

YALE LAW SCHOOL  
2<sup>ND</sup> DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE  
November 30 – December 1, 2012

**CONFLICT AND COOPERATION:  
INTERROGATING THE ROLE OF LAW IN BUILDING SOLIDARITY**

**Call for Papers**

Deadline for Abstract Submission: July 31, 2012

Following the success of the inaugural 2011 conference, Yale Law School is proud to host the 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of Doctoral Scholarship. The conference seeks to provide an opportunity for doctoral students (and recent graduates) to share and discuss their work, with a view to fostering a transnational community of aspiring legal scholars.

This year's conference sets out to explore the relationship between law and the creation or destruction of social, political and economic solidarity. Does law have a role to play here? How does law mediate or exploit conflict? How does it foster or hamper cooperation? With the rise of the modern, managerial state, law has moved beyond its traditional role as a device mainly for solving conflicts between individuals and maintaining public order. But is it effective in producing or promoting solidarity, and if so, in what form? Constitutions are often spoken of as tools for bringing nations together and shaping new and better social relations, but might they produce backlash and social unrest? Criminal law is traditionally *the* legal structure for settling conflicts, but which understandings of punishment best promote solidarity? International law is often seen as an integrative instrument, but recent developments such as the Euro crisis raise doubts about its ability to generate long-term solidarity. Similar questions arise in private law. Liability rules in tort can affect the risks we are willing to take in our interactions with others, and contract law, when it works, affects the scope of commercial cooperation and trust. These are only some of the questions with which this year's conference wishes to engage.

The conference is open to current doctoral candidates and those who have graduated during 2012. We invite submissions of papers in any area of law. Doctoral candidates from disciplines other than law whose research is law-related are most welcome to apply. Papers will be selected based on quality as well as their capacity to engage with other submissions to provoke useful debate.

**Submissions:** Abstracts of 300-500 words should be submitted to [yls.doctoralconference@gmail.com](mailto:yls.doctoralconference@gmail.com) by 31 July 2012. Please also include details of your institutional affiliation(s) and contact details. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their proposals in mid August 2012. Selected applicants will be asked to submit their papers of up to 10,000 words in length by October 31, 2012.

Selected participants will be offered accommodation within the Yale Law School community. We will also endeavor to offer accommodation to other attendees. We regret that, as a student conference, we are unable to cover the transport costs of invitees.