CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

1st PHILAWSON WORKSHOP: Contemporary Views on Social Ontology and Philosophy of Law

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Deadline for submissions: 10th July 2024

The 1st Philawson Workshop aims to investigate **the intersection of social ontology and the philosophy of law**, exploring their philosophical *backgrounds*, *thematic* overlaps and correlations between their *methodological* approaches and theoretical frameworks.

In recent decades, a growing number of scholars in the philosophy of law tradition have shown heightened interest in social ontology (and vice versa) and promising new research approaches to understanding legal reality have emerged. We aim to address three central aspects: authors, themes, and methods.

First, looking for the central *authors*, we aim to explore the origins of social ontology, questioning if philosophers of law play any role in developing the discipline or if those central authors could have a certain background in legal philosophy. For instance, that would be the case of notable legal scholars such as such as Adolf Reinach (author of "The Apriori Foundations of the Civil Law", 1913) and Czesław Znamierowski (author of "Social Objects and Social Acts", 1921) emerging as significant precursors of the early era of social ontology.

Second, we would like to unveil important *themes* of the contemporary debate that connect social ontology and philosophy of law. Topics such as social conventions, constitutive rules, artifacts, the nature of institutions, metaphysics of legal and social facts, custom, and legal and social practices are examples of shared interests between social ontology and philosophy of law.

Third, we aim to disclose the *methods* throughout the shared themes are addressed to within different traditions of thought. For example, from the past century on, social ontology and philosophy of law's topics have been analyzed throughout the analytical tradition, the phenomenological approach, or the empirical perspective. We could question: By which methods the shared issues are addressed? Are there any meeting points that could unveil any advantages in assembling them or applying one approach typical of social ontology to philosophy of law (and vice versa)?

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In conclusion, this 1st Philawson Workshop seeks to **deepen our understanding of the profound connections between social ontology and philosophy of law**, contributing to advancing the knowledge at the intersection of these distinct yet converging disciplines.

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We invite contributions for—but not limited to—the following topics:

1) *Authors.* At the origins of the relations between social ontology and philosophy of law.

2) *Themes.* Unveiling important issues and questions connecting social ontology and philosophy of law in contemporary debates.

3) *Methods.* Disclosing meeting points (if any) between the approaches of social ontology and the philosophy of law.

Submissions must be prepared for double-blind review. Manuscripts must be written in English – in **.doc** format –, should not contain any identifying information and they cannot exceed **2.000 words** (excluding bibliography). Moreover, they must contain:

-     the indication of the section to which the author(s) wants to contribute;

-     4/5 keywords.

Selected long abstracts will be invited to be discussed in person in Milan, where each presentation will last 30 minutes with an additional 30 minutes of Q&A. They will also receive the invitation to publish in a Special issue. There will be no conference fee. **We have resources to contribute for travel and accommodation costs to young scholars without institutional support. Please, if you are in this situation, include in your submission "Opting to PHILAWSON scholarship".**

Submissions should be sent via EasyChair[1] **July 10th, 2024.** A committee in charge will evaluate the submission, and decisions will be communicated around the middle of August.

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