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Young Property Lawyers' Forum Annual Conference
6th – 7th June 2024
Call for Papers: 'Property Law: Old and New'

The Young Property Lawyers' Forum (YPLF) invites junior researchers to submit proposals for presentations given at its 13th annual meeting, to take place at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest, Hungary, on the 6th and 7th of June 2024.

About us: The YPLF is an informal network of junior property law researchers, both PhD candidates and those within 5 years of having obtained their doctorate. The YPLF aims to bring property law scholars together from around the world and enable them to discuss their work with each other and with more experienced researchers. The conference provides an informal setting for young researchers to discuss innovative ideas and research in the area of property law, and to seek support in solving problems and improving their research, both in skills and in content. For more information on YPLF see: <http://www.yplf.net/>

Theme: The theme of this year's conference is **'Property Law: Old and New'**. Across jurisdictions, property law is frequently regarded as the area of private law least subject to change, and intimately tied to the past. Not only have the rules of property law remained stable for long periods of time, but they are also replete with references to ancient legal systems, from classical Roman law to the medieval common law doctrines of tenure and estates. However, property law is also constantly exposed to new realities, spanning from novel kinds of housing needs and environmental challenges to developments in the digital realm; and, while providing for stability, property law's structures can at times appear to resist much-needed transformation. Nonetheless, and contrary to common assumptions, many contemporary property systems have undergone substantive changes in the recent past. For example, underpinned by an understanding of private law in which modernisation builds on tradition, the 2013 Hungarian Civil Code modernised the system of proprietary credit securities, an amendment of the Civil Code in 2023 reinstated the transferable right of *superficies* that had been abolished in 1960, and new legislation set to enter into force in 2024 will bring the land registration system created in 1853 into the digital era. Motivated by the experience of our host jurisdiction, this call is an invitation to think about how property law can combine old and new.

We welcome proposals from a wide range of perspectives and jurisdictions, including *but not limited* to, doctrinal, theoretical, historical, and comparative. Topics can cover, e.g., core areas of property law doctrine, intellectual property, or property law's intersections with environmental law, family law, criminal law, administrative law, etc.

Submission Details:

We invite junior researchers (graduate level up to 5 years after conferral of doctoral degree) to submit abstracts of presentations to be given at the conference. Abstracts can be of completed (but unpublished) drafts and, in keeping with the YPLF's mission as an informal network to exchange ideas, abstracts on works in progress are encouraged.

Abstracts should be **between 250 and 500 words in length**, clearly formulate the presentation's topic and a research question, indicate the approach taken, and – if possible – outline tentative answers.

Places are limited. The selection criteria are the quality of the research, its originality and engagement with the topic of the conference. We also strive to ensure a diversity of represented legal systems, topics, and career stages.

No participation fee applies. Presenters and other participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Abstracts should be sent via email to yplf@yplf.net by the 1st of February 2024. With your submission, please indicate your name, current status (Ph.D.-researcher, PostDoc, etc.), as well as your current institutional affiliation.

Acceptances will be sent by the 1st of March 2024.

If you have any further queries, please send an e-mail to the YPLF's current chairs via: yplf@yplf.net.

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