PROGRAM

Wednesday, July 24

Opening remarks. 9:00 – 9:15
   1. Prof. Brett G. Scharffs (Brigham Young University International Center for Law and Religion Studies)
   2. Dr. Dmytro Vovk (Yaroslav the Wise National Law University)

The time allocated for each presentation is 20 minutes with a further 10 minutes allowed for questions or discussion.

Session I. Human dignity in Common Law Jurisdictions and Mixed Legal Systems. 9:15 – 11:15
   1. Prof. Paul Gowder (University of Iowa), Dignity and the Rule of Law against Self-Abnegation and Racial Inequality
   2. Prof. Christine M. Venter (Notre Dame Law School), Acknowledging Persons and Communities of Infinite Worth: The Concept of Dignity in the Jurisprudence of the South African Constitutional Court
   3. Prof. Taixia Shen (Jinan University of China), Judicial Interpretation of Human Dignity by the Hong-Kong’s Courts
   4. Prof. Eugene Kheng Boon Tan (School of Law at Singapore Management University), Not Quite Rights but Dignity and Respect: The Evolving Discourse on Protecting Foreign Domestic Workers in Singapore

Moderator – Prof. Brett G. Scharffs

Coffee Break
Session II. Human Dignity in Adjudication: Comparative Perspective. 11:30 – 12:30.
1. Prof. Ariel Bendor (Bar-Ilan University), Human Dignity as Chameleon
2. Prof. Giorgio Repetto (University of Perugia), Between Autonomy and Solidarity. The Non-subversive Judicial Use of Human Dignity in Social Rights Issues in Four European Countries
Moderator – Prof. Andrea Pin

Lunch at Christ Church Dining Hall

Session III. Dignity, Human Rights, and Religion. 14:00 – 16:00.
1. Prof. Brett G. Scharffs (Brigham Young University International Center for Law and Religion Studies), The Links Between Human Dignity and Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Belief in Adjudication
2. Prof. Zachary R. Calo (Hamad bin Khalifa University), Human Dignity and Moral Order in Constitutional Debate
3. Prof. Haim Shapira (Bar-Ilan University), Religious Perspective of Human Dignity in the Context of Israeli Case Law
4. Dr. Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves (Federal University of Uberlandia), Addressing Competing Rights Claims: The Role of Human Dignity in the Adjudication of Fundamental Rights in Brazil
Moderator – Dr. Dmytro Vovk

Coffee Break

Session IV. Human Dignity in International Jurisdictions. 16:30 – 18:00.
1. Prof. Andrea Pin (University of Padua), Supranational Dignity: The Court of Justice of European Union’s Conceptualization of a Legal Value
2. Dr. Eugenia Relano Pastor (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology), Human Dignity in the European Court of Human Rights
3. Dr. Adriana Dias Vieira (Fluminense Federal University), A Notion in Dispute: Human Dignity Discoursive Consonances and Dissonances in the European, Inter-American and Brazilian Case Law
Moderator – Prof. Christine M. Venter

Dinner at a Local Restaurant

Thursday, July 25

Session V. Human Dignity in Civil Law Jurisdictions. 9:30 – 11:00
1. Prof. Justin Collings (Brigham Young University), Dignity Plus: Combining Dignity with Other Values in German Constitutional Jurisprudence
2. Prof. Piotr Szymaniec (Angelus Silesius University of Applied Sciences in Wałbrzych), Human Dignity as Constitutional Value: The Viewpoint of Polish Courts
3. Dr. Olga Rosenkranzova (Palacký University in Olomouc), Human Dignity in Czech Justice and the Ombudsman
Moderator – Dr. Eugenia Relano Pastor
Coffee Break

Session VII. Human Dignity in Post-Soviet Legal Systems. 11:30 – 12:30.
1. Prof. Mikhail Antonov (National Research University “Higher School of Economics”), Human (Personal) Dignity as an Argumentation Tool of the Russian Constitutional Court
2. Dr. Dmytro Vovk (Yaroslav the Wise National Law University), From Dignified Standard of Living to Human Dignity: Analysis of Jurisprudence of the Ukrainian Constitutional Court
Moderator – Prof. Piotr Szymaniec

Lunch at Christ Church Dining Hall

Session VIII. Human Dignity: Chinese Perspective in the Context of Punta Del Este Declaration on Human Dignity for Everyone Everywhere. 14:00 – 15:00.
1. Prof. Brett G. Scharffs (Brigham Young University International Center for Law and Religion Studies), Introductory Remarks on Punta Del Este Declaration on Human Dignity for Everyone Everywhere
2. Prof. Pinghua Sun (China University of Political Science and Law), China’s Strategies towards Punta del Este Declaration on Human Dignity for Everyone Everywhere
Moderator – Dr. Dmytro Vovk

Concluding remarks, deadline for final drafts, and publication planning. 15:00 – 15:30.

Contributors to the volume, who are not able to participate in the workshop:
1. Prof. Neville G. Rochow (Adelaide University Law School) & Prof. Hans-Joachim Cremer (University of Mannheim), Dignity – A Dialogue between the Anglophone Common Law World and the German Civil Code World
2. Prof. Dr. Miguel Á. Presno Linera (University of Oviedo), The Double Meaning of Human Dignity in the European Union: A Constitutional Principle and a Fundamental Right
3. Dr. Andrea Romeo (“Magna Græcia” University of Catanzaro), Jurisprudential Misadventures of Human Dignity: The Strange Case of the Italian Legal System
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