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6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers

## **DIGITALIZATION IN LAW**

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Vilnius University Faculty of Law  
Vilnius, Lithuania

Digitalization is nowadays not only a fashionable word used to refer to the transformation of industries, human interaction and our societies. It is a cross - cutting, interdisciplinary phenomenon and it is obvious that there is a strong need for action regarding digitalization in law. Even though the legal field is undergoing a transformation, till now there is not much research on digitalization in law. Civil law, intellectual property law, banking and finance law, criminal law, procedural law, as well as legal ethics, legal education and almost all other fields of law are being influenced or will be influenced by digitalization, including artificial intelligence. There is a necessity to create and discuss extensive links between legal, social, technical and policy aspects of development and use of information technologies.

The main objective of the Conference is to analyse digitalization in law from different legal or interdisciplinary angles. Representatives from different fields of law, economics, and other social or technology sciences are invited to present their contributions. The Conference will provide creative conditions for the speakers to share the result of their research, to collaborate with other participants during moderated workshops and to encourage colleagues for future interactions and studies in relevant fields.

### **Preliminary sections:**

- ▶ Legal profession and digitalization: legal ethics, influence of digitalization on legal education and legal profession; decision – making based on algorithms; e-justice.
- ▶ Data protection and technologies: privacy protection in the age of digitalization and cloud technologies; EU general data protection regulation; public E-services.
- ▶ E-commerce and law: FinTech law; smart blockchain based contracts; online platforms; intellectual property protection; consumer protection; legal regulation of biotechnologies.
- ▶ Cyber security and law: cybercrimes, regulation of cyber defence.

### **CONFERENCE STRUCTURE**

The Conference will include:

- Distinguished keynote speakers.

- Thematic sections concerning various aspects of the topic. The exact sections will be defined after the submission and acceptance of papers. The papers will be reviewed and accepted by the Scientific Committee of the Conference.

## **PARTICIPATION**

The invitation to participate in the Conference is open for PhD students and young researchers from different universities, who are interested in the topic of the conference and have sufficient English language proficiency. Participants of the conference will be invited after they present their abstracts and the Scientific Committee evaluates them.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Deadline to submit abstract of the paper for participants is **19<sup>th</sup> of February 2018**.
- Participants will be informed about the results of the selection procedure until **5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.
- Deadline for selected candidates to submit final paper is **15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

## **SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

**The procedures for abstract submission are on-line. The abstracts should be submitted [on-line](#): until the 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.**

All abstracts will be evaluated and selected by the Scientific Committee of the Conference. The criteria of the selection are based on: (1) how well abstracts reflect the core idea of the Conference and one of the preliminary sections of the Conference; (2) the relevancy and originality. The requirements for papers will be sent personally to selected participants.

## **FEES & EXPENSES**

Accommodation costs will be covered by the organizers for the selected papers authors from the International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law universities partners. Other participants must cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

The participation fee must be paid when the registration is approved.

Standard participation fee	50 €
1 Accompanying person	30 €
Participation fee for the participants from the International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law partner Universities	0 €

The participation fee includes: admission to all sessions of the conference, certificate for participation, the presentation of a paper, publication in the relevant edition (e-edition), coffee breaks, lunch and conference dinner.

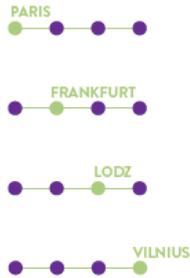
## OTHER INFORMATION

The conference will be held in English.

Conference venue - Vilnius University Faculty of Law (Saulėtekio av. 9, I Buildings, Vilnius, Lithuania)

Conference papers will be published as a special electronic edition.

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us: [phdconference@tf.vu.lt](mailto:phdconference@tf.vu.lt)



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