Michigan Law School 2022 Junior Scholars Conference

April 22-23, 2022

Call for Papers

Deadline for Submission: January 10, 2022

The University of Michigan Law School is pleased to invite junior scholars to attend the 8th Annual Junior Scholars Conference, which will take place in-person on April 22-23, 2022, in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Conference provides junior scholars with a platform to present and discuss their work with peers and receive feedback from prominent members of the Michigan Law faculty. The Conference aims to promote fruitful collaboration between participants and to encourage their integration into a community of legal scholars. The Junior Scholars Conference is intended for academics in both law and related disciplines. Applications from graduate students, SJD/PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, lecturers, teaching fellows, and assistant professors (pre-tenure) who have not held an academic position for more than four years, are welcomed.

Cooperation with Michigan Law Journals: We are excited that this year the Conference will collaborate with several Michigan Law journals, all of which are among the highest ranked in their respective fields. The Michigan Law Review, the Michigan Journal of International Law, the Michigan Journal of Gender and Law, the Michigan Journal of Race and Law, Michigan Technology Law Review, the Michigan Journal of Law & Society, the Michigan Journal of Law Reform, and the Michigan Business & Entrepreneurial Law Review will give serious consideration to publish papers selected for the Conference that are within each journal’s research agenda and meet its requirements. Additional details on the publication process will be provided after selection for participation in the Conference itself has been completed. In any event, there will be no obligation to accept any offer of publication that you may receive.

Submission: To apply to the Conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words reflecting the unpublished work that you wish to present and a copy of your CV through the online submission form by January 10, 2022. Please submit all files as Microsoft Word documents. Please name the documents using the following format: Last name – First name – The nature of the document you are submitting (whether it be abstract, CV or funding). For example, the name of the abstract you are submitting would be: VAN DIJCKE – HANNAH – ABSTRACT. Selection will be based on the quality and originality of the abstract as well as its capacity to engage with other proposals and to foster a collaborative dialogue. Decisions will be communicated no later than February 9, 2022. Selected participants will be required to submit final papers by March 23, 2022, so that they may be sent to your faculty commentator and circulated among participants in advance.

Financial Assistance and Participation: A fund is available to help cover travel expenses and accommodation for selected participants. If you wish to be considered for financial assistance, please submit a separate written request through the online form specifying your city of departure, an estimate of travel costs, and other anticipated expenses for attending the Conference. We are aiming for this Conference to be an in-person event. However, if you are unable to travel to Ann Arbor because of travel restrictions, we are planning to provide an option for virtual attendance for those participants.
Questions may be directed to the Organizing Committee through the email address below.

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