



Doctoral Forum in Law & Humanities
University of Lucerne
10 & 11 December 2020

Crossing Frontiers: The Law From Within and Without

The Institute for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies - lucernaiuris invites submissions for the third meeting of the Doctoral Forum in Law & Humanities to be held at the University of Lucerne, Switzerland, on 10 & 11 December 2020.

The forum is an interdisciplinary platform for PhD students and early career researchers working within and between law and the humanities. Its aim is to bring together a diverse group of young scholars for open discussion of current projects, urgent legal-political concerns, and wider theoretical and methodological issues raised by law and legal theory.

The title of this year's meeting is *Crossing Frontiers: The Law From Within and Without*. We interpret the theme broadly and welcome contributions that (re-)think the law from diverse internal and external perspectives. Possible topics might include (but are certainly not limited to):

- Artistic Representations and Iconography of Law and Justice
- Narrative Negotiations of Law
- Law and the Imagination
- Metaphors in Law
- Media Law as Technology Law
- Diversity and Plurality in Law
- Rights, Justice and Vulnerable/Disadvantaged Groups

Proposals for 15-minute presentations (300 word abstract plus short biographical note and contact details) should be sent to lucernaiuris@unilu.ch by 16 October 2020. Accepted applicants will be asked to submit a short working paper in advance of the meeting to encourage constructive discussion and feedback.

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Connect. Convene. Converse.

The purpose of the doctoral forum is to serve as meeting place where PhD students and early career researchers can convene, converse, and share ideas in a friendly and supportive environment. In addition to facilitating onsite intellectual exchange, the forum aims to help build a network of young scholars and to foster ongoing discussions on theoretical, critical and interdisciplinary approaches to the study of law and justice.

Stronger Together

The forum actively cultivates a sense of community and solidarity. It presents a space where young researchers can mutually support and strengthen one another - via active peer encouragement and constructive feedback, by sharing experiences, and by forging personal friendships.

Crossing Frontiers

Internationalisation and interdisciplinarity. These are two of the key watchwords for the forum. The leading ambition is to offer a fertile platform for PhD students and early career researchers from different disciplines and geographical regions to come together and think - deeply, critically and creatively - about matters of law and justice across a variety of contexts.

Format

The forum will be a workshop-style event, organised around a series of panels comprising thematically-related papers. Each presentation will be fifteen minutes, followed by discussions. Short working papers will be submitted and circulated in advance, and all participants are encouraged to read as many as possible prior to the meeting to help foster a lively and productive exchange.

Application Instructions

Step One: Short abstracts (300 words), together with a brief biographical note, should be submitted to lucernaiuris@unilu.ch by 16 October 2020.

Step Two: The organisers will notify applicants of the outcome of their submission by 31 October 2020.

Step Three: Short working papers (max. 5 sides) should be submitted to lucernaiuris@unilu.ch by 25 November 2020. These will be distributed to all participants by 3 December 2020.

Publication

Selected participants are welcome to submit their extended papers for possible publication in the student-led journal [cognitio](#).

Registration Fee

There is no registration fee for the forum. Lunch and coffee will be provided across the two days.

COVID-19

We are planning on running the event in physical format, though virtual attendance may be possible for a limited number of participants. Should the situation with COVID-19 require it, the forum may switch entirely to a virtual mode.