

Request for Proposals
International Research Collaboratives (IRC) 2011 and 2012
Deadline: July 16, 2010

Submit Proposals to: IRC2012@lawandsociety.org

Introduction

The next collaborative international law and society meeting will be held on June 4-8, 2012, in Honolulu, Hawai'i. At that time, the Law & Society Association will once again partner with the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law (RCSL), the Canadian Law and Society Association, the Japanese Association for the Sociology of Law, and the Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA) in an international meeting comparable to the previous meetings held in Amsterdam, Glasgow, Budapest, and Berlin. The 2012 meeting in Hawai'i will reach out to the Asia-Pacific region, while still retaining the broader international character of the prior meetings in Europe.

As was the case in Berlin in 2007, funding will be offered to support attendance by scholars from "low income" and "middle income" countries* at the 2012 Hawai'i meetings and at the lead-in meetings in San Francisco in 2011. Funded scholars must be members of International Research Collaboratives (IRC) whose applications have been approved by the IRC Committee chaired by Professor Masuyaki Murayama.

LSA seed funding of \$40,000 to support selected IRC members for participation at the Hawai'i meetings and for planning purposes at the San Francisco meetings has now been approved by the LSA Board of Trustees. Additional funding will be sought from other sources, and IRCs are expected to be active in their own quest for financial support.

What is an International Research Collaborative (IRC)?

An IRC is a temporary collaborative group of scholars formed to pursue a specific scholarly project in relation to the meetings in Hawai'i in 2012. IRC members may be scholars located anywhere in the world and do not have to be current members of the Law & Society Association. IRCs must, however, be multi-national and multi-disciplinary in their membership. An IRC is distinguishable from a Collaborative Research Network (CRN) of the Law & Society Association or a Working Group of the RCSL, in that an IRC has a life span presumptively limited to the 2011 and 2012 meetings in San Francisco and Hawai'i and has a specific scholarly product as its

* See World Bank country listings:
<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/CLASS.XLS>.

objective, such as a book, a special symposium issue of a journal, or a collaborative research project. . An existing CRN or Working Group can submit an application to participate as an IRC if it formulates a specific, self-contained project that will lead directly to an identifiable scholarly product.

Examples of IRCs

IRC's may represent any form of socio-legal research methodology and any topical area of socio-legal scholarship. Each IRC should include scholars from multiple countries and from multiple academic disciplines. At the Berlin meetings in 2007, 20 IRCs were approved for participation, and 56 individual scholars received financial support. Some of the topics of the IRCs selected for the Berlin meetings included: Public Interest Law; Comparative Disputing Behavior; Colonial South Asian Legal History; Critical Visions of Law in Twentieth Century Europe and Latin America; Comparative Consumer Over-Indebtedness; Comparative Legal Consciousness; Gender and Judging; Islamic Institutions and Legal Frameworks in New Lands; Law and Counter-Hegemonic Globalization; Lay Participation in Law; Legal Professionalism in East Asia; Public Opinion and the Courts; and Urban Social Control in Comparative Perspective.

Each of the approved IRCs produced a significant scholarly product. Some of the IRCs from Berlin chose to continue in existence as Collaborative Research Networks (CRNs) within the Law & Society Association. IRCs that were active in the 2007 meetings are encouraged to submit new applications for IRC status in 2012.

Submitting an IRC Application for 2011 and 2012

Please use the following form to submit your application for approval as an International Research Collaborative to participate in the 2012 Hawai'i meetings. Note that, in addition to support for the 2012 meetings in Hawai'i, there is also a limited amount of funding available to support participation by a small number of IRC members in the 2011 San Francisco meetings. Support to participate in the 2011 meetings must be justified as essential to the planning and preparation that will lead to a successful meeting in Hawai'i the following year.

Application for Status as International Research Collaborative (IRC)
International Law & Society Meeting in Hawai'i in June 2012
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Send to: IRC2012@lawandsociety.org

Names of Organizers

For each organizer, please include the following information:

- Name
- Institutional Affiliation and Address
- Email Address:

Description of Proposed IRC (250-500 words):

Please include statement of the nature, purpose, and scholarly focus of the IRC.

Expected Scholarly Product

E.g., book, special issue of journal, or formal research project.

Participants

For each IRC participant, include the following information:

- Academic discipline
- Institutional Affiliation and Address
- Email address
- Country of residence

Request for Funding

List each participant from low and middle income countries for whom travel funding is requested and a justification that includes (a) the amount of support needed and (b) the role such participants will play in the proposed IRC. Also, please explain any request for funding to participate in the 2011 meetings in San Francisco for planning purposes.