Call for Papers

Gonzaga in Florence 2022 Human Rights Conference
Artificial Intelligence, Government, Corporation, and Human Rights

May 26-27, 2022
Florence, Italy

Gonzaga University School of Law invites proposals for paper presentations at its 2022 Human Rights Conference in Florence, Italy. The 2022 conference will be the sixth edition of this annual conference that the Law School co-hosts with Gonzaga in Florence and the Center for Civil and Human Rights at Gonzaga Law. Previous conferences have addressed topics such as *[Black Lives Matter as a Global Human Rights Movement, Equal Justice as a Human Right](#)*, *[Freedom of Expression as a Human Right](#)*, and *[Women's Rights as Human Rights](#)*. These programs have showcased distinguished academics and lawyers from a dozen countries and five continents. Keynote speakers have included Professor Paul Butler, Dr. Teresa Sullivan, President *Emerita* of the University of Virginia, the Honorable Raul Pangalangan, Judge of the International Criminal Court and former Dean of the University of Philippines College of Law, and the Honorable Mary Murguia, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The 2022 conference is scheduled for May 26-27, and the theme is <u>Artificial Intelligence, Government, Corporation, and Human Rights</u>. The conference will begin with an evening keynote reception in central Florence on May 26, followed by a full-day program that will include multiple panels, a keynote luncheon, and a closing dinner. Keynote speakers will be announced as they are confirmed. Gonzaga will waive speaker conference fees, including for program events and meals. Depending on available resources, Gonzaga also may be able to provide lodging in Florence for the dates of the conference and limited travel reimbursement.

One of the major goals of the conference is to consider artificial intelligence as a forecasting and profiling tool having impacts on different spectrums of human rights, including, but not limited to, rights to privacy, to a fair trial, to freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention, and its impact on economic, social, cultural, and political equality and racial and ethnic justice and examine artificial intelligence used as a tool by corporations to violate human rights by invading everyday human lives. We are hoping to add a stepping-stone through this conference to avoid artificial intelligence as a tool to violate human rights by assessing profiling, automated decision-making, and other machine-learning technologies and to create a global solidarity to fight against violations of human rights caused by abuse of Artificial Intelligence at government and corporate levels.

We anticipate a plenary panel to open the conference focusing specifically on the impact of AI on human rights. We also welcome paper proposals that explore other legal and interdisciplinary topics relating to artificial intelligence and human rights. We will organize selected papers into several concurrent panels.

Paper proposals are invited on any topic that explores artificial intelligence and human rights issues.

To submit a proposal, please email a paper abstract (one to two pages) and CV to the Director, Global Legal Education Program at acharya@gonzaga.edu

The conference is co-sponsored by Gonzaga-In-Florence and Center for Civil and Human Rights, Gonzaga School of Law.

The deadline for priority consideration of proposals is January 30, 2022.

A few selected papers with full manuscript will be published at Gonzaga Journal of International Law.

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