

A **first call** for original book chapter proposals on
Names, Naming, Identity, and the Law

Around the world, across different cultures and languages, names are used to mark individual and group identity. The significance of names therefore extends far beyond their surface indexical properties. The names a person or group are officially permitted or restricted to carry have a direct bearing upon categories of membership and mediate social inclusion and exclusion. Accordingly, laws governing the selection, alteration, registration, meaning, and prohibition of names are inextricably tied to essential questions of socio-economic access, privilege, and power. Against this background, this call is for chapter proposals that critically address one of the following two sub-areas:

SUB-AREA ONE: the relationship between names, naming, the law and one of the following areas of identity: gender identification, sexual orientation, ethnoracial classification, family status, political affiliation, socio-economic attainment, religious denomination; nationality and citizenship, etc.

SUB-AREA TWO: the analytical methods used by private industry and/or governmental agencies to covertly or overtly extrapolate information about name-bearers' potential identity using onomastic data.

The focus of this publication is placed upon nations where English is used as either a national or official language. However, chapter proposals that draw comparisons with other geolinguistic areas are also welcome. Proposals may explore any type of name (e.g. personal names, place names, trade names, brand names, etc.). The intended readership for this publication is made up of university students in advanced courses (upper undergrad/grad) as well as researchers in the disciplines of linguistics, language policy, law, history, sociology, government and politics. Despite the interdisciplinary appeal of this publication, this volume is primarily intended for students and scholars in language/linguistics. Researchers are encouraged to contact Dr. Nick with any questions regarding the suitability of envisioned themes.

Interested authors are invited to submit a book chapter proposal with the following elements: 1.) a working title for the proposed chapter; 2.) an abstract detailing the contents of the book chapter (max. 800 words, excluding references); 3.) a preliminary list of references; and 4.) a professional biographical sketch about the author(s) (max. 300 words). All proposals must be prepared for blind review, without any reference to the identity or affiliation of the author(s). All submissions must be original contributions and may not be under consideration for possible publication elsewhere. The deadline for receipt of chapter proposals is **midnight, January 5, 2020** (Central European Time).

All submissions should be sent to Professor Nick as a Word doc. For organizational purposes, be sure to include "NamesandLaw19" in the subject line of the email. The body of the email should contain the contact information for the author(s) and indicate which of the above two sub-areas is the subject of the chapter proposal.

Final book chapters must be between 6,000-7,000 words (including references) and comply with the publication guidelines of the publisher (pending acceptance).

Important Preliminary Dates

- January 5, 2020: Proposal Submission Deadline
- March 2020: Notification of Acceptance
- August 2020: First Draft of Chapter Due
- October 2020: Results of Blind Review Returned to Authors
- December 2021: Revised Draft of Chapter Due
- February 2021: Notification of Final Acceptances Sent
- March 2021: Final Chapters Due

Looking forward to receiving your submission!

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