



YALE-TORONTO-COLUMBIA PRIVATE LAW THEORY DISCUSSION GROUP ANNUAL WORKSHOP PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The Yale-Toronto-Columbia Private Law Theory Discussion Group is pleased to host its sixth annual workshop on **March 26, 2026, from 12:00–4:00pm EST**, featuring in-progress works in private law theory by graduate students, fellows, and other early career scholars.

This student-led collaboration between the Center for Private Law at Yale Law School, the Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto, and the Project on Private Law, Columbia Law School provides a forum for the authors to receive feedback from established scholars, as well as benefit from audience Q&A. The Discussion Group is supported by Professors [Daniel Markovits](#) (Yale), [Larissa Katz](#) (Toronto), and [Shyam Balganesh](#) (Columbia).

For the first time, this year's workshop will be held in a hybrid format with online and in-person options at the three law schools. 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 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/Wake Forest) at privatelawtheory@yale.edu.

<i>Opening Remarks</i> (lunch served)	12:00–12:30	Aditi Bagchi (Fordham), with Welcome by Sania Anwar (Columbia/Wake Forest)
Paper Session 1	12:30–1:10	Matteo Godi (USC Gould), “A Theory of Statutory Torts” Commentators: Zahra Takhshid (Denver) and Sandy Steel (Oxford) Moderator: Amit Singh (Yale)
Paper Session 2	1:10–1:50	Moayad Karar (Oxford), “The Relationship Sensitivity of Tort Law” Commentators: Sarah Swan (Rutgers) and Danielle D’Onfro (Washington) Moderator: Stanley Zhang (Toronto)
	1:50–2:00	Coffee Break
Paper Session 3	2:00–2:40	Angelo Ryu (Surrey), “The Disentitlement Theory of Negligence” Commentators: Jorge Fabra-Zamora (Buffalo) and Gregory Keating (USC Gould) Moderator: Amit Singh (Yale)
Paper Session 4	2:40–3:20	Ethan Seidenberg (Michigan Philosophy), “Rights-Based Tort Reform” Commentators: Sadie Blanchard (Notre Dame) and Andrew Gold (UC Irvine) Moderator: Christoph Pike (Toronto)
<i>Keynote</i>	3:20–4:00	Avihay Dorfman (Texas), addressing forthcoming book, <i>Conflict between Equals: Tort Law beyond Wrong, Harm, and Cost</i> Moderator: Sania Anwar (Columbia/Wake Forest)

Note: This schedule is up to date as of Mar. 16, 2026. Any necessary update beyond this date will be communicated via email to the registered workshop participants. Registration ends Mar. 24 for zoom and Mar. 19 for in-person attendance.