Sydney Law School Postgraduate Conference

CROSSING BOUNDARIES

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Sydney Law School

New Law School Building

Eastern Avenue

Camperdown, University of Sydney

Call for Papers

The University of Sydney Postgraduate Law Conference brings together postgraduate research students and scholars from across the Asia Pacific region. The conference aims to give research students the opportunity to present their work to their peers and to leading academics, in a supportive and collaborative environment.  In 2012, the theme of the conference is "Crossing Boundaries."   The Postgraduate Law Research Students Committee invites research students in law and related disciplines (including sociology, cultural studies, philosophy, political economy, history, economics and business) to submit paper proposals that engage with this theme.

The conference theme seeks to provoke thinking about the form and role of 'boundaries' in our discipline, in our work and in our lives, and the role of research in 'crossing' these boundaries.  The law as a discipline is replete with boundaries: between law and equity; between domestic and international jurisdictions; between private and public law.  In our research we encounter and often challenge the boundaries of accepted methods of inquiry: doctrinal; anthropological; philosophical; sociological.  And in our lives as aspiring scholars we meet the boundaries of our own limitations, often made explicit in the charting of our failures and successes throughout the research process.  The idea of 'boundaries' and in some cases the aspiration to cross these boundaries, thus shapes our subjects of inquiry, our selection of method and the scope and substance of our endeavours.

We invite paper proposals that draw upon student's own research and experience to illuminate the broad theme of 'crossing boundaries.'  We are interested in, amongst other things, the ways that the idea of 'boundaries' might emerge as a material legal concept (for example, in migration, border control, jurisdiction, constitutionalism, rights, criminal law, privacy, intellectual property, health law, emerging areas of law connected to the internet or nanotechnology) or in a more reflexive sense, in the way that the idea of 'boundaries' might constrain (or enliven) our approach to a chosen field of inquiry.

Various prizes will be awarded for the best written papers, including the prestigious University of Sydney Postgraduate Law Conference Prize. The winner of the prize for the best paper presented at the conference will be invited to submit their paper for publication in the Sydney Law Review.'

Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker at the conference will be Professor Martin Krygier  [http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/profile/martin-krygier](http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/profile/martin-krygier" \t "_blank). Professor Krygier is the Gordon Samuels Professor of Law and Social Theory at the University of New South Wales and an Adjunct Professor at the Regulatory Institutions Network (RegNet) at the Australian National University.  He is also Co-Director of the Network for Interdisciplinary Studies of Law, based at the University of New South Wales.  Professor Krygier's most recent book is Philip Selznick: Ideals in the World (Stanford University Press, 2012).

The conference will take place at the New Law School Building, University of Sydney. Day one will include the keynote address and concurrent presentation sessions. Day two will run as a half day and involve discussion sessions on the PhD experience facilitated by leading academics.

Students are welcome to attend without presenting. Some funding is available to meet the travel and accommodation costs of students who are coming from inter-state and are presenting papers.

Deadline for Abstracts

Friday 31 August 2012

Submission of Abstract

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted to [aw.pgrc@sydney.edu.au](mailto:aw.pgrc@sydney.edu.au) by 5pm.

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