



THE FUTURES OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Open University Law School and the Legal Education Research Network are holding their annual Futures of Legal Education and Practice conference on **Tuesday 26 November** from **10.00 – 16.30** at The Open University's Milton Keynes campus (Michael Young Building, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA).

This conference will give participants the opportunity to explore the current and potential opportunities and challenges both facing legal education and legal practice. The conference's keynote speakers include **Professor Amanda Perry-Kessaris** of the University of Kent, **Emily Allbon** of City University, London, **Professor Anthony Bradney** of Keele University and **Manel Atserias Luque**, Founder and President of the Mental Health Institute of Legal Professions, Spain and **Caroline Strevens** of Portsmouth University.

There will also be a panel on "100 years of women in the legal profession" chaired by **Professor Cownie** of Keele University and a number of streams covering a diverse and exciting range of topics and formats.

Proposals are now welcomed for inclusion within these streams. These can take the form of individual, 20-minute papers and panels or interactive workshops of up to an hour and a half. Any proposals relating to the futures of legal education and/or legal practice will be considered, but potential themes could include:

- Uses of, and innovations in, technology within legal education and/or legal practice
- The role of ethics and values within legal education and/or legal practice
- The role of affect and wellbeing in legal education and/or legal practice
- Legal education and employability
- Uses of, and innovations in, learning theories in legal education
- Proposed reforms to the law school curriculum, including the impact of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination
- The relationship between the law degree and the legal profession more generally
- Equality and diversity within law schools and the legal profession
- The role of regulators and other key stakeholders within the legal profession
- The competency frameworks for solicitors and barristers
- Professional identity within the legal profession

Proposals (not exceeding 500 words) should be submitted to **Emma Jones** by email at OULS-Futures@open.ac.uk no later than **17.00** on **Friday 6 September**. Any questions should also be addressed to Emma at OULS-Futures@open.ac.uk.