



8th International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers

THE FUTURE DECADE OF EU LAW

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Vilnius University Faculty of Law
Vilnius, Lithuania

The unique legal order created by the European Union has become an established component of our legal and political life, and during the past years has shown to work in synergy with the progress of the society. A shift in the landscape of the EU is evident during the past decade. The spread of technology has unlocked opportunities for future development, milestones were reached in the sphere of data protection and the free flow of the digital single market. However, many of the achievements were followed by challenges some of which were tackled, yet others remain. For example, among the priorities of the European Commission there are the aims of building a more integrated energy union, developing a balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation and strengthening the EU's position as a global actor.

The EU and its Member States made significant achievements and faced challenges, in the context of which one may find it difficult to resist the question as to whether the EU is at a crossroads and what lies ahead. The International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers 2020 invites scholars to discuss both the developments of EU law during the past decade and the prospects of the Union in the future.

Preliminary sections

- ★ **Tectonic shifts of the foundations of EU law:** developments of the core principles and concepts of the EU, the limits of reinterpretation, state sovereignty, judicial independence, national identity, fundamental rights, criminal policy, *etc.*
- ★ **Intra-EU trade and the Internal Market:** digital single market, entrance barriers, free movement of goods, services, establishment, capital and persons, free movement of information, *etc.*
- ★ **Financial law:** (de)centralisation tendencies, shifts in the banking sector, development of fintech, *etc.*
- ★ **Dispute resolution:** judicial developments and challenges at the supranational and national levels, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, *etc.*
- ★ **EU's External Relations:** the legal personality of EU, relations with third countries, organisations and other subjects, international trade regulations and policies, *etc.*

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

The Conference includes:

- Distinguished keynote speakers.
- Thematic sections. 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, 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 the abstract of the paper for participants is **2nd of March 2020**.
- Participants will be informed about the results of the selection procedure until **16th March 2020**.
- Deadline for selected candidates to submit paper is **4th May 2020**.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The procedures for abstract submission are on-line. The abstracts should be submitted [on-line](#): until the 2nd of March 2020.

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 relevance and originality of the research. The requirements for papers will be sent 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 €
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The participation fee includes: admission to all sessions of the conference, certificate of participation, 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

Conference papers will be published as a special peer-reviewed electronic edition. It will be possible to amend paper after the conference.

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

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