

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**IN THE EARLY-CAREER SCHOLAR FORUM**

within the International Conference

on

**NATURAL LAW FOR REAL LIFE PROBLEMS**

organized by the

**Mathias Corvinus Collegium**

and the

**Ludovika University of Public Service**

**18-20 September 2024**

Budapest

How does natural law contribute to a better understanding of true human flourishing? What are the hard questions identifying the values of each human being and how can natural law shape the possible answers? What is the role of natural law in solving real human problems? Over the past 75 years, contemporary analytic natural law theory has sought answers to these questions, trying to contribute to the solution of problems related to human action and its consequences, the various human goods and their role in decision-making, the authority of law and its limits, or the role of practical reason in legal philosophy. Analytic natural law theory is itself comprised of diverse approaches, but these theories have not been systematically analyzed in continental Europe, or the broader Central-Eastern European context. The present conference has therefore two main goals: 1.) first to create an academic space in which some of the most important legal and philosophical problems of today's society would be discussed in light of the contemporary analytical natural law, and 2.) second, to foment the dialogue between two unique philosophical and cultural milieus, the continental and the common law traditions.

This creates a perfect opportunity to bring early-career scholars together to share their ongoing research, connect with other researchers of similar interest and receive valuable feedback from the most prestigious scholars of the field.

With this goal in mind, we invite you to apply to the Early-career Scholar Section of the Conference on Natural Law for Real Life Problems to be organized on September 18th, Wednesday, at 14.00 (CET) at Mathias Corvinus Collegium!

**Keynote speakers:**

**John Finnis** (University of Oxford / University of Notre Dame)

**Christopher Tollefsen** (University of South Carolina)

We are looking forward to the applications of

- Graduate, post-graduate or post-doctoral scholars,
- From the disciplines of legal, political, moral philosophy, history or theology,
- Topics focused on any aspect of the emergence of the analytic or new natural law tradition, its fundamental concepts or their relevance related to specific issues.

We expect

- An abstract of your presentation with the extension of max. 300 words, in which you present the main arguments or elements of your topic, as well as its relationship and relevance for the present conference. **Submission deadline: June 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- Your Curriculum Vitae and list of publications.
- Your draft paper to be submitted to the Organizing Committee the latest by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome participants from Hungary and the broader region of Central Eastern Europe. Participation could be in person or virtual. For more information on the keynotes, speakers and topics, please see the attached draft conference program.

Up to a limited (2 or 3) number of participants, we are happy to offer **financial support** (of approx. 150.000 Ft) to cover travel or accommodation costs. If you are interested, please, attach a brief explanation and justification of your needs to the application materials! Requests of financial support will be decided by the Organizing Committee on a case-by-case basis.

**Please, share your questions or doubts, and send your abstract and CV until June 15<sup>th</sup> to Johanna Fröhlich ([frohlich.johanna@uni-nke.hu](mailto:frohlich.johanna@uni-nke.hu))! You will hear back from us by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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