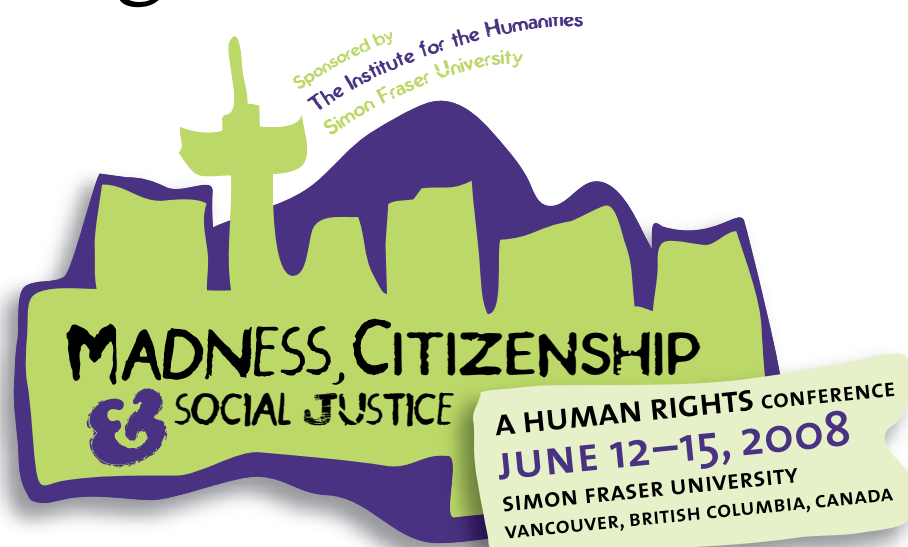


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HELLO ALL,

Fast on the heels of our last missive, please find below another call for panel participants for a proposed session on **Making 'Mad' Laws** being convened by Dr. Kimberley White of the Law and Society programme at York University.

CALL FOR PANEL PARTICIPANTS

Making Mad Laws:

Explorations and Critiques of Law-Making on Insanity, Mental Disorder and Mental Health

The role of law in the regulation of madness and mad people has been pervasive and far reaching. Historically, the making of law and social policy aimed at identifying, classifying and managing the subjects of madness (including defences of insanity/mental disorder, mental health legislation, eugenics policies, civil commitment etc..) has largely been the purview and privilege of an elite group of professionals. However, with the rise of rights discourse and activism, psychiatric survivor movements and advocates for social justice, the participants involved in some areas of law-making have changed (or are changing).

The Madness, Citizenship and Social Justice conference is inviting paper submissions for a panel, Making Mad Laws, to bring together an interdisciplinary group of presenters interested in critical explorations of law-making on insanity, mental disorder and mental health. This panel will also provide an opportunity to examine broadly the ways in which laws have developed and operated as a reflection/product of cultural processes, where who was/is included/excluded in law-making arguably reveals something about the cultural meanings of madness and mad people in a given time and place. Papers are invited from all areas of law (civil, criminal, constitutional, mental health) and from any temporal/geographic location.

For more information, or to submit a proposed contribution to the session, please contact Kimberley White, Law and Society, York University at kjwhite@yorku.ca ■

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