



THE COMMONWEALTH LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Call for papers



[CLEA Conference 9-10 April 2015](#)

Transnational Legal Education: Commonwealth Perspectives

Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, Scotland



The Commonwealth Legal Education Association invites law teachers and practitioners from around the Commonwealth and other Common law jurisdictions to submit abstracts of papers (of not more than 500 words) for this forthcoming conference. The first call for abstracts and expressions of interest will close on 31st August 2014, and further calls for papers will be made in late 2014 and in early 2015 subject to the availability of spaces within the conference programme. Acceptances will be intimated within three weeks of receipt.

The Conference Dinner will include traditional Scottish Ceilidh Dancing and a post-conference tour to [Loch Lomond](#) and the [Auchentoshan Distillery](#) will be organised after the conference has closed.

Keynote Speaker

A [keynote speech will be delivered by Prof. Justice Date-Bah](#), who is the Chairman of the University of Ghana Council. He was also a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Gambia from 2008-2013. He is currently the Chairman, Ghana Law Reform Commission and Chairman, Council of the University of Ghana, Legon.



Conference Themes

Commonwealth countries share certain common legal traditions but how far do the similarities extend to cross border education and professional mobility. Transnational issues facing legal education within the Commonwealth include aspects of co-operation and competition between law schools, regulation of and access to the profession and disruption arising from changing pressures placed on teaching institutions. Will the traditional notion of universities become obsolete in the 21st Century and how will law schools in the Commonwealth deal with change?

The conference will comprise a series of strands which will include, but are not restricted to, the following themes:

1. *Revisiting the Curriculum. Is creativity restricted or even required?*
This will enable participants to share their experiences in, or future hopes for, developing the curriculum and designing creative practice in legal education and pedagogy in the Commonwealth and other Common law countries. Aspects to consider may be to what extent should law students be exposed to the law of jurisdictions other than their own and to disciplines other than law.
2. *Embedding and recognising access, equality and diversity.*
This is a general topic that will enable participants to discuss a broad range of contemporary legal education issues relating access to justice and human rights in the Commonwealth and other Common law countries.
3. *Cooperation v Competition: Globalisation v Localisation*
In light of recent pressures to open up professional services to global competition how do we tailor legal education to meet these requirements? Papers might reflect on the approach taken by law schools and institutions within the Commonwealth and how transnational relationships develop and progress in both Commonwealth and other Common law country law schools.

Delegate are also invited to submit abstracts on other topics of interest to the legal education community in the Commonwealth and Common law jurisdictions.

Please send your abstract of 500 words to: [EasyChair](#) indicating which authors will attend to deliver the paper at the conference.

Poster Competition: There will be a poster competition and delegates are invited to submit entries for this event. More details are on the website.

The conference will be preceded by a workshop on interactive teaching methods and a Commonwealth Law Lecture on Wednesday 8th April 2015, immediately prior to the conference registration and welcome reception.

Conference Registration Fees

Developing Countries £75 GBP Developed Countries £250 GBP

A variety of accommodation options are available and recommended conference hotels will be listed on the [Glasgow 2015](#) conference page. The conference organiser is Michael Bromby and can be contacted at m.bromby@gcu.ac.uk.

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