

**WHAT IS LAW FOR?**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> METALAWECON WORKSHOP**

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DEBRECEN, HUNGARY



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## PROGRAM

### Wednesday, 10 December

19.30 Informal Get-together Dinner:

Venue: Hüse Vendéglő (Address: Mikes Kelemen street 37, Debrecen)

The dinner is not covered by organisers.

### Thursday, 11 December

**Venue:** University of Debrecen, Faculty of Law Kassai street Campus (H-4028 Debrecen, Kassai street 26., Inkubator House Room 227.

8.30 **Registration**

9.15 *Mátyás Bencze (Vice-Dean, Debrecen Faculty of Law): Welcome*  
*Péter Cserne: Introduction*

9.30 **Session 1: Invited lecture**

*Bert van Roermund: The limited function of law*

10.30 Coffee break

10.50 **Session 2: Law, Conflict, Power and Authority**

*Raymond Critch: Beyond law's duality: the unity of law's functions*

*Antony Hatzistavrou: The epistemic function of law*

*Pauline Westerman: Law as the wheel of power*

12.50 Lunch

14.00 **Session 3: Keynote lecture**

*Gillian Hadfield: What is Law? A Coordination Model of the Characteristics of Legal Orders*

15.00 **Session 4: The functions of tort law**

*Mariusz Golecki: Quantity of Law. Tort Liability and the Optimal Production of Retroactive Judicial Precedents*

*Tamás Fézer: Battle of principles. The functions of tort law in a comparative perspective*

16.20 Coffee break

16.40 **Session 5: A non-instrumental perspective?**

*Mátyás Bódig: The Potentials and Limitations of a Non-Instrumentalist Perspective on Law*

*Péter Isztin: The Functions of Law: Instrumental and Expressive*

*Lorenz Köhler: Non-instrumentalism as an instrument of law*

18.40 End of sessions

19.30 Conference dinner, Régi Vigadó Restaurant (4032 Debrecen, Nagyerdei Park 1.)

**Friday, 12 December**

**Venue:** University of Debrecen, Faculty of Law Kassai street Campus (H-4028 Debrecen, Kassai street 26., Inkubator House Room 227.

9.30 **Session 6: Classics of Law & Economics revisited**

***Yugank Goyal:** Using an Expired Product: Revisiting Welfare Maximization in Law*

***Régis Lanneau:** To what extent did European legal theory pave the way for an economic analysis of law? Insights from Kelsen, Hart and Del Vecchio*

10.50 Coffee break

11.10 **Session 7: Evolutionary perspectives**

***Georg von Wangenheim** (invited speaker): What is law for? An evolutionary perspective*

***Mátyás Bencze:** What is legal reasoning for?*

12.50 Lunch

13.40 **Session 8: What is law for – is this a good question?**

***Bas Schotel:** 'What is law for?' 'Who is asking?' Legal theoretical assumptions underlying the purposes and functions of law*

***Anne-Lise Sibony:** Representations of the function of law in interdisciplinary legal scholarship*

15.00 ***Mariusz Golecki:** Closing remarks*

15.10 End

After the workshop, there will be opportunities for sight-seeing and/or informal closing drinks in Debrecen.

Keynote and invited papers are allocated 60 minutes, other papers 40 minutes.

## Participants

Dr Mátyás BENCZE, Associate Professor of Law, University of Debrecen Faculty of Law, Hungary

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