



10th International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues Call for Papers

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Koç University, Istanbul

As Koç University Law Club, we are delighted to announce the *10th International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues* (Symposium). We are looking forward to your contribution to the Symposium, either as a speaker or a participant.

The exponential growth of technology and trend towards globalization over the last decades have led to an interconnected world where even our trivial actions may have transboundary effects. While globalization has resulted in a significant growth in industrial productivity, the challenges arising therefrom, such as economic inequality, climate change and mass migration, have also deepened. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has further distorted the already existing imbalances related to globalization and has brought new challenges into the equation. These challenges embody various issues such as data protection, freedom of movement, and the right to health. By the 4th year of the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries have adapted to its complexities with the help of innovative technological advancements and policies. Technological developments have evolved into a novel chapter, introducing much complex artificial intelligence (AI), crypto assets, and completely digital worlds. These new concepts pave the way for virtualization, hence making the world vulnerable to new challenges in cyberspace. The well-established concepts such as ‘gender,’ ‘citizenship,’ ‘technology’ and ‘privacy’ almost lost their conventional meanings, and it is practically inevitable for the future of law to discover and embrace the novelties of the current world.

The recent conflicts between states have brought many new aspects to international law as well. One of the most crucial examples of interstate disputes in modern times has emerged and it brought up many challenges with it. Debating the legal implications of topics such as violation of international law, human rights, the International Criminal Court’s power of sanction and global trade dependency becomes vital in order to sustain the established international order.

The main theme of this year’s symposium will be “**Law and Global Contemporary Challenges**”. Accordingly, we encourage paper proposals to address an issue suited to our main theme, with a focus on the following fields, in particular:

- Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law

- Migration, Nationality and Citizenship
- Freedom of Speech and Assembly
- Gender Equality
- Environmental Sustainability (Climate Change and Biodiversity)
- Ownership and Intellectual Property
- Big Data and Privacy
- Future of Law
- War Crimes

Submission Rules and Deadlines

1. Eligibility

Undergraduate, master and doctorate students from all academic disciplines are invited to participate as a **presenter** in the Symposium. Since it is a Students Symposium, non-students are not eligible to apply as a presenter. There is not any requirement to be a **participant** in this year's annual Symposium.

2. Application Process:

Those who would like to present a paper must upload their paper abstracts (maximum 350 words) to the form provided in the link <https://bit.ly/PresenterApplicationForm> by **April 18th**. The abstracts will be evaluated by the Steering Committee (Committee) established by Koç University Law School. You will be notified whether your application has been accepted or not no later than **April 25th**. For selected presenters, presentations should be submitted by **May 11th**, and final papers should be submitted by **May 31st** to lawsymposium-projectclub@ku.edu.tr. If your abstract is not selected, you are welcome to attend the Symposium as a participant.

3. Publication

Authors will be invited to submit the final version of the selected papers to the Symposium Edition of *Justitia et Fides*. However, acceptance of a paper for the Symposium does not guarantee its acceptance for publication since all papers are subject to a double-blind peer-review. Please check out our website for submission rules.

Some Notes:

- a) *The whole Symposium will be held in English.*¹

¹ As of the 9th Symposium, there will be no Turkish panel.

b) Due to Covid-19 restrictions held by Koç University, almost all sessions of the Symposium will be held on Zoom Webinar, resting sessions on Zoom Meeting format. The schedule will be sent to your mail address submitted in the registration form.

c) Registration at the Symposium is free of charge.

d) Those who will not present a paper may apply as a participant until **April 30th by filling in the application form provided in the link <https://bit.ly/ParticipantApplicationForm>**.

e) Each presenter will have 15 minutes sharp for their presentation and 5 minutes allocated for questions and answers.

f) The Symposium will be certificated via e-mail. Speakers will receive an additional certificate.

Why Should You Join Us?

Koç University, located in Istanbul, provides high-ranked national and international education and research. As law students of the future, we should get together to enlighten and inspire each other by sharing our perspectives. Therefore, the main objectives of our Symposium are to integrate law students around the world, as well as to expand their legal perspectives on specific international law issues.

We believe that a Symposium that provides students with an academic arena will increase academic awareness regarding universal values of law. The Symposium grants a great opportunity for students to take a stance in an academic platform where they can exchange assessments on global issues. Nevertheless, academic development is not the only reason for you to be here. With the nourishing contributions of our participants from all around the world, we will have an international atmosphere.

Contact:

For your questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via our email address:

- lawsymposium-projectclub@ku.edu.tr

For more information and **application**, please visit our official web page for the Symposium:

- <https://lawsymposium.ku.edu.tr/>

We also highly recommend you follow our social media accounts, from which we will be publishing updates and exclusive news:

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- Instagram: <http://bit.ly/instagramkulawclub>
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