



12th International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers

Fight for Your Rights Club: Human Rights in a Democracy of the Digital Age

15-16 May, 2025
Vilnius University Faculty of Law
Vilnius, Lithuania

Dear Researchers,

Welcome to Fight for Your Rights Club.

- *The first rule of the Fight for Your Rights Club is to always speak openly and confidently about the club.*
- *The second rule is that if someone demands, "Stop fighting!" you must continue your efforts.*
- *The third and final rule is that the fight for your rights will continue for as long as necessary.*

As a PhD Student and Young Researcher, you are cordially invited to attend the upcoming International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers, "Fight for Your Rights Club: Human Rights in a Democracy of the Digital Age". This event will bring together young experts from the field of law to discuss the impacts of the digital environment on human rights, as well as the legal considerations in maintaining a balance between the inevitable progress of digital technologies and the protection of human rights, as well as other competing values.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights on the topic and to network with young professionals in the field of law. We look forward to receiving your abstract and hearing your considerations on the topic in the Conference.

Date: 15-16 May, 2025

Location: Vilnius, Lithuania

PRELIMINARY* SECTIONS

► **Human Rights and Technology:** legal issues raised by emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, fintech, digital markets, IoT, etc., to public and private law.

► **Human Rights and Global Affairs:** legal issues raised by social media and digital technologies and their impact on global affairs and (or) national legal systems.

► **Human Rights in a Democracy:** issues of constitutional law and legal theory including but not limited to questions, whether digital democracy changes concepts such as the principle of good governance, separation of powers, fair elections, and other cornerstones of democratic governance?

► **Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights:** exploring how legal principles interact with other fields such as economics, sociology, psychology, and more, considering the interconnected nature of legal issues and the potential for collaborative approaches to address complex challenges.

► **Human Rights and EU Law:** assessing EU initiatives and regulations regarding digital democracy (data protection, AI act, digital markets, and etc.).

► **Dispute Resolution:** contemporary perspectives on dispute resolution, complexities of judicial procedure, alternative dispute resolution, and the processes of judicial decision-making in the digital context.

► **Private Law:** discussing recent issues in the relationship between fundamental rights and rules elaborated in the field of private law in the face of digital economy, including property law, contract law, family law, consumer rights, etc.

► **Climate Change:** exploring how emerging technologies can affect environmental law and climate change litigation.

* Based on the abstracts that will be received, additional panels might be included or the preliminary sections adapted.

CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

The Conference will include:

- Distinguished keynote speakers;
- Thematic sections concerning various aspects of the topic. The exact sections will be defined after the submission and acceptance of the paper abstracts.
- A peer-reviewed publication of the papers by Conference participants. The papers will be reviewed and accepted by the Scientific Committee of the Conference after the Conference.

PARTICIPATION

The invitation to participate in the Conference is open for PhD students and young researchers, who have recently obtained their doctoral degrees. Participants are invited after

a selection procedure conducted by the Scientific Committee based on the abstracts that are provided.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Please consider the following guidelines for the abstract submission:

Where: the abstract should be submitted to phdconference@tf.vu.lt

Abstract Length: up to 1000 words

Language of abstract: English

Submission Deadline: 10th of February, 2025.

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 and one of the preliminary sections of the Conference; (2) the relevancy and originality.

FEES & EXPENSES

Participants must cover their travel and accommodation expenses. However, accommodation costs will be covered by the organizers for the selected researchers from the International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law universities partners. The Conference will be held in person. There will be no participation fee.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Conference will be held in English.

Conference venue - Vilnius University (Saulėtekio ave. 5, Vilnius, Lithuania).

Conference papers will be published as a special electronic edition.

Should you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us: phdconference@tf.vu.lt

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