

Bologna
13-15 April 2026

Sala Commissioni 3-4
Palazzo Malvezzi
Department of Legal Studies
Via Zamboni 22



The Metaphysics of Law: Continuities and New Directions

SPEAKERS' LINEUP

Monday 13th

9:30 – Federico Casolari,
Head of the Department
of Legal Studies

Welcome Address

10:00 – Stephan Leuenberger,
University of Glasgow

Is Law Mind-Dependent?

11:00 – *Coffee Break*

11:30 – Kenneth M. Ehrenberg,
University of Surrey

*Social Construction
and Natural Necessity*

12:30 – Hillary Nye,
University of Alberta

*Varieties of Eliminativism
About Law*

13:30 – 15:00 – *Lunch*

15:00 – Amie L. Thomasson,
Dartmouth College (*online*)

*The Origin and Deflation
of Problems in the Metaphysics
of Law*

16:00 – *Tea Break*

16:30 – TBC: Gideon Rosen,
Princeton University (*online*)

*The Essence of Law
and the Problems of General
Jurisprudence*

Tuesday 14th

10:00 – Brian Epstein,
Tufts University

The Architecture of Legal Validity

11:00 – *Coffee Break*

11:30 – Louis deRosset,
University of Vermont

Weighing Anchors

12:30 – George Pavlakos,
University of Glasgow

*The Metaphysics of Radical
Non-Positivism*

13:30 – 15:00 – *Lunch*

15:00 – Erin I. Kelly,
Tufts University

*Responsibility
and the Rule of Law*

16:00 – *Tea Break*

16:30 – Andrei Marmor,
Cornell University

Legal Facts

17:30 – Mihailis E. Diamantis,
University of Iowa

Bundling Legal Persons

Wednesday 15th

10:00 – Corrado Roversi,
University of Bologna

The Metaphysics of Legal Norms

11:00 – *Coffee Break*

11:30 – Luka Burazin,
University of Zagreb

The Continuity of Legal Systems

12:30 – Samuele Chilovi,
Institute of Philosophy (IFS),
CSIC, Madrid

Normativity

13:30 – 15:00 – *Lunch*

As places are limited, those wishing
to attend are kindly requested to contact
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