The AALS East Asian Law & Society Section is planning a panel for the next annual conference in January 2021, and invites submissions on works-in-progress that speak to the following theme:

"East Asian Responses to Crises - Pandemics, Trade, Climate, and Beyond" - The events of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have starkly highlighted the extent to which East Asian countries have adopted law and policy responses that are strikingly diverse, with differing degrees of efficacy and success, and with very different balances being struck among competing interests and rights. The same can be said of responses to other emergencies and crises confronting the region, from climate change and trade wars to national security tensions and internal constitutional problems. East Asian countries have not only pursued law and policy choices that often differ markedly from those of the West, but which are also quite diverse within the region itself. What are the lessons to be learned from these diverse responses, and the different trade-offs that have been made, in responding to crises and emergencies in the region?

Those interested in presenting are requested to submit an abstract of between 500-700 words to craig.martin@washburn.edu, by no later than August 15, 2020. A selection committee will consider the abstracts submitted and make final decisions by the end of September, when the final composition of panels for works-in-progress must be submitted to the conference planners.