

Call for Papers and Posters for the Association of Law Teachers' Annual Conference 2022

University of Manchester, 11-12 April 2022

Social Responsibility, Legal Education and New Beginnings

The Legal Education Training Review, the QAA Benchmark statement for Law and numerous international reviews make reference to the importance of 'ethics and values' in legal education. But many do not make specific reference to what these 'values' should be. This conference provides an opportunity to come together as legal educators to examine some of these values and in particular, the theoretically complex concept of social responsibility, what it is and whether it *should* be a pedagogical value of the Law School. We hope to share best practice and ideas for innovative delivery, as well as explore the challenges that might be faced in incorporating what may be considered by many as a subjective value, into a traditional law curriculum. Through the presentation of ideas, as well as debate and discussion, the conference aims to consider how obstacles can be confronted and if the Law School is ready to incorporate a social responsibility conscience into its teaching. Collaborative cross disciplinary papers are welcome, as well as papers from a variety of perspectives including students.

Papers and posters are invited from academics, community or professional partners, and PhD students.

We are particularly interested in receiving papers on the following areas, although this is not intended to be an exhaustive list:

- Social responsibility and legal education
- Legal education and the UN social responsibility goals
- Clinical legal education and experiential learning
- Compassion pedagogy
- Impact of higher education policy on law teaching
- Current and future challenges facing the law curriculum
- Students as partners in the development of the law curriculum
- Technology enhanced learning
- Peer learning
- Assessment and feedback
- Developing law students' employability and readiness for the world of work
- Meeting the legal education requirements of student entrepreneurs
- Mentoring and coaching
- Wellbeing of law students and lecturers

We will be running sessions to capture general themes, so will welcome topics which do not fall into the above categories. The default format is that each parallel session will include 3 individual papers of 20 minutes each.

Submission of Paper Proposals

All proposals should be submitted to ALTConference@manchester.ac.uk using the attached submission form, on or before 14th March, 2022 with the words 'ALT Paper Proposal' included in the subject line.

Proposals should contain the following core information:

- Title of the presentation/paper/session.
- Names and any affiliations of those attending the conference to present the paper.
- Contact details for a corresponding speaker who will be the main point of contact for the conference organisers.
- A brief statement as to which of the streams (above) the session relates to or, if none, how it relates to the conference theme (50 words max).
- An abstract of no more than 300 words which should provide a short description of the topic of the proposed paper and the arguments put forward, or to be explored, in the session. Where appropriate, the abstract should also contain a summary of any research the proposer has conducted in establishing the basis for their argument and the development of the topic against the background of the existing discourse and theory.
- Whether you wish your paper to be entered into the Stan Marsh competition (see below).

The following additional details are also requested, as appropriate:

- Any additional IT requirements (note that a PC and PowerPoint will be available as standard).
- If you are intending to deliver an interactive session, or are using any format other than default paper format, a brief indication of the structure of the session and any facilities or special layout required.
- Details of any day or time during the conference that you would not be able to present your paper. Note that it will be assumed that you are able to present at any time during the conference unless you provide details of any restrictions on the day/time you require when submitting the proposal. The organisers will endeavour to accommodate these requests, but bear in mind that it may not be possible in every case.

All submissions will be peer reviewed by members of the Conference Team and acceptance decisions will be made and communicated to the corresponding speaker by email in time for you to be able to book at the early bird booking rate.

Submission of Poster Proposals

Submissions to display posters based on the conference themes are welcomed. All poster proposals should be submitted to ALTConference@manchester.ac.uk using the attached submission form, on or before 14th March, 2022 with 'ALT Poster Proposal' in the subject line.

Proposals should contain the following core information:

- Title of the poster.
- Names and any affiliations of those attending the conference to discuss the poster.

- Contact details for a corresponding attendee who will be the main point of contact for the conference organisers.
- A brief statement as to which how it relates to the conference theme (50 words max).
- An abstract of no more than 300 words which should provide a short description of the topic, content, arguments, and conclusions of the proposed poster. Where appropriate, the abstract should also contain a summary of any research the proposer has conducted in establishing the basis for their argument and the development of the topic against the background of the existing discourse and theory.
- The size of your poster (e.g. A2). Posters should ideally be produced at A2 size, although smaller posters can be accommodated providing they remain clear and accessible.
- Whether you wish your paper to be entered into the Stan Marsh competition (see below).

Please note that unfortunately posters cannot be displayed at the conference if that have not been submitted in advance and accepted via this general call process.

Stan Marsh Best Paper Prize and Stan Marsh Best Poster Prize

The Association of Law Teachers is delighted to announce that we will again be awarding prizes for the best paper and best poster presented at this year's ALT Conference.

Submission for 'Best Paper' Prize:

- When you complete the attached submission form, please indicate that you would like your paper to be considered for the Stan Marsh Best Paper Prize.
- You will then be required to submit your full written paper to ALTConference@manchester.ac.uk no later than 14th March, 2022 if you wish to be considered for the prize.
- Emails should contain 'Stan Marsh Best Paper Submission' in the subject line.
- It is possible to submit the same paper for both the Chris Gale and Stan Marsh prizes.

Submission for 'Best Poster' Prize:

- All posters will automatically be considered for the 'Best Poster' prize.
- Posters will be judged by the panel during the first day of the conference.
- They do not need to be sent in advance.

The judging panel for both of the Stan Marsh prizes will consist of members of the ALT Committee and they will judge the entries based on the criteria listed below.

Criteria for 'Best Paper':

- A strong educational message or finding that is:
 - based on existing and/or developing pedagogical research; and,
 - linked to the conference themes (see above).
- Engagement of audience.
- Clear coverage.

Criteria for 'Best Poster':

- A strong educational message or finding that is:

- based on existing and/or developing pedagogical research; and,
- linked to the conference themes (see above).
- Eye-catching poster.
- Appropriate use of poster format.
- Clear coverage.

The winners will be announced at the Annual Dinner on the evening of 11th April, 2022

The prize for the best paper is £250 and the prize for the best poster is £100.

Chris Gale Memorial Prize

The ALT is again honoured to be able to award the Chris Gale Memorial Prize, awarded jointly with the Committee of Heads of UK Law Schools (CHULS). The prize will be given to the best joint paper presented at the conference and aims to celebrate values of collegiality, collaboration, and support in legal education research.

Submission for Chris Gale Memorial Prize:

- When you complete the attached submission form, please indicate that you would like your paper to be considered for the Chris Gale Memorial Prize.
- You will then be required to submit your full written paper to ALTconference@manchester.ac.uk no later than 14th March if you wish to be considered for the prize.
- Emails should contain 'Chris Gale Memorial Prize Paper Submission' in the subject line.
- It is possible to submit the same paper for both the Chris Gale and Stan Marsh prizes.

The judging panel for both of the Chris Gale Memorial Prize will consist of members of the ALT Committee and they will judge the entries based on the criteria listed below.

Criteria for Chris Gale Memorial Prize:

- A co-authored paper (with at least two authors and presenters)
- Joint presentation of the paper that is engaging and clear
- A strong educational message or finding which is:
 - based on existing and/or developing legal education research; and,
 - linked to the conference theme.

The prize for the best joint paper is £250, shared between the paper's presenters.