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### LSDS Presents: Disrupting Contract Law with Sandeep Vaheesan

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Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Location: <https://upenn.zoom.us/j/94564179162>

Why do 1L doctrinal courses ignore questions of political economy, race, and social struggle? How do history, power, and ideology shape legal institutions and practices? And how can the law be used to advance justice? The Disrupting Doctrine speaker series will encourage students to seriously grapple with these questions by showcasing critical perspectives on core doctrinal courses, including "Disrupting Contracts with Sandeep Vaheesan" on February 18th at 12:30 PM.

Join LSDS for a virtual discussion with Sandeep Vaheesan on how the typical 1L Contracts course reproduces free-market dogma, reinforces the dominance of capital, and obscures the ways in which contracts are used by powerful corporations to dominate workers and consumers.

Vaheesan is legal director of the Open Markets Institute and previously served as a regulations counsel at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. His scholarship and advocacy has focused on the use of abusive contractual terms such as non-compete clauses, mandatory arbitration, and class action waivers to entrench corporate power at the expense of workers and consumers.

The event will run for 60 minutes, and will include a Q&A portion. The event will be recorded, and access to the recording will be available upon request.