

**THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PUBLIC LAW**  
**8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**WROCLAW, POLAND**

Call for Panels, Papers, Fora, and Working Groups

*Global Problems and Prospects in Public Law*

ICON•S | The International Society of Public Law welcomes you to the Society's 8th Annual Conference, scheduled to be held on July 4 – 6, 2022, in Wrocław, Poland.

This Conference will be held in *hybrid format*, with a fully in-person program of panels and activities in Wrocław alongside a virtual program of fully online panels and activities. The plenary sessions will be held in-person and broadcast live through ICON-S Live. We are pleased to partner with our hosts in Wrocław to continue our tradition of holding a truly global academic event, involving scholars, practitioners, judges and others from all over the world joining together across multiple time zones to discuss a range of ideas in multiple languages in all fields of public law.

We are also pleased to confirm that we will be able to offer a childcare program on campus with the help of the Department of Education of the University of Wrocław.

**2022 Conference Theme**

The plenary program at the 2022 Annual Conference will focus on “Global Problems and Prospects in Public Law”.

The COVID-19 pandemic is only the latest in a succession of challenges facing the peoples of the world. The machinery of public law has been called on to help manage the public health crisis, and in some cases it has succeeded and in others it has not operated as hoped. The same is true of the global crisis of mass migration, the risks and opportunities in law and technology, and the current state of democracy in many corners of the world. The weight of these challenges can feel daunting. History tells us, however, that crises are also opportunities for re-thinking, and for renewal. And whether our purpose is to understand or to protest, or to unmake and re-build, public law will inevitably frame our response.

We take up four key themes in our plenary and featured panels this year: democracy, migration, public health, and technology. Questions of trust and distrust feed into broader debates about democratic backsliding and the rule of law which have become a central concern in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. In this context, technology creates both new risks and new opportunities: the revolutions in data storage and information dissemination are manifestly double-edged swords. Trust and distrust are central, too, to how

societies accommodate migrants, and to how they handle issues of public health, as the current pandemic has made all too obvious. In each of these four areas, the challenges are clear and present. But they are not just dangers. Each is a demand, and an opportunity, to rethink and rebuild key aspects of our societies in light of shared democratic ideals.

Plenary speakers will include:

- Koen Lenaerts, President of the Court of Justice of the European Union
- Olga Tokarczuk, Writer and the Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, in conversation with Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram, attorney at Clifford Chance and member of the Free Courts Initiative, and Adam Bodnar, former Ombudsman in Poland, University of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Siri Gloppen, Professor, University of Bergen
- Mayra Feddersen, Professor, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez
- Jorrit Rijpma, Professor, Leiden University
- Judit Sándor, Professor, Central European University
- Pedro Villarreal, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Law and International Law

Featured panels will be held online and will include the following speakers:

- Fleur Johns, Professor, University of New South Wales
- Gerald Knaus, President of the European Stability Initiative
- Shalini Randeria, Rector, Central European University
- Sanford Levinson, Professor, The University of Texas at Austin,

In addition to the plenary and featured panels, the Annual Conference will be an occasion to continue our traditions of hosting gatherings such as the Women's Reception.

### **Submissions and Panels**

As always, the Annual Conference will feature concurrent panel sessions, which will take place during the three days of the Conference and will be comprised of submissions selected through this Call. As in prior years, we invite all interested persons to propose fully-formed panels or individual papers addressing any area of public law. We invite potential participants to refer to the [ICON•S Mission Statement](#) when choosing a topic or approach for their paper(s) or panel(s).

### **Who Can Participate in this Annual Conference?**

ICON•S is not restricted to public lawyers nor to established scholars. We welcome proposals that offer multi-disciplinary perspectives from various areas of law (including civil, criminal, tax, and labor law), as well as from scholars in the humanities and the social sciences (e.g.

history, economics, political science, sociology) with an interest in the Conference's themes. We also welcome submissions from both senior and junior scholars (including doctoral students) as well as interested practitioners.

