Call for Papers: 2015 Law and Development Conference
“New Directions for Law and Development Studies”

New Orleans, USA, April 10, 2015

Jointly organized by
The Law and Development Institute and
Payson Center and School of Law, Tulane University

Rationale and purpose of the conference

It has been four decades since the seminal work in law and development by Professors David Trubek and Marc Galanter, “Scholars in Self-Estrangement: Some Reflections on the Crisis in Law and Development Studies in the United States”, was published. The authors were not hopeful about the future of law and development studies then, and today law and development remains under-developed as an academic field. Many of the gaps between the realities on the ground and the early 70s academic discourse, as well as the resulting moral dilemma, as described by Trubek and Galanter as “self-estrangement”, appear to remain. There is a call for a new approach and a new analytical framework to bridge the gaps and to establish the field more firmly as an academic discipline.

The purpose of the conference is to explore ways to narrow the gaps and to revitalize law and development studies by examining the following questions.

1) the development of law and development studies: what has been achieved and what remains to be explored.
2) the necessity for new directions and approaches, recognizing the role of law for economic development and the importance of rule of law in the economic development process;
3) the necessity to develop solid methodology and consistent analytical framework.
4) the need to improve the capacity of law and development studies in developing countries;
5) lessons from the successful development cases in East Asia

We welcome contributions from scholars and practitioners in all relevant fields, including law, economics, development studies, international studies, and human rights studies, which would address, broadly, any of the aforementioned questions.

Papers will be selected by blinded peer-review. We ask all interested speakers to submit one-page paper abstracts by October 15, 2014.

Important Deadlines
Abstract Submission: October 15, 2014
Notification of Acceptance: December 1, 2014
Full Paper Submission: March 1, 2015

Publications Envisaged

Selected papers will be published in 2015 “Law and Development Review” Special Issue by December 2015.

All speakers and participants are expected to make their own arrangements for the travel and accommodation during the conference.

Please submit your abstract and conference inquiries to Law and Development Institute (Professor Y.S. Lee) by email at info@lawanddevelopment.net with a cc to Professor Colin Crawford at ccrawfo5@tulane.edu