



## Call for Papers

### 8<sup>th</sup> International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues

Date:

26-27-28 April 2019

Koc University, Istanbul

As Koç University Law Club, we are delighted to announce the “8<sup>th</sup> International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues”. Students focusing on all academic disciplines are invited to participate in this annual Symposium.

In a world of constant change, “the only thing that does not change is the change itself”. Rapid technological developments as a result of the exponential knowledge of humanity and breakthrough innovations in digital communication make our world a little more interconnected every day. Over the span of last decades, the trend towards Globalization has become the precursor of greater economic integration between nations and the cross-border movement of cultures. In the light of these advancements, the world has become a global village, in which, even our smallest actions may have transboundary effects. However, due to the delicate structure of this transition, the world we share faces new, enduring challenges. Economic inequality, climate change, mass migration, terrorism and discrimination are only some of the current challenges. Yet, worldwide discontent is found with grievances going well beyond than a single global pattern. Thus, as these issues dominate the international agenda, the world gets more disintegrated and fragmented. We understand that contemporary challenges create a tension between law on the one hand, and political discourse and societal inclinations on the other.

As the long-known concepts such as ‘gender,’ ‘citizenship,’ ‘technology’ and ‘privacy’ start to lose their conventional meanings; this year, we aim to make sense of the latest trends. Finally, we intend to discover emerging ideas that are associated with the future of law and social sciences.

**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**
- **State Governance and the Individual**
- **Migration, Nationality and Citizenship**
- **Gender Identity**
- **Biodiversity and Environment**
- **Ownership and Intellectual Property**
- **Big Data and Privacy**
- **Future of Law**

Although there is no restriction, we kindly encourage speakers to focus on these topics

## **Application Process:**

- a) Those who would like to present a paper, should send their paper abstract (350 words) until **March 22nd** to [kulawclub@ku.edu.tr](mailto:kulawclub@ku.edu.tr). The abstracts will be evaluated by a Committee established by Koç University Law School and you will be notified whether your application has been accepted or not by **March 25th**. If your abstract is not selected you are welcome to attend the Symposium as a participant
- b) Each presenter will have 15 minutes for their presentation and 5 minutes will be allocated for questions and answers.
- c) Those who will not present a paper may apply for participating until **March 23rd**.

We are looking forward to your contribution to our Symposium, either as a paper presenter or a participant.

The Symposium will be certificated. Paper presenters will receive an additional certificate. An established steering committee will evaluate the papers and presentations to award the best presentation and the best paper.

## **Costs for Participation:**

*Participation fee* for the Symposium is 15 Euros (90 TL). The fee includes transportation from designated public transportation stations or from the hotel to Koç University Main Campus and vice versa; a Symposium kit (booklet, notebook, pen etc.); lunch and coffee breaks.

*Accommodation fee* for three days (25-26-27 April 2019) in a double room at Fuat Paşa Yalısı, located in Sarıyer, is 120 Euros. (Breakfast is included) As an option, we also have some available rooms for woman participants in our West Campus Dormitory. Please keep in mind that travel expenses and personal expenses are expected to be covered by the participants themselves.

## **Why Should You Join Us?**

Koç University, located in Istanbul, provides high-ranked national and international education and research. As youthful architects of the future, we should get together to enlighten and inspire each other by sharing our perspectives. Therefore, the main objective of our Symposium is to integrate foreign and Turkish law students, as well as expand their legal perspectives on specific international law issues by providing, seminars, workshops and case studies on fictional controversy. We believe that an international student conference will contribute to raise academic awareness as regards universal values of law and their conflict resolving effect. The Symposium serves as 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 in an intercontinental city. Also, you would not want to miss the entertaining activities we have for you.

***The Symposium will be held in English<sup>1</sup>.***

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<sup>1</sup> This year one panel will be held in Turkish. Therefore, we highly encourage Turkish speakers to participate in our Symposium.

Should you require any information, please do not hesitate with us via our email address:  
[kulawclub@ku.edu.tr](mailto:kulawclub@ku.edu.tr)

For more information and application, please visit our official web page for the Symposium:  
[lawsymposium.ku.edu.tr](http://lawsymposium.ku.edu.tr)

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

[www.facebook.com/KU.LawClub/](http://www.facebook.com/KU.LawClub/)

[www.instagram.com/kulawclub/](http://www.instagram.com/kulawclub/)

We are honored to welcome both speakers and participants to share academic knowledge and excitement in the marvelous city of Istanbul, located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. We are looking forward to seeing you at Koç University, this April!!