

## Call for Papers for the 9th Annual Conference of the University of Ottawa Graduate Students in Law Association

LOOKING FORWARD AND BACK ON LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

PRISE DE RECUL ET PERSPECTIVES D'AVENIR SUR LES ENJEUX  
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The University of Ottawa Graduate Students in Law Association (GSLEDD) invites graduate students from all disciplines to submit abstracts for its upcoming annual conference to be held in Ottawa on **11-12 May, 2020**. This conference is an opportunity for Canadian and international graduate students to promote and share their academic research whilst working together towards access to justice and the elimination of inconsistency and ambiguity, in a bilingual and interdisciplinary environment that encourages debate on important topics in contemporary law and policy.

Twenty years after the beginning of the new millennium, where are we? We invite you to take your researcher's magnifying lens, and to look deeply into the state of law and society today. Combining concepts and ideas from various fields and perspectives and linking them to law, this year's conference aims to shed light upon specific situations or on problems that spark curiosity and debate, in order to come up with feasible solutions.

Law is often seen as rigid and unchangeable, but it is in constant mutation, in a world that is more than ever globalised. Technological advances have done away with the obstacles that were time and space, with consequences on the law in both the private

and public domain. Is a perfect, 20/20 vision of law possible? What vision can we have for law in 2020?

The concept of “20/20 vision” will be a useful framework that will allow conference participants to shed clarity or discuss ambiguities on a number of problems or contradictions within the law.

We invite you to submit your ideas for papers relating to one or many of these subthemes, but these themes are only suggestions!

- **Milestones achieved and milestones missed** in human rights law or international law, etc.;
- **Rise of new challenges** regarding emerging technologies, conflict resolution modes, individual rights, the response to environmental issues and climate change, etc.;
- **Weight of past policies** concerning gender issues, Indigenous communities and reconciliation efforts, criminal law, etc.;
- **Evolution of norms** in constitutional or private law, about the place of interdisciplinary research in law, etc.;
- **The search for clarity** in an ever-so-complex world, etc.
- **The limits of today's laws** and the lessons we can learn and have learned.

Do not hesitate to submit your papers!

Every presentation will have a duration of **15 minutes maximum** and will take place on a panel of participants presenting on a related theme.

### **Submission and Format**

1 - Abstracts from students currently enrolled in a graduate program or students who have recently completed graduate studies should be submitted (in either English or French) by email to [gsledd@uottawa.ca](mailto:gsledd@uottawa.ca) by **10 February, 2020 at 23:59 hrs.** The abstract should be **300 words maximum** and must be the student's original research. Please include your name, affiliation, contact details, as well as 5 keywords. In order to help us with the scheduling of panels, please indicate your degree of fluency in French and English (participants are not expected to be bilingual). Please begin all file titles with your last name.

Successful applicants will be notified by email during the month of **March, 2020.**

2 - Selected participants will be invited to provide, if they so wish, a paper of a maximum of a thousand (1,000) words and/or a slideshow of no more than ten (10) slides to be used during their presentation. Documents must be submitted by email at [gsledd@uottawa.ca](mailto:gsledd@uottawa.ca) before the conference.

We invite you to be clear and concise in your papers as well as during your presentations. The conference aims to create an environment for interactive, mutual learning, in which each participant has the opportunity to strengthen her or his knowledge and skills. To that effect, we have retained the collaboration of an external observer, who will be able to provide you with feedback on the style and format of your presentation.

**Registration Fees:**

Early bird participant (payable by 13 March 2020): \$50

Late bird participant (payable by 27 March 2020): \$65

Information about payment method will be communicated at a later date. Questions may be directed to the conference organizers at [gsledd@uottawa.ca](mailto:gsledd@uottawa.ca)

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