

First Call For Book Chapters

'Religion, Law and Business; A Critical Approach' - A book edited by Phil Lawton and Sarah Beresford, Lancaster University Law School, UK.

Proposal and Abstract Submission Deadline: November 30th, 2010

Full Chapters Due: April 30th, 2011

Introduction

The editors invite contributions to a proposed co-edited book which seeks to explore the place of Law, Religion and Business in society. The collection of essays will both distinctive and groundbreaking in the subject matter and methodologies. It will mark a new departure from what are often conceived of as disparate disciplines/fields and will constitute an emergent discipline. It will engage with the issues in a unique way, demonstrating a contextual socio-legal emphasis/approach. The editors encourage scholars from a wider range of disciplines to submit, including (but not limited to), 'Black letter'; Feminist; Historical; Sociological and so forth.

Objective of the Book

The objective of the book will be to address some of the many divergent themes and perspectives (concerns?) in this area. It will situate developments/debates/concerns in the field within a broader socio-legal context.

Target Audience

This book will be of interest to academic scholars and students from across a range of disciplines. The legal content and concepts have purchase across all western jurisdictions and the book will have broad international appeal suggesting that the book will be attractive to a wide audience. The legal content and concepts have relevance across all western jurisdictions and the content selected will have broad international appeal suggesting that the book will be attractive to a wide audience. The market will have international appeal and not be limited to a geographical are.

A new book is needed in this area to fill an existing gap. There is currently no book examining the relationship between Law, Religion and Business in this way.

Recommended topics

The two editors will contribute chapters on 'Religious Attire in the Workplace' (Beresford) and Religion, Law, the Market and Limited Liability' (Lawton).

Recommended topics of the book include, but are not limited to, the following;

1. A historical Analysis of the connections between religiosity and capitalism.
2. A feminist analysis of the intersections of law, religion and Business.
3. The interaction of human rights, religion, law and business.
4. The 'lore' of religious custom in trade.
5. International and comparative analysis of the legal treatment of competing values.
6. Enterprise, Enlightenment and Law.
7. The public and the private - challenges for the state and business.
8. Morality and Ethics - any concern of Law and business?
9. Case studies on religious values in business.
10. Other chapters of relevance to the central theme of the book, namely the interaction of religion, law and business.

Submission procedure

Potential contributors are invited to submit on or before November 30th, an abstract of between 200-500 words. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by April 30th 2011. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a 'blind' review basis.

Publisher

It is envisaged that the book will be published by Ashgate Publishing.

Important Dates

Proposals Submission Deadline:	November 30 th 2010
Proposals Acceptance Notification:	December 20 th 2010
Full Chapters Submission:	April 30 th 2011
Review Results Returned:	June 15 th 2011
Revised Chapters Submission:	August 15 th 2011
Final Acceptance Notification:	September 15 th 2011
Submission of Final Chapters:	October 15 th 2011
Sent to Publishers:	November 30 th 2011

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