

Modern Studies in Property Law 2018

The Board of Modern Studies in Property Law (MSPL) invites expressions of interest to convene the conference in 2018 and edit the accompanying volume of *Modern Studies in Property Law*.

The convenor is responsible for:

- Arranging the MSPL conference (the conference is generally held over three days comprising one afternoon, a full day and a morning). You will need to arrange this with your own institution, sort out budgeting etc. **Note:** it is essential to ensure that your institution is willing financially to underwrite the conference
- Calling for papers around a year beforehand and setting up a panel of property lawyers to select papers
- Organising the conference programme
- Hosting the conference, including making all the practical arrangements and liaising with potential exhibitors and sponsors
- Negotiating with Hart / Bloomsbury for the publication of the conference book and delivering the manuscript in accordance with the terms of the contract
- Setting up a panel of referees for papers under consideration for publication, managing the refereeing process and editing the book

Convening could be undertaken by an individual or by co-convenors.

The conference

At the heart of the conference is the presentation of full papers, which will then be refereed for inclusion in the conference book. A PGR stream has become an important feature of the conference, while in 2016 the conference will also include the presentation of Works in Progress, and 'how to' workshops designed to support the ongoing development of those involved in property law scholarship and teaching. The Board welcomes idea for further innovation in the programme.

Beyond the formal proceedings, the conference provides an important role in enabling property scholars to network and hold informal discussions. This function needs to be borne in mind by the convenor, particularly in the choice of venue and accommodation.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest should be no more than one side of A4 and should address the following points

- The proposed venue, explaining its suitability to meet the needs of the conference.

- An indication of any particular features that you would like to bring to the conference.
- The name or names of the proposed convenor(s), with a brief biography and statement of their particular interests in property law
- Confirmation that the expression of interest has been agreed with the Head of School or Dean, as appropriate, and that there is in principle financial support from your institution.

Expressions of interest should be sent to the members of the Board **by 31 January 2016**. It is anticipated that a final decision on the venue will be taken by the end of **March 2016**.

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