CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

A Sacred Covenant? Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law

Keynote Speaker: The Rt Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE

Confirmed Speakers: Prof. Rebecca Probert, Prof. Diane Urquhart, Penelope Russell, Dr Frances Burton, Dr Andy Hayward, and Dr Leigh Wetherall-Dickson.

The organisers, Dr Jennifer Aston (Northumbria University) and Dr Frances Hamilton (University of Reading) invite proposals for papers and posters from scholars and practitioners of all career stages for a one-day conference, funded by The Journal of Legal History and Northumbria University, on historic, legal, and cultural perspectives of marital law. This exciting event will be hosted virtually on Thursday 20th May 2021.

We seek to explore the changing legal and cultural definitions of marriage in any geographical location or jurisdiction across the period c.1450 - present day, paying particular attention to the changing perspectives on age, same-sex marriage, polygamy, divorce, and remarriage. This conference will create an exciting space where historical, literary, medical, artistic, and cultural perspectives can be considered alongside real-world experiences, allowing the discovery and exploration of parallels and contrasts across borders and time.

Closing Date for Papers: Please submit a proposal of no more than 250 words along with a brief biography to asacredcovenant@gmail.com by Friday 26th March 2021.

Closing Date for Posters: Please submit the topic of your poster along with a brief biography to asacredcovenant@gmail.com by Friday 26th March 2021.

Registration: To register your interest in attending A Sacred Covenant? Historic, Legal and Cultural Perspectives on the Development of Marital Law please email asacredcovenant@gmail.com. Further details will be circulated in due course.

Thanks to the generosity of The Journal of Legal History and Northumbria University, we can offer prizes for the best paper and best poster by a postgraduate and an early-career researcher (within 8 years of their PhD or 6 years of their first academic appointment). Please note in your submission if you would like to be considered for a prize.

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