

CALL FOR PANEL PROPOSALS
West Coast Law and Society Retreat
University of California, Irvine
February 26-27, 2016



The February 2016 West Coast Law & Society Retreat is designed to foster an academic encounter among geographically situated scholars in an effort to raise questions and promote discussion in new formats about novel and sometimes neglected concerns in our fields.

Feedback from the previous West Coast Law and Society retreats indicated a desire to focus our gatherings in the following ways.

- Retain the informality of previous meetings by having short presentations on research problems (as opposed to presentations about a given panelist's current research) with provocateurs assigned to stimulate forward-looking debate and discussion. Panels should allow for longer-than-usual discussion periods within sessions and longer-than-usual break periods between sessions to facilitate informal exchanges among scholars.
- Create panels that mix methodological or theoretical approaches to a common issue and that bring into dialogue scholars that might not ordinarily do so.
- All panels should mix scholars of different rank and career stage.
- Create panels that showcase research problems reflected in younger scholars' research.
- Create panels designed to address the commonalities of the west coast scholarly community, in terms of approaches to law and society scholarship or issues and problems that are particularly manifest in the west coast region and Hawaii.

With these priorities in mind we invite you to suggest panel ideas for the upcoming retreat. Because of time constraints we may not be able to accommodate all panel ideas or all suggested panelists.

To be considered, please submit the following as a PDF or Word document to wclsr2016panels@gmail.com by October 30, 2015:

- Brief paragraph abstract elaborating the panel idea.
- List of potential panel participants and their affiliation.

Submissions will be evaluated by the 2016 WCLSR Program Committee:

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