

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS AND HUMAN DIGNITY”

On the 80th anniversary of Italian Racial Laws

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Conference is aimed at honoring the memory of a distinguished Professor of International Law of Padova, Enrico Catellani. Albeit already retired in 1938, Professor Catellani was nevertheless indecorously banned from the Law School of Padova by reason of being Jew and finally murdered in January 1945 by the Nazi-fascists. Notwithstanding the strenuous contribution of University of Padova for having fought the Nazi-fascist forces during the last years of the second World War, until recently there has been no occasion to remember the Jewish professors and students, who had been banned from the University in 1938, when the racial laws were promulgated and implemented.

The Conference will be divided in two parts. The first part shall deal with the contribution of eminent international lawyers in the '30 of the last century. Some of them, like Lauterpacht and Kelsen, to a certain extent as a consequence of their personal tragic experiences, were able to give a long-lasting vision, which contributed to the development of international law. Others, perhaps not so forward-looking, like Catellani, succumbed to the atrocity of their time.

The second part of the Conference, which is open for this call for papers, shall concern **the contemporary concept of human dignity in international law**. The purpose is to discuss current challenges for international lawyers with regard to pressing issues of contemporary society. Some of them are indeed classical topics of international law, such as racial, religious and gender discriminations and historical revisionism or denialism. Some others, instead, have increasingly become major hurdles and represent new challenges for international law scholars, like the failed management of migrant flows and economic discriminations.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The papers, written in English and unpublished, must address **one** of the following issues **from an international law perspective**:

1. Traditional forms of discrimination (e.g. racial, religious, gender) or new forms of discrimination (mainly economic);

2. Historical revisionism or denialism;
3. Migrant flows.

The Organizers intend to publish a volume collecting the selected papers and comment of the discussants, and will submit the manuscript to a leading international publisher.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Senior and junior scholars (**excluding** PhD students) are invited to participate to the call for papers of the International Conference "International Lawyers and Human Dignity". Papers will be selected on the basis of the submitted abstracts. Only **one** abstract per author will be considered.

Abstracts must not exceed **600 words**, and have to be submitted to the following mail address:

humandignity.unipd@gmail.com

In addition to the abstract, each submission should contain a separate file containing information on:

- The **topic** of the call for papers for which the abstract is submitted;
- The **author's name** and affiliation;
- A **short (one page) author's CV**, including a list of relevant publications;
- The author's **contact details**, including email address and phone number.

TIMELINE

The deadline for the submission of **abstracts** is **30 June 2018**. Successful applicants will be informed by 15 July 2018.

The deadline for the submission of the **papers** of accepted abstracts for the International Conference is **30 October 2018**. Papers will be circulated among discussants.

The deadline for the submission of final papers for publication will be communicated later.

VENUE, ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL COSTS

The Conference will take place at the Law School of the University of Padua. Travel expenses and accommodation in Padua for two nights will be provided by the Organization.