**Call for Papers**

**Celebrating 100 Years of the 1925 Property Legislation**

The Cambridge Centre for Property Law and the Cambridge Private Law Centre are delighted to announce a two-day conference 'Celebrating 100 Years of the 1925 Property Legislation', taking place between the 8-9 September 2025 at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

<https://www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/cambridge-centre-for-property-law/news/2025-conference-celebrating-100-years-1925-property>

In the period 1922 to 1925, a series of groundbreaking legislative enactments reframed English property law in terms favourable to alienation and a market in land, providing the basis on which much of the relevant modern law rests. The Law of Property Act, Trustee Act, Settled Land Act, Administration of Estates Act, Land Registration Act, and the Land Charges Act 1925 together set out a new vision for how rights in land, trusts, inheritance, and land registration would work. Whilst much of that legislation has now been repealed, updated, or superseded, the Law of Property Act 1925 remains the key statute for land law in England and Wales. Elsewhere, the legacies of 1925 have shaped the development of subsequent legislation, case law, and reform.

In the lead up to the centenary of the 1925 Acts coming into force on 1 January 1926, this conference will celebrate and examine the impact of that legislation. Papers will consider the history, drafting, policy, and legacies of the 1925 legislation 100 years from their enactment.

Papers are invited on any subject related to the 1925 legislation, including but not limited to:

* Legal history, the drafting process, aims, and changes enacted by the legislation;
* The interpretation and impact of the 1925 legislation, including case law decisions;
* Reform programmes, evaluating, repealing and replacing that legislation;
* Interaction between the 1925 legislation and the Land Registration Act 2002; and
* Looking to the future in respect of the 1925 legislation still in force.

Proposals for individual papers should include an abstract of c. 200-250 words and a short biography of the speaker; full panel proposals should include 3-4 speakers and abstracts totalling not more than 1,000 words. We welcome proposals from academics, practitioners, and independent researchers, including postgraduate students.

All proposals should be sent to Dr Lorren Eldridge ([le377@cam.ac.uk](mailto:le377@cam.ac.uk)) by **1 May 2025.**

The expectation is that selected papers will be gathered into an edited volume after the conference.

Please contact Dr Lorren Eldridge ([le377@cam.ac.uk](mailto:le377@cam.ac.uk)) with any questions.