

Altonaer Stiftung für philosophische  
Grundlagenforschung

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EXPLORING LEGAL THEORY: POSTGRADUATE  
PROJECTS IN THE MAKING

**Invitation**

The Centre for Legal Theory of the ASFPG invites you to attend a workshop ‘Exploring Legal Theory: Postgraduate Projects in the Making’. The workshop will take place in Hamburg, Germany at the Stiftung’s premises on **5–7th November, 2010** beginning at 4.15pm on Friday and ending about the same time on Sunday.

**The Stiftung**

The Stiftung is an independent foundation with legal capacity under the German Civil Code. Its commitment is to interdisciplinary work aimed at basic conceptual issues and practical problems in the areas of logic and metaphysics, legal theory and the ethics of science and technology. It is organised accordingly into three centres which pursue the Stiftung’s aims. Further information regarding the Stiftung can be found at its web-site: **[www.asfpg.de](http://www.asfpg.de)**.

## **The Workshop**

The workshop will bring together postgraduate students working on theses in legal or law-related theory and supervisors/resource persons from London, Glasgow, Kent and Sussex universities and the Stiftung. The aims of the workshop are to build postgraduate community and networks and further postgraduate writing and research. The skills and experience of resource persons particularly with regard to questions of approach and method will be brought to these aims.

The workshop will provide a forum at which students can present their research (or aspects of it) and engage with other participants in exploring some avenues in contemporary legal and political theory. Its title ‘Exploring Legal Theory: Postgraduate Projects in the Making’ is on the one hand meant simply as a commodious umbrella for diverse theses. On the other hand, it invites critical and reflexive engagement with the motivations, frameworks and approaches of an increasingly diverse theoretical field. The Stiftung’s commitment is to foundational research so questions of ‘foundations’ in legal theory are also indicated.

Postgraduate participants will be asked to prepare and pre-circulate a paper for presentation and discussion at the workshop. Depending on numbers each student will have an hour to an hour and a half for presentation and discussion. One or two ‘reading sessions’ of pre-circulated material will also be included in the program.

ASFPG workshops are relatively informal affairs. Morning and afternoon breaks and lunch (Saturday and Sunday) at the Stiftung allow conversations to continue informally and also allow some flexibility in schedule. The aim is an integrated workshop which will draw themes and issues from the presentations and readings and take them back into broader frames of legal theory.

## **Travel and Accommodation**

The Stiftung will pay all travel costs (basic economy air fares and travel costs to and from home/hotel and airports) and arrange and pay accommodation for three or four nights at a nearby hotel. It will also provide a workshop dinner, an opening reception and light lunches and refreshments during the workshop. All participants are asked to take advantage of early booking to minimise the cost of air-fares.

## **Further Planning and Questions**

Post-graduate invitees are asked to respond to this invitation at your earliest convenience by emailing Ulrike Horway at [ulrike.horway@asfpg.de](mailto:ulrike.horway@asfpg.de) Participants are asked to send an abstract or other indication of work to be presented and discussed at the workshop. Since the point of that request is to assist us in choosing readings of general interest for the workshop it would be good to have them by mid-June.

If you have further questions please don’t hesitate to email me or on matters

of administration, Ulrike, or liase with the resource person from your uni. We will keep you informed as the workshop shapes up.

**Invited participants**

Brenna Bhandar (Kent)	Emilios Christodoulidis (Glasgow)
Peter Fitzpatrick (Birkbeck)	Tarik Kochi (Sussex)
Valerie Kerruish (ASFPG)	Fleur Ramsay (Sydney Bar)
Stewart Motha (Kent)	Richard Bailey (Sydney)
Gregor Clunie (Glasgow)	Stacy Douglas (Kent)
Verena Erlenbusch (Sussex)	Chris Lloyd (Birkbeck)
Chris Okane (Sussex)	Caroline Olarte Olarte (Birkbeck)
Mizanur Rahaman (Kent)	Paul Scott (Glasgow)

Valerie Kerruish ASFPG – Hamburg