Call for Papers: Science Fiction and the Law

The Section on Biolaw of the Association of American Law Schools invites papers and works in progress for its "Science Fiction and the Law" session at the 2021 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, cosponsored by the Section on Intellectual Property. The panel will consider the broadly defined intersection of science fiction and the law. Potential areas of exploration could include legal systems appearing in science fiction, how science fiction has shaped existing law, and how science fiction can suggest avenues for legal reform.

Submission guidelines: The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2020. Submissions at any stage of development are welcome, though more developed submissions may receive preference. Decisions will be made by September 1, 2020, and drafts for selected panelists will be due in mid-December. Please email submissions to Nicholson Price with the subject "AALS 2021: Science Fiction."

The Michigan Technology Law Review (MTLR) will also review the chosen panelists' pieces for optional publication in its Winter 2021 Issue, with a high likelihood of accepting panelists' pieces with a technological focus. To be considered for publication, the piece should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words, including footnotes. A lighter touch on footnotes is strongly encouraged (ideally not exceeding 50).