To propose a panel, paper, forum or interest group, you must have an active **ICON•S membership**. However, for panel and interest group submissions only the person who submits the proposal needs to have an active membership at this stage, but full membership is required to participate as a speaker. We offer different kinds of membership, including discounted membership for new members as well as scholars from non-OECD countries and emerging scholars; all of them allow for the submission of panels, papers, working groups and fora. The ICON•S membership includes not only the Conference fee, but also the right to vote in the Council elections and to participate in the activities that are organized for members only. If you are already a member, you can log in [here](#). If you are joining the Society for the first time, please click [here](#). If you are unable to pay for your membership due to either legal restrictions or financial hardship, please contact us at [icons@icon-society.org](mailto:icons@icon-society.org).

Please note that each participant may present no more than 2 papers (whether sole-authored or co-authored) and may participate – as presenter, chair, discussant – in no more than 4 panels, providing that it is possible to schedule the panels in a way that accommodates all 4 panels to which a participant plans to contribute. The participation as a convenor in interest groups or as a speaker in a forum counts toward the general limit.

### **Panel Submissions**

We strongly encourage the submission of fully-formed panels. Panel submissions may, but need not necessarily, relate to the overarching Conference theme. Fully-formed panel proposals should include at least three, but no more than five presentations by scholars who have agreed in advance to participate. The panel must be formed in accordance with the Society's commitment to gender balance. Panel proposals should also identify one panel chair and may identify one or two discussants, who may serve as panel chair and/or paper presenter (the role of chair and discussants counts toward the maximum of five people allowed per panel). All fully-formed panels should therefore include the names of (a) speakers, (b) the chair, and may also include the names of (c) discussants. The email address associated with each panel participant's ICON•S membership and/or Conference registration should also be provided.

**Panels can be held either fully virtually - with all participants taking part online - or fully in-person in Wrocław. No proposed panel may have a mix of in-person and online participants.**

If you are unsure whether you will be able to attend in person, your proposed paper or fully-formed panel should be submitted for the in-person option. When you confirm the

attendance of the Conference, you will have an opportunity to opt out of the in-person program and into the online option if necessary. *(If individual speakers for an in-person panel cannot participate in-person at the time of the Conference due to unforeseen circumstances, the panelists can arrange for an online presentation on site, but we cannot offer tech support to enable fully hybrid panel sessions.)*

## **Panels**

We encourage proposals for fully-formed panels in English. However, as part of the vision of a truly global Conference that invites new members to join together in conversation, we invite submissions for fully-formed panels in any language at ICON•S. Panel submissions in languages other than English must include at least one panel participant who is willing and able to translate questions and responses to and from English. Scholars who wish to propose a fully-formed non-English panel must submit a panel proposal in English, propose an English-language title, and identify the language of the panel (e.g., Korean, Spanish, Chinese, German, etc.) in the title, using parenthesis, e.g., “Judicial Review in Emergency Regimes (Italian).” Please note that *only* fully-formed panels will be accepted in languages other than English.

## **Individual Paper Submissions to ICON•S**

We also welcome individual paper submissions in any subject related to the Conference theme or to public law in general. Individual paper submissions must be in English. If your submission is not in English, we will decline it. If the paper submission is accepted, it will be part of a panel assembled by ICON•S. Please indicate in your title whether your paper submission is for an in-person panel in Wrocław or for a virtual panel. No actual paper drafts are required to present at the Conference.

## **When Will the Panels be held?**

In-person panels in Wrocław will be scheduled by the Society to be held on-site during regular conference hours.

When you submit a proposal for an online paper or fully-formed panel, you will be required to indicate at least three scheduling preferences. Please note that although each scheduling preference is presented as a three-hour time slot, panels will run for only 90 minutes. Therefore, your panel will be assigned to a specific 90-minute period within one of the scheduling preferences that you have chosen. Prior to submitting your scheduling preferences, please confirm that your co-panelists will be free to participate during your chosen scheduling preferences. We will confirm the exact day and time of your panel when the program is released.

