



UK IVR Annual Conference 2016

Call for Abstracts

Law and Social Sustainability

Like justice and truth, sustainability is an objective whose value few would openly dispute. Although conceptually ambiguous, its forward-looking, non-static flair continues to inspire and permeate seminal works on environmental policy and development. But could there be additional links between sustainability and law? The 2016 UK IVR Conference aims to unravel the connections between law and broader, social, interpretations of sustainability. We are specifically interested in the role of legal procedures, including judicial review, authority, judicial diversity and access to justice, as well as the role of values and social goals, including equality, legality and social inclusion, in the consolidation and protraction of fair and sustainable communities.

In light of the dynamic and topical nature of those themes, this conference invites a plurality of contributions that will explore (and challenge) the connections between law and social sustainability from different theoretical angles, including, among others, legal theory, political philosophy, socio-legal theory, legal history and legal psychology, in order to address questions such as the following: How *does* and how *should* law impinge on social sustainability? Could we use law to decisively redress labour precarity and disadvantage, and how? How could refugee law, gender equality studies, disability theory and antidiscrimination ensure fair and sustainable communities? How do different analytical traditions, such as human rights, legal and political philosophy, and law and economics, interpret fairness and social cohesion? How should such perspectives (in)form law and policy?

Keynote speakers will be: **Professor Leslie Green (Oxford), Dr Virginia Mantouvalou (UCL), Professor Neil Walker (Edinburgh).**

We welcome contributions to the theoretical and practical understanding of the relationship between law and social sustainability in topics related, but not limited, to the following areas:

- Labour Law and Modern Slavery
- Human Rights Law and Legal Theory
- Immigration Law and Refugee Protection
- Discrimination Law and Social Inclusion
- Austerity and Social Justice
- Disability Studies and Capacity-building
- Global Law and 'Public Goods'
- Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives on Social, Cultural and Economic Rights
- Feminist Jurisprudence and Access to Justice
- Environmental Law and Urban Development



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Students: **£25**

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