



Dear colleagues and friends,

I am pleased to announce that the conference, “Philosophical Foundations of Global Law”, will take place at the University of Cartagena, 24-27 August, 2016. Papers will be publicly presented on Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 August. A closed workshop will take place on Friday, 26 August, which will involve discussion of the papers.

Following the conference, we will host a meeting of the International Network on Transnational Legal and Political Theory, on Saturday 27 August. The meeting will present an opportunity for discussion of works in progress and (if time permits) a roundtable discussion of the conference themes.

We regret that we are unable to provide funding to support travel for the conference or the Network Meeting (other than for those who have already been formally invited to the conference). We will, however, cover the conference fee for those members of the Network who are able to join us and provide refreshments for the Network meeting. We will try to cover the accommodation for some members of the Network, specially graduate students.

Further details of the conference are set out below, including a call for papers. Questions and papers should be directed to fabrajl@mcmaster.ca

If you are interested in participating in the Network meeting, please write as soon as possible along with an abstract/working title for your discussion paper, with copy to m.delmar@qmul.ac.uk. If you are interested only in attending the conference and the workshop, please let us know and we will send you the registration information.

We would be delighted to welcome as many of you as are able to make the journey to Cartagena.

With best wishes,

Yezid Carrillo de la Rosa, *Dean – University of Cartagena School of Law*

Conference Announcement: “Philosophical Foundations of Global Law”, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia (South America) 24-27 August, 2016

The following have confirmed their participation:

Pavlos Eleftheriadis (Oxford)

Klaus Gunther (Frankfurt a.M)

Mattias Kumm (NYU)

Maks del Mar (QM London)

Ralf Michaels (Duke)

Neil Walker (Edinburgh)

Hans Lindahl (Tilburg) (video-conference)

William Twining (UCL) (video-conference)

Two additional speakers, TBA.

Topic

The idea of a “global” or “Cosmopolitan” law has been popularized without much reference to or reflection upon the traditional issues of political and legal philosophy. This conference seeks to explore such questions, including (but not limited to): What do we mean by ‘global law’? How are we to account for its legal nature? Do we need new conceptual tools in order to do that? Can we claim that there is a global legal system or a global constitution? How are we to determine its content? When is global law or global constitutionalism legitimate? When is it legitimate to disobey it? How are we to understand adjudication in a global context?

Provisional Agenda

- Wednesday, August 24: Public Lectures (1)
 - First Session of Lectures from 9.00 to 12.30
 - Lunch: 12.30 – 14.00
 - Free Time / Tourism 14.00 – 16.00
 - Second Session of Lectures 16.00 – 18.30
 - Welcome Dinner
- Thursday, August 25: Public Lectures (2)
 - First Session of Lectures from 9.00 to 12.30
 - Lunch: 12.30 – 14.00
 - Free Time / Tourism 14.00 – 16.00
 - Second Session of Lectures 16.00 – 18.30
 - Social Activity
- Friday, August 26: Workshop – Full Day
 - 3-4 Sessions
 - Lunch
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 - Dinner
- Saturday, August 27: Meeting of the International Network on Transnational Legal and Political Theory, TBA.
- Sunday, August 28: Tourism (TBA)

Call for papers

The organizers are pleased to invite abstracts for further papers on the theme of the conference.

Abstracts of between 500 and 750 words should be submitted to fabraj1@mcmaster.ca by 15 June 2016. Up to four papers will be chosen. The selected papers will be due on 1 August 2016.

Conference fee will be waived for successful authors and Accommodation in Cartagena, lunch and dinner will be covered for successful authors. Unfortunately, no assistance with the costs of travel will be provided.

Each of these papers will be distributed in advance and, they will be discussed at workshop on August 26. The organizers hope that all the papers presented in the conference will subsequently be published in a collection of new work on the topic.

Format

Public lectures last one hour: 40-45 minutes for presentations and 20-15 minutes for questions.

In the workshop, we will take sessions of 45-60 minute to discuss one or two papers. The presenter has 5-10 minutes to present the core of his argument, and the remaining time will be devoted to discussion, commentaries and questions from the audience. The workshop will be held in English.

Venue

All the activities will be held in the Campus Cloister of St. Augustine, located in the Walled City of Cartagena – Historical Downtown (Cra. 6 - Calle de la Universidad # 36-100).

Accommodations

The University will provide a list of accommodation in the Historical Downtown, with special prices for members of the Network.

Travel Information

Cartagena's Airport receives several international flights, specially from USA. There are also many connecting flights travel via Bogota or Panama.

General Info

Cartagena is a touristic and safe city, you can walk and explore freely. You can communicate in English and use American Dollars in many hotels, restaurants and stores. There will be a group of bilingual students in charge of assisting you.

This is a very warm city (28-32 Celsius in August), so it is not mandatory to use formal suit, jacket, ties, etc.

What do to in Cartagena.

Cartagena has many historical and cultural attractions. See, <http://www.cartagenadeindias.travel/?la=en&/descubre>

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