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## International Conference "Gender, Law and Institutions"

University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

21 – 22 November 2014

### First Call for Proposals

Gender-based discrimination is often manifested in the laws, policies, institutions and practices of many countries and cultures of the world. For example, in many countries women are not given the same opportunities as men to reach decision-making positions, including positions in public and political life. Even if there are constitutional guarantees providing for equality and laws protecting women's rights, discriminatory practices by law enforcement and services can stand in the way of women's security and access to justice.

With these and other challenges in mind, the UNESCO Chair in Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and the Law Department of the University of Cyprus are organizing an International Conference on "Gender, Law and Institutions". The organizers invite proposals from any academic discipline with respect to practice and/or research concerned with the conference's main priorities. Some of the conference themes/priorities would be: a) Gender and Human Rights, b) Gender, Policies and Justice, c) Gender, Political Life and Political Parties, d) Gender, Power and Decision-Making, e) Gender and Media, and f) Gender, Research and Higher Education.

The Conference will be held at the University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, on 21-22 November 2014. A provisional conference timetable is given below.

#### Provisional Conference Timetable

Date	Time	Session
<b>Friday</b>	15:30 – 16:30	Registration
<b>21 November</b>	16:30 – 18:00	Opening plenary session, Keynote Lectures
	18:00 – 19:30	Parallel sessions
	19:30 –	Conference reception
<b>Saturday</b>	09:00 – 10:30	Parallel sessions
<b>22 November</b>	10:30 – 12:00	Parallel sessions
	12:15 – 13:45	Parallel sessions
	13:45 – 14:30	Lunch
	14:30 – 16:00	Parallel sessions
	16:00 – 17:30	Parallel sessions
	17:30 – 18:00	Closing session
	21.00 –	Conference Dinner

Proposals are invited on the conference themes/priorities. Proposals for papers, posters and symposia are welcomed.

- **Papers** are presented as a standard presentation, for which the presenter will have 20 minutes to present and answer questions.
- **Symposia** involve at least three linked papers, presented together by a group. The chairperson is decided by the presenting group while the time for a symposium is limited to one conference session regardless of the number of the papers.
- **Posters** are presented on a standard A1 sized page and elaborate on some area of research, ideas or expressions. The presenter stands by his/her poster and discusses it with the participants of the conference during a timetabled poster session.

More information on the conference and the submission of proposals will be sent to you in the **second Call for Proposals by the end of May 2014**. Please take into consideration some key dates for the conference:

- **2 June 2014:** Submission of proposals starts
- **14 July 2014:** Deadline for submission of proposals
- **4 August 2014:** Notification for the accepted proposals (peer reviewed)
- **17 October 2014:** Deadline for conference bookings
- **21-22 November 2014:** Conference
- **22 December 2014:** Deadline for submission of papers for the conference proceedings (peer reviewed)

We look forward to seeing you in the University of Cyprus!

Yours sincerely,

The Conference Organizing Committee