

Call for Papers for the 1st Interdisciplinary Conference of the University of Ottawa

Graduate Students in Law Association

The University of Ottawa Graduate Students in Law Association (GSLEDD) invites abstracts from graduate students, final year JD students, scholars, and professionals, to submit abstracts on contemporary legal issues for its upcoming **Interdisciplinary Conference** to be held in Ottawa on **Friday, 12th May 2023**. This conference is an ideal opportunity for Canadian and international law enthusiasts to promote and share their academic research whilst working together towards access to justice and the elimination of inconsistency and ambiguity, in a bilingual and interdisciplinary environment that encourages debate on important topics in contemporary legal regimes. It is a perfect occasion for the legal community to come together to shape the law and justice scenario of Canada.

Twenty years after the beginning of the new millennium, where are we? We invite you to take your researcher's magnifying lens and look deeply into the state of law and society today. **Are you enthusiastic about making a change in society?** Then wait no more, this Conference is the right forum to advocate your findings. Combining concepts and ideas from various fields and perspectives and linking them to law, this year's conference aims to shed light upon specific situations or problems that spark curiosity and debate, to come up with feasible solutions.

Law is often seen as a tool that can bring a change in society. It is considered to be rigid and unchangeable, but it is in constant mutation, in a world that is more than ever globalized. The legal community is considered to be the backbone of advocating harmony and balance in the world paving way for strong leadership. Keeping in mind the role of law, **GSLEDD** by way of

this conference would like to contribute to the changing dynamics of law in Canada. Lastly, the participants will also get a chance to network amongst the distinguished members of the legal industry.

Therefore, to scrutinize the current legal landscape, we invite you to submit your ideas for papers relating to one or many of these subthemes, but these themes are only suggestions for promoting **LAW and JUSTICE**.

- **Interplay between recent judicial trends** and their impact on the social lives of People in Canada
- **Revisiting the legal framework** concerning gender issues, Indigenous communities, reconciliation efforts, animal rights, healthcare, criminal law, etc.;
- **Rising social challenges** in sports, entertainment, and professional spaces.
- **Diving into the immigration policies for** crisis-hit zones, immigrant and refugee status, exploitation, etc.;
- **Promoting** access to justice and increasing legal awareness amongst minorities.
- **Critically analyzing** case laws, case comments, legislative policies, etc.;

Do not hesitate to submit your unique sub-theme with an abstract of a **maximum of 500 words!**

Every presentation will have a duration of **10 minutes maximum** and will take place on a panel of participants presenting on a related theme.

Submission and Format

 Abstracts from students currently enrolled in a graduate program or students who have recently completed graduate studies should be submitted (in either English or French) by email to gsledd@uottawa.ca by **18 April 2023 at 23:59 hrs.** The abstract should be **500 words maximum** and must be the student's original research. Please include your name, affiliation, and contact details, as well as 5 keywords. To help us with the scheduling of panels, please indicate your degree of fluency in French and English (participants are not expected to be bilingual). Please begin all file titles with your last name.

Successful applicants will be notified by email during the month of **April 2023.**

 Selected participants will be invited to provide, **if they so wish,** a paper of a maximum of a thousand (1,000) words and/or a slideshow of no more than ten (10) slides to be used during their presentation. Documents must be submitted by email at gsledd@uottawa.ca before the conference.

We invite you to be clear and concise in your papers as well as during your presentations. The conference aims to create an environment for interactive, mutual learning, in which each participant has the opportunity to strengthen her or his knowledge and skills. To that effect, we have retained the collaboration of an external observer, who will be able to provide you with feedback on the style and format of your presentation.

Information about payment methods will be communicated at a later date. Questions may be directed to the conference organizers at gsledd@uottawa.ca.

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