

**SECTION ON MINORITY GROUPS  
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS**

**2025 AALS Conference Program**

***“Lawyering for the Global Majority”***

The AALS Section on Minority Groups (SOMG) invites submissions for the “Lawyering for the Global Majority” program at the 2025 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. This program will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

This year, the AALS celebrates lawyers, legal scholars, and law students taking courageous action for justice in the face of immense pressure and threats to their safety. The AALS Section on Minority Groups invites submissions on lawyering for the global majority. While many States formally decolonized over the course of the twentieth century, other forms of subjugation continues in many countries through political, economic, and other means. Yet, there has always been resistance and transformative efforts on behalf of lawyers, activists, and communities to move towards a domination-free global order.

Lawyers are using the tools of domestic and international law to advocate for historically marginalized communities, peoples, and states. The past year has also seen lawyers from non-Western states in the highest profile international court cases, most notably in the case of *South Africa vs. Israel* in the International Court of Justice. Recent cases in domestic courts include those brought to fight labor exploitation, environmental degradation, impunity for gender-based violence, and war crimes, among others.

We invite submissions on lawyering for the global majority, broadly defined, including:

- Historical work on how communities have used international and domestic law in transnational contexts in the fight for justice.
- Work describing current struggles and legal strategies.
- Theoretical perspectives on using law and a “global majority” framing or other non-subordinating frameworks to empower historically marginalized communities.

We invite submissions on lawyering for the global majority, broadly defined, including historical, theoretical, and current lawyering praxis to send a 500 to 1000-word abstract to Professor Alveena Shah at [afs75@pitt.edu](mailto:afs75@pitt.edu). Questions about the session or application process may also be directed to Professor Shah. **The submission deadline is Friday, August 9, 2024.**