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Faculty of Law
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Law in the Age of AI: Advancing Equality, Sustainability and Innovation
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Submission Guidelines

The Conference Organising Committee invites original, high-quality submissions that explore the ways in which the law responds to issues of equality, sustainability, and innovation in the age of AI. In engaging with these emerging developments, authors are encouraged to adopt diverse research methods and interdisciplinary approaches, critically examining the complexities arising therefrom.

Submissions must comply with the following guidelines:

1. Originality and Exclusivity

- Submissions must be original, unpublished work.
- Manuscripts should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere at the time of submission or during the review process.

2. Submission and Word Count

• **Abstract Only:**

- The abstract should be between 250–300 words.
- It must succinctly state the central argument and key findings of the paper.
- The abstract should include 4-5 keywords.
- The abstract should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font. No footnotes are allowed.

• **Full Paper (with Abstract):**

- The full paper should be between 3000 and 5000 words, excluding references.
- All full papers must include an abstract of 250–300 words that succinctly states the central argument and main findings.
- The abstract should include 4-5 keywords. No footnotes are allowed in the abstract.
- Papers must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing.
- Standard margins and pagination at the bottom right of each page should be used.

3. Submission Format

- All submissions must be in Microsoft Word format and include complete details of the author(s).

- Filename format: [LastName_ShortTitle_Date]
- The title should be centre-aligned, in Times New Roman 14-point font, bolded, and written in sentence case.
- The name(s) and email address(es) of the author(s) should appear beneath the title, centre-aligned.
- An asterisked footnote should be used to indicate the author’s current affiliation and any acknowledgements, if applicable.
- Please select the most suitable submission link in the portal based on the subject matter of the paper (i.e. Department of Commercial Law, Department of Public and International Law, or Department of Private and Comparative Law).

4. Referencing and Citations

- Footnotes in the full paper must conform to the Oxford Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA). The 4th edition is recommended.

5. Language and Style

- All submissions must follow British English spelling conventions.
- All abbreviations must be spelled out fully on first use, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses.
- Use “per cent” instead of the symbol “%”.
- The word “Article” should be capitalised when referring to legal instruments (e.g., Article 21).
- Non-English words or phrases should be italicised, with the English translation provided in parentheses immediately after the term.
- Authors are responsible for ensuring the accuracy, clarity, and language quality of their submissions.
- The numbering format for headings should follow this structure:
 - Use Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3...) for level 1 headings.
 - For level 2 headings, use 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, etc.
 - For level 3 headings, use 1.2.a., 1.2.b., etc.
 - Ensure headings are consistently formatted (same font, size, and spacing).

6. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use

- Authors must adhere to the University of Colombo Policy on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Academic and Administrative Activities. See <https://science.cmb.ac.lk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/AI-Policy-1-1.pdf>
- The use of AI tools for substantive writing, drafting, or generating submission content is not permitted. AI may only be used for non-substantive purposes such as grammar and spell-check, reference formatting, or improving visual materials. Any such use must be declared, specifying the tool, its version, and the purpose. Authors remain fully responsible for the accuracy, originality, and integrity of their submission.

7. Eligibility of the authors

- Submissions are open to academics, legal practitioners and postgraduate researchers. Undergraduate students currently enrolled in a degree programme are not eligible to submit abstracts or full papers to the conference.

8. Submission Limit

- Each author may make only one submission to the conference, regardless of the discipline.

9. Submission Requirements

- Submissions must strictly adhere to these guidelines to be considered.

10. Important Dates

Call for Papers	20 th April 2026
Deadline for Submission	30 th May 2026
Notification of Acceptance	30 th June 2026
Camera Ready Copy	20 th July 2026
Full Paper Submission	30 th September 2026

For inquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat at irc@law.cmb.ac.lk