



Call for Papers

The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Law Around the World

Conference Focus: GLBTIQ Rights in Latin America and The Caribbean

March 11-14, 2009

Los Angeles & West Hollywood, California

The Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy, at UCLA School of Law, and the **International Lesbian and Gay Law Association (ILGLaw)** will host “**The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Law Around the World**” in Los Angeles and West Hollywood, California, U.S.A., from March 11-14, 2009. The conference will focus on GLBTIQ Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We will be accepting presentation and panel proposals until **17h00 Pacific Standard Time (i.e., 1700 GMT - 8) on Monday, December 1, 2008**. In addition to doctrinal and theory-based approaches, we welcome proposals that focus on practical skills or strategies as well as contributions from the social sciences. Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- national or regional discussions of GLBTIQ legal developments on issues such as violence, criminalization of sexuality, couples recognition, parenting rights, transgender rights/gender identity and expression rights, employment discrimination, military policy, youth and education issues, etc.;
- comparative law or international human rights law analyses of these issues;
- legal, political, or social theories about how GLBTIQ rights are advanced;
- discussion of recent national and international court cases using arguments based on equality, dignity, liberty, etc.;
- the implementation and effectiveness of national anti-homophobia campaigns;
- strategies for addressing organized religions such that actively work against GLBTIQ rights;
- the Yogyakarta principles, the Brazil Resolution, The Inter-American Convention Against Racism and all Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, etc.;
- the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;
- regional efforts among LGBT groups in Mercosur countries;
- efforts to fight criminalization of sexual behavior and harassment in Caribbean;
- recognition of the rights of same-sex couples in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, etc.
- the migration of GLBTIQ people including inter-jurisdictional recognition of rights and relationships; and
- the impact of efforts to combat HIV/AIDS on GLBTIQ rights in Latin America.

Presentations focusing on issues in Spanish-speaking/Latin American countries are especially welcome. You may submit proposals on more than one topic. We hope to publish papers based on the presentations.

We hope that the conference will reflect the diversity of viewpoints and experiences regarding the legal rights of sexual minorities throughout the world. However, due to time constraints we are unlikely to accommodate all submissions. If your presentation is not selected, this should not be seen to signify anything about the proposal's quality or value.

Those interested in making a presentation should submit an abstract not later than **17h00 Pacific Standard Time (i.e., 1700 GMT - 8) on Monday, December 1, 2008**. Submissions by e-mail are encouraged. The criteria for selection will include:

- **originality** - the creation of new knowledge, ideas, analysis, solutions, or strategies;

- **quality** - soundness of analysis, appropriate use of methodologies, accuracy, and persuasiveness;
- **importance** - theoretical significance, practical usefulness, illumination of an interesting or difficult problem; and
- **scope** - consideration of a number of jurisdictions, potential impact upon the lives and work of many persons or jurisdictions.

Those interested in presenting at the conference should please submit the following for your presentation:

- the title;
- an abstract, outlining the presentation in not more than 250 words;
- the methods or data on which it will be based (e.g., practical experience; legal research); quantitative or qualitative research;
- your name and any institutional affiliations;
- your contact information;
- a short (1 paragraph) biography, for posting on the conference web site if selected
- (optional) a digital photo, for posting on the conference web site if selected
- any special presentation media needs (e.g., overhead projector, PowerPoint, video playback);
- for panels: please submit a panel description of no more than 250 words, and all of the information above for the moderator and panel participants.

Submission deadline Monday, December 1, 2008, 5:00 p.m. PST (17h00 GMT - 8). Acceptances will be made on a rolling basis and notifications will be sent by Monday, December 15, 2008.

Mailing List: If you do not wish to present at the conference but would like your name to be on the conference mailing list, please also send a message to this effect with the relevant contact information to conference@ilglaw.org

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