

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHD STUDENTS IN LAW
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Certainty and Contingency in Law

Call for papers

The Doctoral School of the Faculty of Law of the West University of Timișoara, with the support of the West University of Timisoara Foundation, hereby announce the organization of **the 18th edition of the International Conference of PhD Students in Law on June 26th, 2026.**

The aim of the event, acknowledged in Romania for its number of participants and its academic standards, is to give an impetus to PhD students to promote their research, by facilitating the publication of their results, as well as to establish a good cooperation between the participating faculties and doctoral schools.

In its previous editions, the conference has explored relevant and timely themes such as “*The Law of Crisis. Crises in Law*” (2021); “*Conformity, Compliance and Conformism in Law*” (2022); “*Text, Context, and Subtext in Law*” (2023); “*Law as Reaction and Reactions to the Law*” (2024); “*Fairness and/or Efficiency in Law*” (2025).

For the 2026 edition of the conference, PhD students in law from established Romanian universities and from abroad are invited to propose papers under the general theme ***Certainty and Contingency in Law***, in one of the following five sections: (1) *Civil law and civil procedure*; (2) *Business law*; (3) *Criminal law and criminal procedure*; (4) *Public law* and (5) *International and European law*.

The conference volume will be published by Universul Juridic, a renowned publisher in Romania, thus guaranteeing the quality of its academic and graphic contents, and will be offered to the participants on the occasion of the event. The volume will also be sent by the organizers to the libraries of the participating law faculties.

Given the international character of the conference, papers should be submitted in English (recommended) or Romanian. For the *International and European law* section of the conference the working language is exclusively English. The papers sent for publication must be approved by the PhD scientific advisors. No formal proof will be required by the organizers in this regard, but PhD supervisors may be contacted to confirm their approval of the quality of the respective paper.

Calendar:

March 22 nd , 2026	Registration deadline (title and abstract)
April 3 rd , 2026	Confirmation of the registration
May 3 rd , 2026	Full text of the paper and proof of payment of the registration fee

June 8 th , 2026	Provisional conference program
June 22 nd , 2026	Final conference program
June 26 th , 2026	Conference proceedings (hybrid format)

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