



## **W G HART LEGAL WORKSHOP 2018**

### **Call for Workshop Proposals and the Nomination of Academic Directors in collaboration with the University of London Law Schools**

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is seeking proposals and Academic Directors for the 2018 W G Hart Legal Workshop from law schools across the UK.

#### **Workshop Terms of Reference**

The W G Hart Legal Workshops are directed towards the advancement of legal education at the academic stage. The Institute will particularly welcome proposals that continue the Workshop's long tradition of breaking new ground.

The Workshop is held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the end of June each year.

In selecting the topic to be covered in any given year regard will be had to the following factors which proposals should address:

- the existence of a new or developing academic literature, which might involve either a new approach to an existing topic or the emergence of a new topic area, and this may include interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary topics with legal dimensions ;
- the relevance of the topic to an audience extending beyond the strictly specialist;
- the opportunities provided for younger academic scholars to participate in the Workshop;
- financial circumstances, ie the particular value of providing Hart funding for a workshop on this topic;
- plans for subsequent publication.

The WG Hart Bequest provides a budget of £5,000 to use towards the running costs of the Workshop. In addition to this, the Institute covers the cost of venue hire, publicity and administrative support. Registration fees for the organisers and keynote speakers are usually waived and other speakers and panel chairpersons pay a concessionary registration fee.

#### **Academic Director(s)**

The Institute would welcome proposals and the nomination of Directors from across the UK and would encourage Early Career Academics, with a proven track record of conference organisation, to submit proposals and direct future Workshop. It is recommended that there be no fewer than two directors for the Workshop.

The W G Hart Bequest which supports the Workshop was made directly to the University of London and this requires that the lead Director, or co-lead, comes from one of the University of London Law Schools (Birkbeck, KCL, City, LSE, QMUL, RHUL, SOAS, UCL). Therefore, where nominees are from elsewhere, they will need to identify and recruit a member from one of the London Law Schools to co-direct the Workshop.

## Responsibilities of the Workshop Directors

The role of the Academic Director(s) is to design a detailed programme around the proposal approved by the Advisory Council of the Institute. In particular this will involve:

- drawing up an outline programme and call for papers, for circulation by the Institute;
- selecting and inviting speakers and drawing up the final programme, liaising as appropriate with the Institute concerning its financial implications, particularly with regard to the participation of (Workshop funded) overseas speakers;
- liaison with speakers concerning the submission of papers, and for ensuring their timely delivery to the Institute in advance of the Workshop;
- acting as editor(s) of the proceedings of the Workshop papers
- where appropriate, securing outside sponsorship for parts of the programme, such as an evening reception/dinner.

No remuneration is payable to the Academic Director(s) in respect of this work.

## Background

In 1966, with funds donated by the Ford Foundation, the Institute organised the first ever legal workshop to be held in the United Kingdom based on a concept pioneered a few years earlier by the Law School of New York University. These workshops, which address a different theme each year, have been held annually ever since. The Ford Foundation grant terminated in 1978, but fortunately in 1981 the Institute was able to secure alternative funding under the terms of the bequest of the residuary estate of Dr Walter Gray Hart to the University of London to be used “for the advancement of legal education”. Consequently, since 1981 the Workshop has been named the W G Hart Legal Workshop.

A list of previous topics addressed by the Workshop is available at [http://ials.sas.ac.uk/research/hart/wgh\\_legal\\_workshop\\_past\\_years.htm](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/research/hart/wgh_legal_workshop_past_years.htm)

## Submission of nomination and subject proposals

Please provide a proposal that includes

- The names of all the agreed Academic Director(s).
- Curriculum Vitae
- An abstract and rationale of the topic proposed.
- A list of potential topics for parallel sessions
- A list of the potential keynote speakers and their institutional affiliation

Proposals must reach IALS by **10 October 2016** and should be sent to:

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