Workshop on Land, Water and the Environment: The Politics of Rights
organized by the Human Rights Program
November 7-8, 2014, University of Wisconsin Law School

Call for Papers by Graduate Students (issued May 13, 2014)

The Land and Water and Environment Clusters of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Human Rights Program invite paper proposals by graduate students for the workshop on Land, Water and the Environment: The Politics of Rights on November 7-8, 2014.

Description of the workshop:
Across the world, as industry demands more fuel and raw materials and as nations seek economic growth, nations and local communities are faced with many dilemmas. How are the basic resources of land and water to be utilized, distributed, and conserved? Who has the right to use these resources and by what means? What are the objectives behind their use? How is the environment to be protected? Rights to land and water are among the most basic rights of human beings, integral to life itself. Negotiations over these rights entail challenges relating to economic stability and growth, cultural dignity, identity and respect, as well as environmental sustainability. This workshop brings together scholars and practitioners engaged with issues of the right to land, water and the environment across the globe focused specifically on the tensions between economic development, community rights, and environmental sustainability.

Accepted papers will be presented the workshop. Comments will be made by scholars and practitioners in the field participating in the workshop. A publication opportunity may also be available.

Eligibility: Open to all UW System Graduate Students

Deadline: Please email your abstract of 500 words maximum with your name, department, and university affiliation by Thursday, June 5, 2014 to the email below.

Decision: Applicants will be informed of our decision by Monday, June 30, 2014

Financial assistance: We may be able to cover your travel and accommodation expenses up to $150 per student.

Please send abstracts electronically to:

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