

1st Conference of the Swiss Network for Young Academics in Private Law (SNAP): Call for Participants

22 September 2023, University of Basel

The Swiss Network for Young Academics in Private Law (SNAP) seeks to promote the academic exchange and networking between young researchers in the field of private law who have a connection to Switzerland.

Academic exchange is a crucial factor in research and innovation. It depends on a critical reflection of insights with others, assuming other perspectives and the joint development of novel ideas. In this sense, the SNAP sees itself as a forum for an open and critical discourse among peers, for networking and mutual inspiration. The SNAP will centre around a conference with a focus on two topics:

- (1) **Scientific presentations:** Young researchers are given the opportunity to present their findings (e.g. a dissertation, habilitation, essays) and discuss their ideas and findings in a peer-to-peer-network. The presentation of work in progress (preliminary theses, methodological issues and difficulties during the research process) is highly encouraged. For each presentation, there is a time frame of 35 minutes, of which 20-25 minutes are reserved for the actual presentation, the rest for discussion.
- (2) **Soft Skills:** The SNAP provides a forum for presentations or panels on soft skills indispensable in academia. These include self-organisation, dealing with writer's blocks, financing, reconciling family and dissertation, or a doctorate while working in practice. The time frame is approx. 50 minutes.

The SNAP is aimed at researchers in the field of private law in its broadest sense. Private law thus includes, *inter alia*, core private law, civil procedure, corporate and commercial law, intellectual property law and private international law. Researchers at the interface with other fields of law and in cross-sectional areas (e.g. financial market regulation, social security law, competition law) are also welcome. Researchers in the field of legal foundations (e.g. legal history; legal philosophy; empirical legal studies) with a private law orientation are likewise invited.

The SNAP is aimed at young researchers from Switzerland or with another Swiss connection. The notion of young researchers comprises doctoral students and post-docs, regardless of whether they are currently researching at a university or are doing a doctorate while working outside of academia. Interested persons who have completed their habilitation or hold a professorship are also invited to participate.

The SNAP is held in three languages (German, French and English). Participants are free to use any of these languages in their presentations and discussions; "*chacun/e sa langue*" applies.

The 1st meeting will take place at the Faculty of Law of the University of Basel (Peter Merian-Weg 8, 4052 Basel), rooms S 6/7 (basement).

Participation is free of charge. Registration is possible until **Sunday, 10 September 2023**, by filling in the online form (<https://forms.gle/p9Ji7Hf8ciH4SGx88>). In the alternative, registration can be made by e-mail (cyrill.chevalley@unibas.ch) with the following details: name/first name, university, chair/institution/employer, current stage of career (doctorate/postdoc/etc.), progress of thesis (beginning/middle/completion), topic of dissertation/habilitation (optional), contact address.

Program:

08:30 – 09:15	Arrival
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome / opening <i>Cyrill A. H. Chevalley, MLaw bil., Advokat</i>
09:30 – 10:05	Methodennormen in europäischen Kodifikationen: Notwendige Regelung der Normgeltung oder «qualifizierter Unsinn»? <i>Raphael Dummermuth, MLaw</i>
10:10 – 10:45	Le droit privé suisse peut-il assimiler une institution inédite dans son système? – L'exemple des trusts et de l'avant-projet du Conseil fédéral <i>Dr. William Barbey, LL.M.</i>
10:45 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 11:50	Artificial Intelligence and Product Liability in Europe <i>Başak Yalman, MLaw, LL.M.</i>
11:55 – 12:45	Panel: Mobilität während der Promotionszeit <i>Chair: Raphael Dummermuth, MLaw</i> <i>Teilnehmende:</i> <i>Dr. William Barbey, LL.M.</i> <i>Anna Elisa Stauffer, MLaw, LL.M.</i> <i>Christapor Yacoubian, MLaw</i>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch (offered by the SNAP)
14:00 – 14:35	Ökonomische Erkenntnisse im Recht <i>Dr. Tizian Troxler, LL.M., Advokat</i>
14:40 – 15:15	The Private Use Exception in Copyright Law: An Analysis of Behaviour, Attitudes, and Social Norms of European Consumers <i>Christophe Gössen, MLaw</i>
15:20 – 15:55	Das zürcherische Gesetz betreffend den Schutz der Arbeiterinnen von 1894 <i>Jonathan Zeller, MLaw</i>
15:55 – 16:25	Break
16:25 – 17:00	Die Begründung des Stiefkindunterhalts <i>Fiona Zilian, MLaw, Advokatin</i>
17:05 – 17:55	Panel: Diss. – und danach? <i>Chair: Cyrill A. H. Chevalley, MLaw bil., Advokat</i> <i>Participants:</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Alessia Dedual, LL.M., Rechtsanwältin (Professor at the University of Zürich)</i> <i>Dr. Eva Bachofner, Advokatin (President at the Civil Court Basel-Stadt)</i> <i>Dr. Stefan Grieder, Advokat (Partner at VISCHER AG, Basel)</i>
18:00 – 18:15	Abschluss und Ausblick <i>Cyrill A. H. Chevalley, MLaw bil., Advokat</i>
18:15 – 19:00	Apéro

Thanks to the generous support by the Faculty of Law of the University of Basel and Vischer AG, the breaks and the apéro can be offered to all participants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the presiding member:

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