The first two Annual Meetings of ICON-S (Florence 2014 and New York 2015) have been overwhelming successes. The time has come to turn our attention to the 2016 Annual Meeting. ICON-S, the International Society of Public Law, invites paper and panel submissions for its 2016 Annual Meeting to be held at the Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, on June 17-19, 2016.

The overarching theme of the ICON-S 2016 Conference will be “Borders, Otherness and Public Law”. Today, more than ever before, questions of movement, displacement and belonging, equality and inequality, borders and otherness have become hot-button issues, passionately debated worldwide, and are likely to remain at the forefront of public discourse and scholarly research for the foreseeable future. Line-drawing, practices of inclusion and exclusion, borders and boundaries of many kinds raise persistent questions within contemporary domestic, transnational and international public law.

The Conference will feature a keynote address as well as three plenary sessions focusing on the general theme of Annual Meeting. The program can be found here. At the heart of the Conference, however, are the two days devoted to the papers and panels selected through this Call.

ICON-S welcomes proposals for fully-formed panels as well as individual papers dealing with any aspect of the Annual Meeting’s theme. However, paper and panel proposals need not be limited to that theme, and may focus on any theoretical, historical, comparative, empirical, jurisprudential, ethical, behavioral, ethnographic, philosophical or practical, policy-oriented perspective related to public law, including administrative law, constitutional law, criminal law, immigration and citizenship law, human rights, and/or international law in their entire varieties, and may address domestic, subnational, national, regional, transnational, supranational, international and global aspects of public law.
We particularly encourage the submission of fully-formed panels. Panel proposals should include at least three papers by scholars who have agreed in advance to participate. Such fully-formed panel proposals should also identify one or two discussants, who may also serve as panel chair and/or paper presenter. Concurrent panel sessions will be scheduled over two days. Each concurrent panel session will be scheduled for 90 minutes. We invite potential participants to refer to the ICON-S Mission Statement when choosing a topic or approach for their papers or panels.

ICON-S is by no means restricted to public lawyers! We particularly welcome panel proposals that offer genuinely multi-disciplinary perspectives from various areas of law (including civil, criminal, tax, and labor law), as well as from scholars in the humanities and the social sciences (e.g. history, economics, political science, sociology) with an interest in the study of public law, borders and otherness. We welcome submissions from both senior and junior scholars (including advanced doctoral students) as well as interested practitioners.

All submissions must be made through the ICON-S website by February 15, 2016. Successful applicants will be notified by April 1, 2016.

All participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.
We very much look forward to receiving your paper and panel proposals.

See you at ICON-S Berlin 2016!

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