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Fifth Cornell Inter-University Graduate Student Conference

Call for Papers

Dear J.S.D./S.J.D. Students and LL.M. Students:

Following the success of the prior four inter-university graduate student conferences held at Cornell Law School, the Cornell Law School graduate students (J.S.D. Students, Visiting Doctoral Students and the Cornell Law School LL.M. Association) are pleased to announce the *Fourth Cornell Inter-University Graduate Student Conference* to be hosted at the law school, on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 2009. As with last year, the topic of this year's conference is open in order to attract the widest selection of papers. Presentation panels will be composed by grouping similarly-themed papers. Papers presented at the conference may be published on the Cornell Law School working papers website.

The conference will begin with a gathering on Friday late afternoon, March 27 and then continue on Saturday, March 28, with several panels throughout the day featuring 4-6 speakers each along with a faculty moderator. The day will include a luncheon and a final reception. Each speaker will provide a ten to fifteen minute presentation of his or her paper topic after which there will be input from the other panelists, the faculty moderator and conference attendees. The response to this initiative has been enthusiastic. Cornell Law School LL.M., J.S.D. and J.D. students as well as visiting doctoral students from other universities have expressed interest in participating, and several students from Cornell Law School are already planning on submitting papers. However, the overall goal of the conference is to provide a forum for graduate students from other law schools, including yours. This year any current J.S.D./S.J.D. or LL.M. student wishing to present a paper is keenly encouraged to submit one. We also welcome students who wish to attend the conference as participants without presenting a paper.

Papers on a broad range of topics are welcomed; however, those with an international or comparative focus will be given preference. Any interested participant should send us a description of the paper he or she would like to present at the conference (including a short abstract of the paper) which will assist the conference committee in selecting the papers to be presented and in creating the panels), to the following e-mail address:
gradconference@lawschool.cornell.edu.

More details regarding the schedule of events and the composition of the panels will be forwarded in the coming weeks. All submissions must be received by no later than **Friday, February 27, 2009** for consideration by the conference committee. The papers selected for presentation will be announced in early March.

We look forward to your expeditious response and participation.

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