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YALE-TORONTO COLUMBIA PRIVATE LAW THEORY DISCUSSION GROUP – ANNUAL WORKSHOP

The Yale-Toronto-Columbia Private Law Theory Discussion Group is pleased to host its sixth annual workshop on **March 26, 2026, from 12:10–4:00pm EST**.

The Private Law Theory Discussion Group is a collaboration between the Center for Private Law at Yale Law School, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and Columbia Law School. The Workshop provides a forum for private law scholars to present in-progress work in private law theory and receive feedback via formal commentary and audience Q&A.

In addition to a keynote, this year's workshop will feature a fresh emphasis on top work from junior scholars in the field, whose papers were selected out of a pool of excellent submissions.

For the first time, this year's workshop will be held in a hybrid format (with Zoom and in-person options in New Haven, Toronto, and New York City). Lunch will be served, and coffee and snacks will be available during short breaks throughout the event. We welcome those unable to join us in person to do so by Zoom.

Please [register](#) to attend the workshop, place your lunch order (for in-person attendees), and receive draft papers.

For further information and/or to be added to the Discussion Group's mailing list, please write to co-convenors Amit Singh (Yale), Stanley Zhang (Toronto), and Sania Anwar (Columbia) at privatelawtheory@yale.edu.

Workshop Schedule

12:10–12:20 – Opening Remarks (with lunch)

12:20–1:00 – **Junior Scholar Session 1: Matteo Godi (USC Gould Law), 'A Theory of Statutory Torts'** with commentary from **Sandy Steel (Oxford Law)**

1:00–1:40 – **Junior Scholar Session 2: Moayad Karar (Oxford Law), 'The Relationship Sensitivity of Tort Law'** with commentary from **Jorge Fabre-Zamora (Buffalo Law)**

1:40–1:50 – Coffee Break (10 min)

1:50–2:30 – **Junior Scholar Session 3: Angelo Ryu (Surrey Law), 'The Disentitlement Theory of Negligence'** with commentary from **Gregory Keating (USC Gould Law)**

2:30–2:40 – Coffee Break (10 min)

2:40–3:20 – **Junior Scholar Session 4: Ethan Seidenberg (Michigan Philosophy), 'Rights-Based Tort Reform'** with commentary from **Andrew Gold (UC Irvine Law)**

3:20–4:00 – **Keynote: Avihay Dorfman (Texas Law)**

Keynote Presentation

Professor Avihay Dorfman ('The Friends of Joe Jamail' Regents Chair in Law and Founding Director of the Private Law Theory Program at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law) will deliver a keynote that draws on excerpts from his forthcoming book, *Conflict Between Equals: Tort Law Beyond Wrong, Harm, and Cost* (OUP 2026).

