The Center for the Study of Law and Society invites you to the

**CSLS Visiting Scholars Speaker Series**

An occasional series of presentations & discussion with wine and light refreshments
*Moderated by Jonathan Simon*

Please join us for two presentations
in the Selznick Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Ave., 3:30 to 5:00pm

**Wednesday, May 3**

**Behnoosh Payvar**
Lund University

“Interrelations of Law and Norms in Contemporary Iranian Society: The Case of Women, Work and Law”

According to the Article 1117, Chapter 8, Civil Code, the husband can prevent his wife from occupations or technical work that is incompatible with the family interests or the dignity of him or his wife.

In many marriages in Iran today, women ask for the permanent consent of their husband for regaining their right to work. This is a process starting in the course of private conversations within the families to the actual administration and documentation of husband’s consent that takes place at formal offices of legal authority. This issue raises the basis for the present inquiry: Why do women ask for the right to work at the time of marriage contract? To what extent do norms support the legal trend towards more repressive enforcement strategies when dealing with issue of women and work? The overall purpose of this project is to enhance the knowledge about the relationship between law and norms in the context of contemporary Iranian society and thereby to contribute to better understanding of social transformations and challenges regarding evolving needs, norms, and attitudes.

**Hadar Dancig-Rosenberg**
Bar Ilan University

“Trauma and Post: The Use of Facebook by Sexual Assault Victims”
*(co-authored with Anat Peleg, Ariel Bendor & Roy Rosenberg)*

In the last few years, social media has created supportive spaces in which sexual assault victims can share their testimonies and describe the ongoing impacts of sexual violence on their lives. These online forums sustain statements of victimization and render such claims intelligible and meaningful even when they breach social, professional, and legal norms. Thus, online forums operate not only as healing spaces for those who have experienced sexual violence, but also host critical discourse of the criminal justice system.

This project aims to identify the functions that social media plays for sexual assault victims and their attitude towards this new platform vis-a-vis the formal criminal justice system. The study particularly seeks to address the following questions: What is the typology of victims who are engaged in online groups? What are their motivations? Which of their subjective needs are being catered by the criminal justice system, and which by social media? What kind of positive and negative experiences do the victims face as a result of their online exposure? The study is based on over 500 responses to online surveys which we have circulated on Facebook pages of sexual assault victims and of communities of interest in Israel, and on in-depth interviews we have conducted with 20 sexual assault victims who have exposed themselves on Facebook. In this talk I will present some of the empirical findings and discuss our preliminary conclusions.