit your full paper <b>NO LATER THAN Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 4pm</b>. You can submit for both the Best Paper and the Chris Gale Memorial Prize.</p> <p>The judging panel will consist of members of the ALT Committee. It must be a co- or multi-authored paper, jointly presented, and entries will be judged on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• levels of engagement and clarity</li> <li>• the extent to which the paper conveys a strong educational message or findings based on existing and/or developing legal education research</li> <li>• its success in addressing the Conference Theme.</li> </ul> <p>The winners will be announced at Dinner on the Monday evening so, again, presentations by prize entrants will be scheduled for that day. The prize is £200.</p> |   |