



## **Predocctoral Conference ECLIC**

**“EU at the crossroads – ways to preserve democracy and rule of law”**

**13 June 2024**

**Faculty of Law, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek**

[CALL FOR APPLICATIONS]

We are happy to announce the Call for the 1<sup>th</sup> EU and Comparative Law Issues and Challenges Series (ECLIC) Predocctoral Conference “EU at the crossroads – ways to preserve democracy and rule of law”, Osijek, Croatia. As part of its commitment to the study of EU law, this year's Predocctoral conference of the Faculty of Law Osijek aims to highlight various legal, economic and social issues and challenges of the European Union.

Democracy and the rule of law are fundamental principles that underpin the European Union's (EU) political and legal landscape. The EU, comprised of member states with different legal traditions, has actively sought to establish a framework that promotes democratic governance and upholds the rule of law. The Treaty on European Union explicitly states the commitment to the rule of law as a fundamental value. This commitment extends to establishing a legal order that governs the relationship between member states, EU institutions, and individuals. The Court of Justice of the European Union serves as the guardian of the rule of law, ensuring that EU law is interpreted and applied consistently across member states. However, the EU has faced challenges in recent years that have tested the resilience of these principles. Concerns about the erosion of the rule of law in some member states have prompted the EU to explore mechanisms to safeguard its foundational values. This year conference aims to explore the current state of democracy and the rule of law within the European Union, identifying key challenges and opportunities while focusing on the legal frameworks and institutional structures in place. Investigate the impact of emerging technologies on democracy and the rule of law, addressing issues such as AI, digital governance, cybersecurity, and the protection of fundamental rights. Analyze the EU's role in the global context, considering its influence on democracy and the rule of law beyond its borders and exploring potential collaborations with international partners. Finally, this year conference aims to explore the social and economic factors that contribute to the resilience or erosion of democratic values, and discuss strategies for fostering these challenges.

The overall objective of the ECLIC Predocctoral Conference is to provide a platform and stimulate discussion on key interdisciplinary issues affecting law and economics in the EU and its Member States. We cordially invite prospective doctoral students and candidates to actively participate in the conference, emphasizing a focus on rigorous research methodologies and their current doctoral researches. This gathering is designed to promote the exchange of scholarly insights, with a particular emphasis on the doctoral research in law and economics, fostering a nuanced exploration of these interconnected fields. We strongly encourage participants from candidate states for the EU accession to attend to conference and contribute to discussion.

We are looking forward to receiving manuscripts covering, primarily, but not exclusively topics mentioned above.

If interested in participation, please submit an abstract by **16th January 2024** electronically: [eclidocos@pravos.hr](mailto:eclidocos@pravos.hr)

We emphasize that this year's Predoctoral conference will be **held fully in-person**.

## **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM**

**Abstracts** of 300 - 500 words (maximum) should indicate the main arguments and structure of the paper and the methods used.

The most successful candidates will receive the *Guidelines for Authors* and will have the opportunity to offer her/his paper for publication of **no more than 10000 words by: 5th April 2024**.

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS & BOOK OF ABSTRACTS**

Only selected papers will be published in the peer-reviewed *“EU and comparative law issues and challenges series – ECLIC“*, which is indexed in *Web of Science and HeinOnline*.

ECLIC contains conference proceedings that are double peer reviewed and specialized in EU and comparative law and policy. More at <https://ecliv-conference.com/>

ECLIC Predoctoral conference book of abstracts will be distributed to the conference participants at the conference venue.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Submission Deadline for Abstracts: **16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Notification on Acceptance of Abstract: **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Submission Deadline for Papers: **5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Registration and Conference Fee payment: **22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

Book of Proceedings (on-line format): **June 2024**

## **ATTENDING FEES:**

Publishing Full paper/Abstract + presentation + access to all sessions of ECLIC Conference and ECLIC Predoctoral Conference: 50 EUR

Attending fee includes access to all sessions, Book of Abstracts, Book of Proceedings, conference lunch plus all coffee breaks, according to the conference program. Travel costs and accommodation are borne by participants. After the paper is submitted to double blind peer review, attending fees will not be refunded.

For any further questions please contact us: [eclidocos@pravos.hr](mailto:eclidocos@pravos.hr)

On the behalf of the Predoctoral conference organization committee,

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