



VILNIUS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW
Invites to the International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers

INTEGRATING SOCIAL SCIENCES INTO LEGAL RESEARCH

10-11 April 2014

Vilnius University Faculty of Law

What is legal research? Is legal research's primary aim merely to collate, organise and describe legal rules and offer commentary on corresponding authoritative legal sources? Or should it cover a range of disciplinary contexts within the social sciences, humanities and law? Should it relate the legal realm to the sociological, economic, political and other dimensions of human activity? To what extent is legal research interdisciplinary today and how diverse will it be tomorrow? These and other questions are important to the contemporary legal science and will be the core subject-matter of the Conference.

Target participants of this Conference are PhD students and young researchers with background in social sciences or/and humanities who are exploring law by inclusion of other sciences into their legal analysis. Although the main focus of the Conference is devoted to legal research, legal practitioners and non-lawyers who are conducting an interdisciplinary research connected with law are especially welcome.

Objectives of the Conference

- ▶ To reveal and thoroughly discuss nominal and possible integration of social sciences into legal research.
- ▶ To share exclusive experience of carrying out interdisciplinary research.
- ▶ To summarise and provide solutions and guidelines for arising issues in various fields of interdisciplinary legal analysis (see "Conference structure" below).
- ▶ To foster academic cooperation of PhD students and young researchers while encouraging interdisciplinary legal science.

Conference structure

Plenary session:

- ▶ Interdisciplinarity of Legal Science *versus* Traditional Legal Research: Friends or Foes?

Sections:

- ▶ Sociological Jurisprudence and Sociology of Law;
- ▶ Law and Economics;
- ▶ Legal Research in the context of Political Science;
- ▶ Law and Other Disciplines (History, Cultural Studies, Linguistics, Psychology, etc.).

Eligibility

PhD students and young researchers (Junior Research Fellows and Research Fellows) interested in the integration of social sciences and other disciplines into legal research.

Submission of abstracts (requirements)

1. Title of the paper
2. Name, surname
3. Academic degree and current academic status
4. Information about candidate's scientific activities and research interests (max. 100 words)
5. Institution
6. Abstract – a brief summary of the conference paper (200-400 words)

The requirements for papers will be sent personally to selected participants.

Important dates

- ▶ Deadline to submit abstract of the paper is 13 January 2014 (corresponding e-mail: legal.science.ltu@gmail.com).
- ▶ Participants will be informed about the results of the selection procedure until 10 February 2014.
- ▶ Deadline for selected candidates to submit final paper is 10 March 2014.
- ▶ Conference will be held at Vilnius University Faculty of Law, 10-11 April 2014 (address: Sauletekio av. 9, Vilnius, Lithuania).

Other information

- ▶ The Conference will be held in English.
- ▶ All abstracts will be evaluated and selected by the Scientific Committee of the Conference. The criteria of the selection are based on: (1) how well abstracts reflect the core idea of the Conference; (2) the relevancy and originality. Free accommodations will be awarded to the best authors selected by the Scientific Committee.
- ▶ Conference papers will be published as a special edition.
- ▶ Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us: legal.science.ltu@gmail.com

Scientific Committee of the Conference

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