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“Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Law (But Were Afraid to Ask)”

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Vilnius University Faculty of Law
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The famous jurist Aharon Barak once said that “The law, like an eagle in the sky, is only stable when it moves.”¹. Nevertheless, before the law moves, we must always obtain a clear view of where and why it must move. We can accurately define the correct direction of the movement only by raising complex, interesting and sometimes provocative questions in legal doctrine.

Raising these difficult questions is more relevant than ever as the law confronts the problems posed by the 21st century. This is confirmed, among other things, by Russia's recent military aggression against Ukraine. The military invasion, which ignores any standards of international law, inevitably raises various questions. Is international law still effective? Is the rule of law capable of stopping an aggressor? Can the law prevent such conflicts in the future? Moreover, unfortunately, the problems facing the law are not limited to the latter issues. Is the law up to the challenges posed by the climate change? How has the COVID-19 pandemic influenced law systems? Can the principles of private and public law survive the IT revolution?

Accordingly, this year's Conference is aimed at addressing, analysing and debating the latter and other sometimes albeit uncomfortable but nevertheless very important legal questions.

Preliminary sections:

- ▶ **Law and War: Russia's Aggression against Ukraine:** the need for new international law mechanisms, legitimacy and timing of sanctions against Russia, influence of international law in times of an armed invasion, *etc.*
- ▶ **Law and Climate Change Issues:** environmental law, law and sustainability, climate change impact on the legal systems.
- ▶ **Law and Pandemic:** COVID-19 pandemic influence on the legal system, limits of governments legislative powers, challenges for the justice systems after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ▶ **Law and Globalisation / Digitalisation:** challenges of the globalisation for the legal system, human rights in the face of globalisation, digitalisation of private and public law, various legal issues related to digital markets, AI, blockchain, cybercrimes, *etc.*

¹ Barak, A. (2002). The Role of a Supreme Court in Democracy. *Hastings Law Journal*. Volume 53, Issue 5, p. 1215.

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 abstracts. The abstracts 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 submit their abstracts and the Scientific Committee evaluates them.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline to submit abstract of the paper for participants is **the 19th of April 2022**.
- Participants will be informed about the results of the selection procedure until **the 2nd of May 2022**.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The procedure for the abstracts submission is held on-line. The abstracts should be send to phdconference@tf.vu.lt until the 19th of April 2022.

In the submission it must be indicated: (1) name and surname; (2) university; (3) topic of the PhD thesis (only applicable for PhD students); (4) title of the abstract; (5) abstract; (6) information on your willingness to attend the conference physically or remotely.

Abstracts should be no longer than 1000 words.

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 the scientific papers will be sent personally to the selected participants.

FEES & EXPENSES

Accommodation costs will be covered by the organizers for the selected abstracts authors from the International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law partners universities. Other participants must cover their travel and accommodation expenses. The conference will be held physically, however, if a participant is unable to attend the conference, there will be opportunities to participate in the conference remotely.

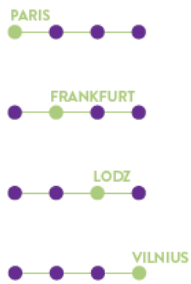
OTHER INFORMATION

The conference will be held in English.

Conference venue – Vilnius University (Saulėtekio av. 9, Vilnius, Lithuania)

Conference papers will be published in a special electronic edition.

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



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