



## Young Property Lawyers' Forum (YPLF) Annual Conference 1 -2 June 2023 Call for Papers: 'Property Law and Its Boundaries'

The Young Property Lawyers' Forum (YPLF) invites junior researchers to submit proposals for presentations given at its 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, to take place at the European Legal Studies Institute, University of Osnabrück, Germany, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023.

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 together property law scholars 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/>

The theme of this year's conference is '**Property Law and Its Boundaries**'. Boundaries primarily serve to *delimit* subject matter. This can allow us to manage complexity, but at the same time, boundaries also exclude and, in doing so, can *limit* our understanding. Boundaries are omnipresent in property law. Property rights draw boundaries between their holders and the world at large. Boundaries in property law can operate spatially, e.g., by establishing the physical limit between two different plots of land, or temporally, as in adverse possession. In other cases, boundaries have geographical and political dimensions, as when they limit the application of law to a national or state territory. Boundaries can delimit property law from other areas of law, e.g., from the law of obligations or from constitutional law. They can separate different legal traditions and ways of thinking about the law from one another. Furthermore, boundaries also exist between disciplines, separating (property) law from philosophy, economics, history, sociology, etc. Yet, the ubiquity of boundaries in property law does not mean that they are always easy to locate, clear, permanent or uncontested. Some of them are porous or hard to define, different legal traditions occasionally offer varying solutions to locating boundaries. Occasionally, limits that have been taken for granted can and have been challenged, e.g., increasing legal harmonization and unification question territorial delimitations, developments in public law challenge property's status in the legal order, or technological developments blur the boundaries between property and other areas of private or public law.

This call is an invitation to think about property law and its boundaries from a wide range of perspectives, including *but not limited to*, doctrinal, theoretical, 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](mailto:yplf@yplf.net) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2023.** 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 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.

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

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