Call for Papers – Colloquium on Internormativity
Brussels

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On October 6-7, 2016, the Perelman Center for Legal Philosophy (ULB) and the International Association of Legal Methodology (AIMJ) will host at the Université Libre de Bruxelles a colloquium on internormativity.

From the observation that standardization and management mechanisms are intended to compete, complement, and sometimes replace conventional legal mechanisms, this conference recognizes – and attempts to highlight – the fact that this concept of internormativity has not yet received the full attention it merits from the legal world.

In order to conduct the richest analysis possible, internormativity is understood in the broadest of terms. In other words, internormativity is understood as, encompassing all manners in which different types of norms interact, on the levels of both development and application, by the institutions creating them and the actors promoting them. This conference shall focus in particular on the interactions between legal norms and other forms of normativity.

This conference intends to present recent work, both theoretical and/or practical, on the theme of internormativity, and intends to facilitate a collective dialogue among researchers in order to identify new avenues for research on the evolution of law and normativity in our contemporary societies.

In this context, this conference is open to contributions (in English or in French) from all disciplines that study the internormativity process (empirically or theoretically) and analyze the mechanisms upon which they rely, the practices they generate or upon which they are based, and the results they produce.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of subjects of study and their interactions with legal norms, procedures, and institutions, which may be cited:
ISO standards, and in particular the case of the ISO 26000 standard in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR);
International Accounting Standards (IFRS) and the establishment of a global accounting standard;
Managerial standards implemented in the new public management, especially in the new management of justice;
Norms intended to establish legal indicators in the areas of social law, human rights law, and business law;
The normative role of credit rating agencies, and in particular the case of sovereign debt ratings;
The normative role of university rankings;
European technical standards and the "new approach" for the European single market;
ICANN norms on the Internet;
Norms establishing labels and other indicators for sustainable development and environmental protection;
Legal mechanisms using technological tools such as algorithms, artificial intelligence, and big data;
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Contributions wishing to address the question of internormativity from the point of view of its validity or legitimacy are also welcome. Indeed, in view of their development and application "outside of the law" and often "outside of the democratic framework," normative mechanisms are often not subject to the rule of law.

All those interested in participating in this conference are invited to send an abstract (maximum 500 words) to Josephine Woronoff (jworonoff@gmail.com) by April 30, 2016. All contributors will be promptly informed of the selection decision. Selected authors will be invited to submit an abstract of their proposed contributions (maximum 3000 words) by June 30, 2016, and provisional versions of their work by September 15, 2016. The contributors selected for publication at the Bruylant collection "Penser le droit", must submit final versions of their work by December 15, 2016.

In order to encourage the participation of young researchers, scholarships may be available.

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