

Michigan Law School 2016 Young Scholars' Conference Presents:

“Law on the Move”, April 8th – 9th, 2016

Call for Papers

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: December 31st, 2015

The University of Michigan Law School is pleased to invite submissions for its *2016 Young Scholars' Conference* to be held on April 8th – 9th, 2016, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The conference is designated to provide aspiring doctoral students and recent graduates with a forum to present and discuss their work among academic peers from different nationalities and legal disciplines. The conference aims to promote fruitful research collaboration between its participants, and to encourage their integration with a community of legal scholars.

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Whether rushing to catch up, or pre-empting advancement; whether perceived as a social engineering tool, or as a corollary of political struggles; whether evolutionary or revolutionary; the law is constantly changing, always on the move.

Yet, in an era where boundaries of space and time are getting more and more obscure, the “move” itself may be both physical and conceptual. The creation of new private and/or public entities not only bridges distances and borders, but also challenges established ideas of law. What is the role of the law in this process, does it serve as a proactive initiator, an indifferent regulatory tool or rather a restrictive element? Should we conceptualize law and legal institutions differently in such innovative yet socially erratic times?

The Michigan Law School 2016 Young Scholars' Conference – under the theme “*Law on the Move*” – will explore the evolution of law, and of subjects under the law. We encourage submissions engaging *all disciplines of law* and encompassing *all legal systems*. Selection will be based on the quality of the proposal, as well as its capacity to engage with other proposals towards a collaborative dialogue.

We welcome applications from current doctoral students, both in law and law-related disciplines, and from recent graduates of doctoral programs. Applications by lecturers, fellows, or individuals in other academic capacities will be considered as well, provided they can be regarded as young scholars (for the conference purposes, an academic appointment of no more than 4 years).

A 300-500 word abstract reflecting scholarly work that has not yet been published should be submitted to: law-doconf@umich.edu. Please do not include institutional affiliation on your abstract. Please submit your CV as a separate file. All files should be submitted as word documents.

Submissions must be received by December 31st, 2015. Selected papers will be announced by the end of January 2016. Final papers are due on March 5th, 2016, and will be circulated among the participants in advance.

The University of Michigan Law School may allocate limited funds to help cover accommodation and travel costs for selected participants. If you wish to be considered for financial assistance, please submit a request in writing along with your abstract submission, specifying your city of departure and an estimate of your travel costs. We regret in advance that we are unable to provide full financial assistance.

We look forward to your submission and participation. Questions can be directed to the organizing committee chairs through the email address below.

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