The Osgoode Graduate Law Students’ Association is delighted to invite submissions for its Annual Graduate Student Conference titled ‘Legal Pluralism: Intersections, Interactions, and Embeddedness in Law’, to be held from February 22nd – 23rd, 2018 at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Ontario, with a keynote address delivered by Dean Jeremy Webber (University of Victoria, Faculty of Law).

We go to law school to learn “the law”, but many legal scholars have long since discarded the notion that law is monolithic and universal. Numerous normative and legal systems co-exist in any given time and space. Traditional state-centered legal philosophy has given way to a different paradigm, which recognizes the plurality of law, the existence of more than one legal system within a nation state, and the existence of hybrid justice systems. For instance, indigenous laws, customary laws, religious laws, and state laws (common or civil laws), along with norms relating to multinational corporations and human rights bodies, govern domestic and international affairs all over the world. We are embedded in multiple, interacting normative systems. Law is official and unofficial, universal and local, obeyed and transgressed, stable and contingent, enacted and negotiated.

The Osgoode Graduate Law Students’ Association invites proposals engaging with the theme of legal pluralism, broadly conceived. Legal pluralism could involve the interaction, and conflict, of norms within a particular formal or informal legal system, or between multiple legal systems. We are interested in legal and philosophical questions around tensions within domestic and international legal systems. What happens, and what should happen, when different legal systems interact? How do we know what is law? How do we choose when norms conflict? And fundamentally, what does all this mean for us as lawyers, as scholars, as citizens?

The conference will explore legal pluralism in the context of a range of topics, such as public and private international law, constitutional law, environmental law, human rights law, immigration and refugee law, and criminal law. All approaches are welcome – whether theoretical, doctrinal, empirical, comparative, socio-legal, or something else entirely. We encourage applications from graduate students and early career scholars whose work engages with the fields of law, social justice, and social sciences, humanities, and related disciplines.

Besides panel discussions, the conference will also feature a series of workshops designed to help young scholars with a career in research or policy. These may include workshops on research and writing; feedback sessions from other graduate students, or professors working in similar fields; how to publish in academic journals; and how to network effectively.
**Submissions**
We look forward to receiving presentation proposals. Please submit proposals to glsa@osgoode.yorku.ca by November 15, 2017. Abstracts should be approximately 250 words in length. Please also include your name, affiliation, and a list of up to five keywords.

**Registration, Fees & Accommodation**
Successful applicants will be notified of acceptance by December 15, 2017, and will be provided with registration forms and information about fees and accommodation options. The early-bird registration deadline is January 8, 2018, and the final deadline is January 19, 2018.

**Presentation Outlines/Final Papers**
Successful applicants are expected to submit a presentation outline (a minimum of 500 words) and are encouraged to provide a paper (a maximum of 10,000 words) by February 1, 2018.

Conference presentations are one of the most important parts of your academic CV. Graduate student conferences offer the opportunity to share research, acquire fresh perspectives on your work and engage with your peers. The Osgoode Conference is all the more special because it is a chance to engage with some of its world renowned faculty as respondents and become a part of a global network established by the largest graduate law student body in Canada. And, if you need additional inducement, the social events will be among the highlights of the year.