

# Vulnerability Across Disciplines

(ONLINE CONFERENCE)

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

*Hosted by Newcastle Law School, Newcastle University.*

**Call for papers for:** [Vulnerability across Disciplines](#)

**Keynote speaker:** *Prof Martha Fineman*

**Confirmed speakers:** *Prof Peter Cartwright (University of Nottingham); Prof Martha McCluskey (State University of New York); Prof Marc L. Roark (Southern University); Prof Christine Riefa (University of Reading); Prof Sharifah Sekalala (University of Warwick)*

## **Overview:**

*The use of vulnerability theory has grown significantly over the last years. Depending on the discipline and/or topic area vulnerability is viewed from different perspectives and takes on a variety of meanings.*

*This conference will bring together researchers from law, economics and education, charity workers and regulators to explore the topic of vulnerability to discuss overlaps and discrepancies in the general approach to vulnerability. Papers are invited which fit broadly within one or more of the three main questions:*

- i. As vulnerability is a fluid, universal and varied experience which transcends subjects (e.g., human rights, economics, consumer law, contract law, property law), how might we understand and consequently teach such a complex topic?
- ii. Vulnerability is one of the biggest challenges for a modern society. What values should be embedded in legal frameworks to ensure the topic is addressed at a macro level?
- iii. According to the Consumer Rights Act 2015 students have become consumers, how might the teachings of vulnerability translate into how we care for students?

## **Deadline and Submission Details:**

The submission deadline for all papers is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Expressions of interest, consisting of an abstract (not exceeding 500 words) with the full contact details of the authors, should be sent directly to Dr Timothy Dodsworth, [T.J.Dodsworth@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:T.J.Dodsworth@exeter.ac.uk)