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CALL FOR PAPERS

Les Cahiers de droit et *Communitas* – thematic issued scheduled for publication in 2020

Society and the law

Les Cahiers de droit and *Communitas* (communitas.uqam.ca) are planning a joint issue for September 2020 to focus on the analytical and epistemological issues connected with questions lying at the heart of the society/law interface.

This thematic issue of *Cahiers de droit* and program-based issue of *Communitas* will not be an independent issue of either, but a partnership based on the dissemination of knowledge in which the humanities and the law will focus together, or separately, on all facets of this study of normativity.

Since the *Law and Society* formula first emerged, following the creation of the eponymous association in August 1964 and the *Law and Society Review* in 1966, its success has led to other approaches such as "Law and Economy", "Law and Literature", *Critical Legal Studies* in the United States and the short-lived journal *Critique du droit* in France; it is also reflected in the *Law in Context* movement, which is gaining influence in the English-speaking community. However, any attempt to articulate the humanities with the law must deal with a number of obstacles, whether disciplinary or methodological, which it is our goal to overcome.

Our decision to address the issues in writing is based on the idea that society, with all its particularities and contradictions, makes the law and is nourished by the law in a relationship that can involve both reflection and divergence. In addition, there appears to be an urgent need to do more than simply recognize that the law is not just a set of institutional devices that shape the social reality in which players experience the law outside the normative schemes of those same institutions. If we fail to launch a dialogue, and even a confrontation, between the approaches underlying the experience of normativity, we remain caught in a silo mentality in which legal norms and analyses crystalize. In other words, this call for papers offers a space in which the disciplinary fields of the humanities are ranged around the phenomenon of normativity.

For this first issue in collaboration with *Les Cahiers de droit*, we ask researchers in all disciplines to submit proposals on the themes in the following non-exhaustive list:

- What dynamic and complex links connect the law to its social environment?
- Which concepts underlie the relationship between the legal and social worlds: how can we depict the analytical or programmatic spectrums where the merging, frictions or contradictions between the law and contemporary social phenomena are played out?
- What are the limits, shortcomings or possibilities of each concept? Do they, through their contemporaneity and critical effectiveness, suitably scrutinize the law and its societal consequences?
- How can the study of the law help us document and understand social transformations in a new way?

The papers submitted may use a variety of methodological and epistemological forms, taking stances that range from the theoretical to the empirical. The style sheet for *Les Cahiers de droit* must be applied, as found at: www.cahiersdedroit.fd.ulaval.ca/fr/pour-les-auteurs.

Papers of between 10,000 and 12,000 words (1.5 line spacing, including notes), must be submitted by e-mail to (cahiers.de.droit@fd.ulaval.ca) before **1 December 2019**.

The journal *Les Cahiers de droit* publishes original papers in French and English. All submitted texts are assessed anonymously by two external experts. The style sheet is available on the journal's website at: www.cahiersdedroit.fd.ulaval.ca. For more information: cahiers.de.droit@fd.ulaval.ca.