Law on the Edge is jointly presented by the Canadian Law and Society Association and the Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand and will be hosted on-campus at the beautiful University of British Columbia in Vancouver from 1 – 4 July 2013. Proposals for conference sessions must be e-mailed to lawontheedge@law.ubc.ca by 31 December 2012.

The concept of living on the edge is not simply geo-political. While it is a politics of the edge, perpetually responding to and writing back at the centre, it is also a recognition that law itself constitutes boundaries and edges, creating sameness, difference, Others and allies. The conference planning emphasizes the following themes:
• Law in times of crisis, tragedy & uncertainty;
• Indigeneity, pluralism & difference;
• Law on the geopolitical edge;
• Connections, departures, mobilities; and
• New legal spaces on the edge.

The conference organisers have planned a mix of programming to allow participants an immersive experience with:

• considerable exposure to the best and most innovative law and society scholarship;
• a sense of the local context and relevance of law and society in situ; and
• a sustained opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with participants who have shared interests and who diverge disciplinarily, conceptually, and methodologically.

We encourage sociolegal and interdisciplinary contributions that explore law on the edge in a variety of spatio-temporal contexts as well as other law and society scholarship. The conference program has been carefully designed to maximize opportunities for dialogue. The conference planning committee invites a variety of proposals including, but extending well beyond, traditional papers.

1. Paper and panel proposals
2. Graduate student workshop
3. Research workshops
4. Field trips
5. Chairing panels

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Keynote and plenary speakers

The conference planning committee is excited to have arranged a leading group of keynote and plenary speakers including:

• Leah Bassel “Paradoxes of Protection: Gender at the Borders”
• John Borrows “Ningiiwitaa-inaakonige: Walking Around the Edges of Indigenous Law”
• “Belonging on the Edge” with Catherine Dauvergne & Jenni Millbank, Shaunnagh Dorsett, Julie Evans and Sherene Razack.
• “Law, Space and Boundaries” with Nick Blomley, Davina Cooper, Lee Godden and Valmaine Toki.
• “Looking out from the Salish Sea” with Douglas Harris, Aaron Wilson and Bruce Miller.

More information about these speakers will be posted on the conference website soon.