## **Centre for European and Transnational Legal Studies**

School of Law, Queen's University Belfast

As part of its efforts to bring together researchers and to encourage and facilitate cooperation among students and staff across disciplines, the Centre for European and Transnational Legal Studies, Queen's University Belfast, is publishing this:

## Call for Papers Intersectionality in Law, Policy and Society

for an International Workshop for Postgraduate Research Students which will take place in Canada Room (Lanyon Building), Queen's University, Belfast, United Kingdom at Wednesday 26 October, 2016 - 13:00 – 17:00. We are happy to announce that we have the honour of having Prof. Sandra Fredman from the University of Oxford as a keynote lecturer for the workshop.

## Important dates and details

Conference venue: Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom

Date of conference: 26.10.2016 Abstracts deadline: 31.07.2016

Complete papers deadline: 30.09.2016

Contact email: cetls@qub.ac.uk

Participation fee: No fee

Funding support to travel and accommodation offered: No

Intersectionality, as both critical thinking and critical practice, has its strong roots in black feminism and a longer tradition in sociological studies. However, it was not until it was discussed in a socio-legal context that it gained wider recognition and became the subject of public policy and law. The present times of austerity, social media pushing the limits of the law, and the many "phobias" entering the public discourse especially in view of the "migrant" crisis invite a revisiting of the potential of intersectionality as both theoretical and methodological framework for critical observation of the dynamic power relations and categories of inequalities, through an interdisciplinary prism. This even more so in view of assessing the capacity of the law, as we know it today, to identify and to address the intersectional inequalities. To this end, we call on PhD researchers working with intersectionality to submit their papers and join us for a one-day workshop at Queen's University Belfast.

We especially hope to attract papers dealing with the following issues considered from the standpoint of various disciplines:

• Intersectionality, the European Union and international organisations with a focus but not exclusivity on Europe and in the case law of Human Rights bodies and courts

- Intersectionality, public spending and economic, social and cultural rights
- Understanding of discrimination grounds and implications for law and legal and policy research
- Law, power relations and social inequalities in times of austerity, "migrant crisis" and possible post-Brexit scenarios
- The relationship between policy, law and participation for the purposes of addressing intersectional inequalities in theory and/or in practice (examples from all parts of the world are welcome)
- Experiences and thoughts on cumulative/additive inequalities vis-à-vis or versus the intersectional ones
- Methodologies and intersectionality with a focus on socio-legal studies

## Submission Deadline for Abstracts: 31 July, 2016

Abstracts should be 250 words. They should clearly spell out the main argument put forward, the structure of the paper and the methods used. A short biographical note of no more than 5 lines should accompany the abstract. Please send the abstracts and the biographical notes in one single e-mail to cetls@qub.ac.uk by 31 July, 2016. If accepted, you will receive the CETLS's Guidelines for Authors and will be expected to deliver a full paper of no more than 8.000 words by 30.09.2016. We will offer to publish some of the papers as part of the European (Legal) Studies Online Papers, published by the CELTS.