

Proposal for Special Workshop

Title of Workshop	Legal Norms and Intimate Relationships
<p>Abstract (max. 300 words)</p>	<p>The law intervenes in the relationships between spouses, lovers, parents and children, and friends, in many different contexts, and in both common and civil law jurisdictions: individuals can sue tortfeasors for the loss of a loved one; a married person can sue the paramour of his spouse for alienation of affection; a child can be compelled to offer incriminating evidence against his parent; a parent can be sued for the wrongful acts of her adolescent child; one is liable to suit if a guest injures himself in one's home but only if the guest is a commercial contact, not a friend; and one can enforce a contract with a commercial contact but rarely an agreement with a spouse or friend.</p> <p>We start from the premise that law is continuous with morality, and we aim for this workshop to critically examine where this premise obtains in the law's treatment of intimate relationships. Where the law demands deviations from the moral strictures governing intimate relationships (e.g., by interfering with the loyalty intimates owe each other), what justification, if any, can be offered for the demand? Where the law enforces, or declines to enforce, our moral obligations to loved ones, what can be said for or against the law's stance? In short, how does the law support, or else threaten to undermine, our intimate relationships and what, if any, lessons can be gleaned from the law's work in these areas for the relationship between law and morality more generally?</p> <p>This special workshop will feature the following papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bartosz Biskup, Why Marriage? Ungrounded Essentialism in Theories of Marriage • Amy Sepinwall, Shared Moral and Legal Responsibility Among Intimates • Marlena Drapalska-Grochowicz, The Category of Closeness in Polish Legislation and Jurisprudence: About Alienation, Potentiality, and Stereotypes
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