

Law and crises

The past three years have been nothing short of impactful. First, a global pandemic emerged with the spreading of a virus, leading to economic and social unrest. The pandemic was quickly followed by the start of a military conflict in central Europe involving one of the world's superpowers. Finally, a macroeconomic crisis based on the rising cost of commodities such as energy and problems in the distribution channel took stock, with inflation and fears of a recession coming to place.

During this period, the role of law (and the rule of law) as a purveyor of order, stability and security has been put seriously to the test. International relations and national orders have been affected by health, economic, political, and social events. Questions, debates, and controversies arose regarding what the best or most appropriate form is to answer the many crises that are unfolding.

Against this backdrop, **we welcome submissions that address the following topics:**

1. Rule of law crisis in national, regional or international settings;
2. Law of conflict and of humanitarian protection;
3. Technology development as a response to crisis and its legal implications;
4. Globalism in crisis and legal challenges to economic coordination;
5. Climate crisis, energy crisis and models for transition and sustainability;
6. Regulation of health policy and coordination;
7. Crisis in legal science and jurisprudence;
8. The decline of public law versus the rise of private agreements;

We welcome submissions in all fields of law from graduate (particularly, Ph.D. level) students. Submissions are not bound by the topic of the conference, but preference will be given to papers that address related issues.

Please send an **abstract of your paper** (500 words max.) and a **short bio** (100 words max.), in English, to catolicagraduatelrconference@gmail.com.

Católica will **sponsor the accommodation** of successful applicants for the duration of one night – June 22nd – in a hotel close to campus.

Relevant dates:

- **March 31st:** submission of abstracts and bios.
- **April 14th:** successful applicants will be informed.
- **June 8th:** final papers are due.
- **June 22nd:** conference date.

Subject to peer review, final papers have the possibility to be published in *Católica Law Review*.