

Call for Papers

LAW IN A CHANGING TRANSNATIONAL WORLD

A Workshop for Young Scholars

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The modern world is changing at a rapid pace, and the law is in constant reactive mode to accommodate these changes. How should the law adapt to the changing reality? Which fields of law are most affected by globalization? What are the impacts of technological developments on

different fields of law? What are the obligations of nations and corporations in an era of global interdependence?

We invite PhD candidates and junior scholars (up to 3 years from receiving the degree) from universities and research institutions throughout the world to contribute and advance current thinking about the future of the law in a transnational world. We welcome contributions on relevant topics identified by the applicant, according to the following themes:

Law, Science and Technology: this thread calls to explore new developments in intellectual property (IP) law, Internet regulation, bio-ethics and information technology (IT). Examples of topics are the impact of the Internet on IP regulation, especially copyright; how the law should cope with the digital environment; whether the concept of privacy changes in light of technological developments; the future of online freedom of expression.

Transnational Law and Regional Legal Arrangements: this thread calls to explore new legal orders beyond the “national”. Examples of topics are what is transnational law, how national legal orders should interact with transnational or regional legal orders; how regional and transnational law should address national law; whether transnational law should be enforced; who should enforce transnational and regional law; possible limitations on regional legal arrangements.

Obligations of Nations in an Era of Global Interdependence: this thread aims to explore the relationship between a sovereign’s authority and affected foreign stakeholders. Examples of topics are the extent to which national decision-making should take into consideration the interest of foreigners; whether states are obliged to take into consideration the interest of humanity; whether states should share with strangers their scarce national resources; whether foreign stakeholders have a voice in national decision-making process.

Changing Reality and the Law: this thread focuses on law’s adjustment to the changing social, technological, environmental and political reality. Questions that may be explored include human rights and transnational corporations, human mobility and migration,

multiculturalism, changes in family structures, changes in patterns of employment, privacy rights and freedom of expression, the impact of international institutions on environmental laws; the intersection between nanotechnology and/or biotechnology and environmental issues; legal mechanisms for protecting the environment.

Science, Ethics and Democracy: this thread will focus on the interaction between science and democracy. The following issues are examples of questions that may be explored: what are the normative principles for incorporating science and technology into a democratic society? Who is involved in deliberation regarding new technologies, and can this process become more democratic? How is information regarding the promises and risks of science and technology developed and discussed? At what level and by whom should science and technology be regulated?

Format and Costs

The Workshop will be held in English, and will take place over two days. It will comprise six panels. Each panel will include three or four presentations by participants and a senior or junior scholar as commentator. The organizers will cover accommodation costs for three nights. In addition, limited travel grants to help cover flight costs to the workshop will be available for applicants lacking institutional funding. The availability and the amount of travel grants will depend on the applicant's available funding by other sources, the number of applicants for travel grants, and other criteria. In any case, the travel grants are not expected to fully cover travel expenses.

Eligibility

Proposals must be written by doctoral candidates who have not yet submitted their thesis or have been awarded their doctorate in the three years prior to 31 October 2013.

Submission Guidelines

Proposals should be submitted by e-mail, to lawtransnationalworld@gmail.com, by **1 May 2013** at the latest.

Each proposal must contain:

1. An abstract of up to 500 words of the proposed presentation (in Microsoft Word format).
2. A cover sheet with the title of the proposed presentation, the relevant thread, the name of the applicant, the applicant's institution, and full contact information. It is possible to indicate a number of relevant threads or when not sure, to leave it to the discretion of the organizers.
3. Indication regarding the need for a travel grant as well as the amount asked for. The amount asked for will be taken into consideration when deciding on the distribution of the travel grants. A statement regarding the need for accommodation for the duration of the workshop.

Papers will be selected by the workshop committee, based on their merits and fit with the workshop's theme. Letters of acceptance or rejection will be sent by **1 June 2013**. The authors of selected proposals will be asked to prepare a completed paper for presentation at the Workshop. The deadline for receipt of the completed paper is **15th September 2013**.

Submission of a proposal constitutes a professional commitment to participate in the workshop. Please submit a proposal only if you are seriously committed to completing the paper and participating in the workshop if your proposal is selected.

For further information about the workshop, see

<http://www.law.tau.ac.il/Eng/?CategoryID=515>

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