

## **Call For Papers**

### **Multidisciplinary Volume and Conference on "Law as Religion, Religion as Law"**

June 5-7, 2017, Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Announcement of a Call For Papers for a Multidisciplinary Volume and Conference on "Law as Religion, Religion as Law".

OVERVIEW: The conventional approach to the relationship between law and religion operates with the assumption that these are two discrete domains, which often clash with one another. This outlook animates public discourse about such basic topics and tropes as the freedom of religion and freedom from religion; religion and human rights; and the competing jurisdiction of civil and religious courts.

A dichotomous account, however, is not the only way to understand the intersection between law and religion. The "Law as Religion, Religion as Law" project

(<http://law.huji.ac.il/merkazim.asp?cat=12407&in=473>) will explore a different perspective that considers religion and law as two kinds of orientations or sensibilities; or two alternate ways of structuring reality. From this vantage point, religion and law share similar properties, and arguably have a more symbiotic relationship. Moreover, many legal systems exhibit religious characteristics, and most religions invoke legal categories or terminology. This suggestive blurring of categories is likewise worthy of further inquiry.

Scholars in multiple disciplines (including law, religious studies, philosophy, history, political science and other relevant fields) are invited to propose articles that explore "Law as Religion, Religion as Law," from a variety of methods and orientations. All accepted abstracts will be invited to write articles and present their research at an international conference that will be held at Jerusalem, Israel, on June 5-7, 2017. Following the conference, the article drafts will be sent for peer review, and if accepted, will be published in a designated volume (published with a leading academic press). We will also accept submissions of article drafts for consideration for publication in this volume from scholars who cannot attend the international conference in Jerusalem.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Abstracts of max. 300 words should be sent along with a CV to: [jewishlaw@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:jewishlaw@savion.huji.ac.il)

SIGNIFICANT DATES:

- Deadline for the submission of abstracts: October 26, 2016
- Responses will be made by: December 1, 2016
- Deadline for the article drafts for the international conference: April 19, 2017
- An international conference at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem: June 5-7, 2017
- Final submission of revised articles: August 2, 2017

The final articles should be of no longer than 15,000 words including footnotes.

Please note that limited funding may be available for international conference participants.

Best regards,

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