

works within 10 years of their doctorate. Nominations require support from at least two members of the RCSL.

Publications can be in any language. For works in languages other than those known by the prize committee, the nominators should ideally provide selected translations. To consider works in less well-known languages, the Prize committee can co-opt further members and consult other members of the RCSL.

Nominations must include

- the candidate's CV
- a short statement from the nominators of the value of the candidate's work
- copies of relevant publications

The members of the 2008 Podgorecki Prize Committee are: Rosemary Hunter (chair), Pierre Guibentif and Teresa Picontó-Navales.

Nominations should be sent to Rosemary Hunter (R.C.Hunter@kent.ac.uk), or to the Secretary of the RCSL (luigi.cominelli@unimi.it), and should be received by **30 March 2008**.

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### **Bronson-Dillehay Award for Research, Scholarship, and Education in Procedural Justice**

In 2005, the American Society of Trial Consultants (ASTC) Foundation established the Bronson-Dillehay Award to honor the dedication of Dr. Ed Bronson and Dr. Ron Dillehay in their ongoing efforts to protect and promote the principles of procedural justice. By using this Award to recognize the work of others who conduct research and educate the legal and social science communities through their publications and training, the ASTC Foundation hopes to encourage more scholarship and continued attention to the dynamics of bias and prejudgment in litigation as well as the procedural remedies for those problems. ASTC recognizes the recipients of the Award at its annual conference. The initial Awards will be honorariums of \$1,000 for those making a contribution through research, scholarship, and training on procedural justice issues.

**Deadline: On or before 31 January 2008**, submit an abstract (no more than three pages) describing the research, publication, or training program via email to: [smacpherson@njp.com](mailto:smacpherson@njp.com) and [beth@bonoraandrea.com](mailto:beth@bonoraandrea.com). Finalists will be notified by March 14 and asked to submit complete materials for further review. The recipient of the Award will be notified by May 1st and invited to attend the ASTC national conference as our guest for presentation of the Award. This year ASTC meets June 5 to 8 in Chicago. In addition to being highlighted in the conference materials, a description of the recipient's work will also appear in ASTC's *Court Call* publication.

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### **Foundation for Law, Justice and Society Conference on Income Support**

On Wednesday 10 October, the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society (FLJS), in association with the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford University, hosted a Keynote Address by Amitai Etzioni on guaranteed basic income (GBI). The lecture opened the Foundation's two-day conference on '**The Contract for Income Support and Pension in the Modern Welfare State**', attended by an international panel of government officials,

policymakers, academics, economists, and political scientists.

Professor Etzioni, a former Senior Advisor to the White House and President of the American Sociological Association, speaking to an audience at Rhodes House, Oxford, argued that everyone should be entitled to a guaranteed basic income 'as a reflection of our basic humanity'.

The Foundation for Law, Justice and Society is an independent institution affiliated with the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford.

Founded in 2005, the mission of the Foundation is to study, reflect on and promote an understanding of the role that law plays in society. This is achieved by analysing issues of contemporary interest and importance through our [three programmes](#):

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The Foundation draws on the work of scholars and researchers, and aims to make its work easily accessible to practitioners and professionals, whether in government, business, or the law.

For more information, see the Foundation website at [www.fljs.org](http://www.fljs.org).

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Conferences

The **2008 Annual Meeting of the RCSL** will be devoted to "**Law and Justice in a Risk Society**" and held from Wednesday 9 July afternoon, to Saturday 12 July 2008, in Milan-Como on the invitation of the *Associazione di Studi su Diritto e Società*, the *Sezione di Sociologia del diritto dell'Associazione Italiana di Sociologia*, the **University of Milano**, the **University of Milano-Bicocca**, the **University of Insubria-Como** and the **Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale (CNPDS)**.

Besides the panels organized by the **RCSL Working Groups**, the following **Workshops**, specifically connected with the topic of the conference, will take place: *Ecology; Commons; European Integration; Market Economies, Enterprises and Work; Health and Assistance; Identities and Religion; Media and the Internet; Legal Systems and their Risks; War, Terrorism and Social Control; Law and Family; Law and Biomedical Technologies; Law and Anthropology*.

Individual contributions on socio-legal topics will also be welcomed and discussed in *ad hoc* sessions of "**Research in Progress**".

The languages of the meeting will be **English, French** and **Spanish**. Registration fees will include a social dinner, conference meals and coffee-breaks and will be as follows: 100 Euro - Students and 'C country' participants; 170 Euro - RCSL Members; 200 Euro: non-members.

Paper abstracts and full panels proposals must be submitted by **February 15, 2008**, using the forms which can be downloaded at this page: <http://users.unimi.it/RCSL2008/>.

The **Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)** invites proposals for its 58th Annual Meeting, to be held July 31-August 2, 2008 at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, Boston, MA. Theme: **Crossing Borders: Activist Scholarship, Globalization, And Social Justice**. Papers or extended abstracts (2-3 page summary of your intended presentation) for presentations at division sponsored sessions must be sent electronically to session organizers no later than January 31, 2008. If your paper does not fit into one of the sessions listed in the Call for Papers, send your submission electronically no later than January 31 to Program Committee Co-Chairs: Hector Delgado, delgadoh@ulv.edu and Wendy Simonds, wsimonds@gsu.edu. Questions relating to the program should be directed to them as well. When sending an e-mail, please place SSSP in the subject line. For further information, visit <http://www.sssp1.org>.

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**Harvard and Stanford Law Schools** announce plans for an **international junior faculty conference**. The two sponsoring schools will act as hosts in alternate years.

The first conference will be held at Stanford, California, on October 16-19, 2008. The purpose of the conference is to stimulate the international exchange of ideas and research among members of the legal academy, to encourage and further the work of younger scholars in the international community, and to surmount barriers between scholars of different traditions and cultures, in the interests of the development of legal scholarship on a transnational basis.

The sponsoring schools invite any junior scholar to submit a paper for the conference. The paper may be on any legally relevant subject, and may utilize any legally relevant approach, quantitative or qualitative, sociological, anthropological, historical, or economic, on the role and function of law and legal systems in the modern world, or in the past. The papers for this initial year should be in English. Any scholar whose home institution is outside the United States and who has held an academic position for less than seven years, as of 2008, or whose last degree was earned less than ten years earlier than 2008, is invited to submit an abstract of no more than five pages that lays out the major argument of the paper he/she would submit, states what method the scholar will pursue to advance that argument, and indicates the paper's potential contribution to scholarship. On the basis of these abstracts, the sponsoring schools will invite the submission of full papers. The papers will be reviewed by an international committee of senior legal scholars, representing many different countries and many different styles and approaches. Approximately ten of the papers will be selected for presentation at the conference. Each paper