“Human Rights and Their Impact on Various Fields of the Law”

Call for Papers

Invocation
The Faculties of Law of the Universities of Bristol, Budapest (ELTE), Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen, Lille – Nord de France, Turku and Uppsala cordially invite graduate students and faculty to participate in the 4th annual Legal Research Network Conference 15-16 September 2011. The conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Law of the University of Göttingen.

Aim
The conference aims for a friendly and stimulating research environment and a common space for graduate students and faculty to present and discuss international oriented legal research.

Setup
The conference provides the opportunity for graduate students and faculty to present their research and discuss their ideas with colleagues in plenum and in a number of panels. The keynote speech will shed further light on the issue and stimulate discussion. The conference language is English.

Theme
The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty marks a cornerstone in the development of the human rights system in Europe. By furnishing the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union with binding force and envisaging the accession of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights, the Lisbon Treaty created a multi-layered and complex system of human rights in Europe. These most recent developments alone call for and merit a thorough analysis and discussion among European legal academics. Beyond such historical events, however, a less visible but equally relevant development deserves academic attention. The impact of human rights law in other fields and branches of the legal system. Such impact is apparent in a number of areas of the law, such as, police law, criminal procedure, family law or labor law. However, taking a closer look reveals that there is hardly any field of the law, which is beyond the reach of human rights. This includes fields, such as tax or economic law and environmental law. Even more, on the supranational level of European law the Lisbon Treaty highlights that human rights form the core values of the European Union and, for instance, also inform its foreign relations policy. The conference will assess and reflect on the breath and magnitude of the impact of human rights on various fields and branches of the law.
Submission and deadlines
We invite graduate students and faculty members wishing to participate to submit an abstract with at most 400 words indicating the title of the paper, name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s) to mail@legalresearchnetwork.eu. We kindly ask you to attach a brief description of yourself (upto 200 words), which will be included in the conference materials. The deadline for abstracts is 27 May 2011. Confirmation of acceptance of the abstract and participation in the conference will be sent out on or around 10 June, 2011.

The deadline for the working paper itself is the 2 September 2011. A format for the working paper will be made available on the website of the conference in due course. We encourage researchers to use this format. No limits on length or subject are imposed upon papers. Working papers are to be considered not yet definitive articles, but having an academic line of reasoning that is already structured and developed in such a way that the author feels comfortable defending it for a small audience of interested peers. Authors presenting working papers actively seek to acquire general and specific comments in order to improve their work.

As this conference is intended for graduate students and faculty members of the faculties involved and aimed at stimulating international oriented legal research, the organizers anticipate to accept all working papers from members of the associated faculties. Further details, including the working papers, the program of the conference, venue and travel details will be made available to participants on the website www.legalresearchnetwork.eu.

For questions and queries either contact your local faculty representative in the organizing committee or contact Philipp Socha (Philip.Socha@jura.uni-goettingen.de).

Venue and Hotel Accommodation
The venue of the conference as well as information about accommodation will be made available in due course on the conference website.

Conference Costs
The Annual Legal Research Network Conference 2011 is free of charge for participating authors and discussants from the associated faculties. As the Conference is part of the strategic cooperation of our faculties, each faculty will subsidize costs of travel and accommodation of its graduate students and faculty members. The Faculty of Law, University of Göttingen will cover the costs of organizing the Conference, including conference materials, coffee, lunches and the conference dinner.

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