For your reference, here is the list of available scheduling preferences from which you will be able to choose to schedule your online participation. All times are in Polish summer time, CEST:

1. **July 4** | 06:00-09:00
2. **July 4** | 10:00-13:00
3. **July 4** | 16:00-19:00
4. **July 4** | 19:15-22:15
5. **July 4** | 22:30-01:30
  
6. **July 5** | 06:00-09:00
7. **July 5** | 09:30-12:30
8. **July 5** | 15:45-18:45
9. **July 5** | 21:00-24:00
  
10. **July 6** | 00:15-03:15
11. **July 6** | 06:00-09:00
12. **July 6** | 10:00-13:00
13. **July 6** | 20:00-23:00
14. **July 6** | 23.15-02.15

## **Fora and Interest Groups**

As in previous years, there will also be an opportunity for ICON•S interest groups and fora to meet.

### **Interest Groups**

An ICON•S Interest Group (or Working Group) consists of a group of scholars hoping to build deeper connections with a view to future collaboration on research and engagement on a particular theme. The key aim of an Interest Group is to enhance the capacity of ICON•S to serve as a forum for supporting cross-national and inter-disciplinary research both at our conferences and beyond. There are a range of existing interest groups in the Society which you may be interested to join, a full list can be found on our website.

If you would like to submit a proposal for a new Interest Group, please contact [dsg@icon-society.org](mailto:dsg@icon-society.org) with the following information.

- The full name, email address and institutional affiliation of the convener
- The title of the Interest Group
- A description of the purpose of the Interest Group no longer than 250 words
- Any plans you have for the group, i.e. joint conferences or publications, specific projects to be pursued by group members etc.

For the purpose of receiving inquiries with any member interested in attending or joining the Working Group, the convener must approve the publication of their email address.

## **Fora**

ICON-S also hosts fora which are scholarly gathering of at least twelve (12) persons who commit to discussing a scholarly subject chosen by the convener of the forum. Fora will differ from ordinary panels in two respects: (1) there will be no presentation of papers; and (2) the convener of the forum may assign materials to be read in advance. The assigned materials may be a book, a set of papers, or something otherwise thought useful to the conversation on the subject of the forum. The convener will be responsible for circulating assigned materials prior to the Conference.

To submit a proposal for a Forum, a convener must submit the following information:

1. The full name, email address and institutional affiliation of the convener
2. The title of the Forum
3. An abstract of the Forum topic no longer than 250 words
4. (Potentially) a reading list for the Forum. Please note that the reading list should conform to OSCOLA citation rules or another common citation system, to allow for easy accessibility
5. The full name, email address, and institutional affiliation for each participant
6. Confirmation that the Forum contains at least twelve (12) persons who have committed to participating in the program and who reflect the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that are embedded within the history, tradition, and Mission of ICON-S.

For the purpose of receiving inquiries and sharing reading materials and/or an outline of the agenda with any member interested in attending or joining the Forum, the convener must approve publicizing their email address.

## **How and When to Submit?**

All submissions must be made through the ICON•S website by March 15.

To access the submission page, please click [here](#).

Interest groups and fora must be proposed exclusively by email to [dsg@icon-society.org](mailto:dsg@icon-society.org).

## **Anti-Harassment Policy**

We draw your attention to the ICON•S anti-harassment policy, which including avenues for assistance and redress. This policy applies to all ICON•S programs, including both the in-person and virtual components of this Annual Conference.

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You may download this Call for Papers here (PDF). Answers to frequently asked questions may be found on our FAQ page.

For any inquiries regarding the 2022 Annual Conference, please contact us via email: [icons@icon-society.org](mailto:icons@icon-society.org)

We look forward to receiving your submission—and to seeing you either in Wrocław or online!

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Co-Presidents of ICON·S

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