

## **International Research Conference 2023 – Faculty of Law, University of Colombo**

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

#### **THEME: "Expanding the Frontiers of Legal Research: Law as a Driver of Social Change"**

The Editorial Committee of the International Research Conference 2023 – Faculty of Law, University of Colombo invites researchers to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the Technical Sessions of the International Research Conference 2023. The abstracts should be based on original research work and, if accepted, should be presented at the technical sessions to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in hybrid mode.

#### **Conditions and guidelines for abstracts submitted to the IRCFOL 2023:**

1. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and be submitted according to the attached template.
2. The author's declaration form should be signed before the final selection is made.

Guidelines for preparation of abstracts are attached. Please follow the instructions carefully. Please note that abstracts that are not prepared according to the guidelines provided, or are submitted after the deadline, will not be considered for review. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to make alterations to the text of the abstract in order to improve its quality.

#### **Deadline for submission of abstracts: 10th July 2023**

Editorial Committee

International Research Conference Faculty of Law

12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Guidelines for submission of abstracts

### 1] Guidelines for preparation of abstracts

- i) The abstract must report original research.
- ii) An author may submit one abstract as a single author and one abstract as a co-author **OR** no more than four abstracts as co-author.
- iii) The title should be brief and explain the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title and proper nouns.
- iv) The author/s names and addresses –
  - Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors.
  - The address of the Institution in which the work was carried out should be included under the author's name.
  - If the collaborators are from different Institutions, the addresses of the Institutions should be included in brief. In this case, the addresses of the co-authors should be indicated by a number in superscript after the authors' names and before the respective addresses (as shown below).

### Example (multiple authors):

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- v) The text of the abstract should not exceed 300 words.
- vi) Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.
- vii) The abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
- viii) Two copies of the abstract should be submitted electronically on separate pages of a single Word document. The first copy should contain name(s) of author(s) and institutional affiliations. The second copy should carry only the title and the text and **should not** contain name(s) of author(s) and place(s) where the research has been carried out.
- ix) A maximum of five keywords should be provided.
- x) Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies providing sponsorship.
- xi) Use font "Times New Roman" size 11 with 1.5 spacing on A4 paper.

### 2] Declaration by the authors

- (i) The annexed declaration form must be signed and returned by the Corresponding Author via email (scanned copy) along with each abstract/extended abstract submitted.
- (ii) All correspondence will be addressed to the Corresponding Author. If the Corresponding Author is a student, it is mandatory that the declaration form should be signed by the supervising author/s.
- (iii) The abstracts should be presented by a staff member or an undergraduate/postgraduate student of the University of Colombo. In the event that the presenter indicated in the application is unable to present the paper, it is the responsibility of the Corresponding Author either to withdraw the paper in advance or arrange for one of the Co-Authors to present the paper.