

**Competitive Call for Papers:**  
***“Resilience and the Big Picture: Governing and Financing  
Innovations for Long Island Sound and Beyond”***

**Symposium Date:** April 22, 2016

**Symposium Location:** University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT

**Symposium Focus:** The symposium presentations and discussions aim to explore the policy and legal challenges of planning, implementing and financing resilient futures on both sides of the high tide line as well as the complexities of distributing and coordinating the governance of shared resources among multiple authorities, with a focus on marine spatial planning efforts.

Resilience denotes one end of a range or continuum marking a system’s capacity to cope with change or adverse events -- demarcated on the opposing end by the inability to cope which is termed vulnerability. Resilient systems are able to adapt and persist in dynamic environments while retaining critical functions. They are flexible, able to regroup or recover, assess, plan and be proactive in addressing short, medium and longer-term changes. Resilience spans different scales or levels of organization and is found in a variety of systems: ecological, biological, social, economic, legal, and governance. Resilience has become embedded in discussions surrounding efforts to adapt to a changing climate. As an end-goal, however, it can be focused on a suite of changes broader and more diverse than simply climate change -- although this looms large in the future of coastal and marine social-ecological systems.

Resilience is now something of a buzzword and the policy-relevant literature related to this subject is growing exponentially. There is, however, a gap or emerging space in the literature in which resilience is examined in conjunction with financing, planning and governance efforts targeting dynamic marine and coastal systems, which are facing potential system-wide changes driven by a growing population, development pressures, and anthropogenic climate change, among other influences. It is this area we hope to target with the articles generated from this symposium.

**Deadline for paper abstract submissions: January 29, 2016.**

**Programmatic Details:** We invite abstract submissions from legal and policy academics, practitioners, regulators, law and graduate students and others with expertise and interest in these areas to submit a 2 to 3 page paper proposal (extended abstract) that focuses on one or more of the topics identified below. Papers that integrate both themes and/or more than one topic are encouraged. Abstracts will be evaluated and selected for inclusion in the symposium on the basis of responsiveness to the call, relevance to the symposium themes, substantive merit and analytical rigor. Authors will be contacted by February 15 regarding the status of their abstract. A complete manuscript of those papers selected for presentation must be submitted on April 15.

**Topics of Interest:** We are soliciting papers from any of the following or related subject areas which explore:

- **The joint governance of shared resources, including an examination of:**
  - efforts to develop marine spatial planning in US waters generally, and in Long Island Sound specifically, including the institutional and organizational authorities, policies and structures necessary to implement marine spatial planning;
  - policy, institutional and legal questions regarding multi-state governance structures necessary to implement joint governance of a shared resource and promote resilient economies and ecosystems;
- **Insuring and financing resilient futures in coastal and marine systems, including the role of:**
  - insurance in modifying behaviors to enhance resilience;
  - financial players and strategies as tools to encourage resilient behaviors;
  - federal and state governments and regulators in providing incentives through financial structures to promote resilient development;
  - the reinsurance industry in modifying behaviors to enhance resilience;
  - commercial insurers in expanding property liability and interruption insurance;
  - businesses and cooperative state financing structures, modelled after Connecticut's Green Bank, in promoting resilient behaviors and outcomes.

**Publication of Papers:** Submitted papers that are accepted for presentation will be published in a special issue of the Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal, an open access online journal that “provides a forum for the timely discussion and exploration of legal topics of relevance to the Sea Grant network of extension agents, researchers, coastal managers and users, and local decision-makers.” For more information, see <http://nsglc.olemiss.edu/sglpj/index.html>.

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**How to Submit:** 2 to 3 page paper proposals should be submitted via e-mail to [seagrantresearch@uconn.edu](mailto:seagrantresearch@uconn.edu) by 4:30 EST, January 29, 2016. Be sure to include your affiliation and contact information.

**Review:** Abstracts submitted by the deadline will be evaluated for relevance, rigor and responsiveness. Authors will be notified of the status of their papers by February 15, 2016.

**Final Papers Format:** Final papers will be 30-35 pages in length and contain fewer than 15,000 words, including footnotes. Completed manuscripts must be submitted PRIOR to the conference by April 15, 2016. In preparation for peer review, revised manuscripts should be submitted by May 22, 2016. For complete format information refer to: <http://nsglc.olemiss.edu/SGLPJ/guidelines.htm>

**Important dates:**

- **Paper Proposals Due:** January 29, 2016
- **Author Notification of Acceptance:** February 15, 2016
- **Full Papers Due:** April 15, 2016
- **Symposium Date:** April 22, 2016
- **Final Revised Papers Due<sup>1</sup>:** May 22, 2016

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<sup>1</sup> Editorial staff from the Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal will interface with authors after this date.