AALS Section on Financial Institutions and Consumer Financial Protection
Call for Papers at the 2020 AALS Annual Meeting

The Section on Financial Institutions and Consumer Financial Services is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for the section’s program to be held during the AALS 2020 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC on “Immediate Challenges in Consumer Financial Protection.”

Up to two presenters for the program will be selected from this Call for Papers in a blind review by members of the Section’s Executive Committee. Junior scholars are strongly encouraged to submit papers.

Program Description:

Consumer financial protection is no stranger to debate and controversy. For example, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has come under attack for retreating on financial protections. Others criticize the agency for limiting consumer choice and stifling innovation. Some say the agency seeks to expand its regulatory boundaries without authority and accuse it of undermining the rule of law. Commentators debate the right balance between state and federal regulation, disputing the extent to which consumer protection should be centralized. Many commentators identify sectoral threats to consumers, pointing to payday lending and fintech as examples. What no one doubts is that consumer financial protection laws are rapidly changing.

This program considers immediate challenges in consumer financial protection and how best to meet them. Topics may include challenges that may lead to financial crises, result in consumer harm, or curb economic growth. The program spans banking, securities, fintech, and insurance. Themes may include behavioral and other justifications for regulation, regulatory tools and techniques, consumer remedies, and measures of regulatory impact. The program offers a chance for scholars and practitioners of consumer financial protection, whatever their economic, political or philosophical views, to share their work and ideas at a time of significant change.

Form and Length of Submission:

Draft papers of between 5,000 and 25,000 words will be accepted for consideration. These should be submitted electronically to Andrew Tuch at andrew.tuch@wustl.edu with the subject matter line “Financial Institutions Submission: AALS Call for Papers”. Submissions should be received no later than August 26, 2019.

Please remove all references to the author(s) in the paper. Please include author information and the title of your paper in the text of the email to which the paper is attached.

Any inquiries about the Call for Papers should be directed to Andrew Tuch, Washington University in St. Louis, at andrew.tuch@wustl.edu or (314) 935.3189.

Pursuant to AALS rules, only full-time faculty members of AALS member law schools are eligible to submit a paper. Faculty at fee-paid non-member law schools, foreign faculty, adjunct and visiting faculty (without a full-time position at an AALS member law school), graduate students, fellows, and non-law
school faculty are not eligible to submit. Please note that all presenters at the program are responsible for paying their own annual meeting registration fees and travel expenses.