

## Law and Sustainability

The adoption of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represents a commitment to a sustainable future has emerged as a cornerstone of global legal and policy efforts. Yet, the complexities of today's world increasingly require innovative and resilient legal frameworks to turn this vision into reality. Climate change, resource scarcity, and growing social inequalities strain the limits of economic systems, governance structures, and international cooperation. At the same time, the transition to sustainable practices—such as adopting renewable energy, promoting equitable resource management, or reimagining urban development—raises intricate legal questions about regulation, enforcement, and the advancement of justice.

In this context, the role of law as a tool for fostering sustainability, balancing competing interests, and promoting long-term stability has never been more critical.

It is with such a backdrop that we invite submissions that explore the intersection of law and sustainability, considering how legal frameworks can promote a more just, stable, and enduring future. **Potential topics include, but are not limited to:**

1. Legal mechanisms for environmental protection and climate resilience;
2. Sustainability in international law and global governance;
3. ESG, Corporate sustainability and legal accountability;
4. The role of law in energy transitions and renewable resource management;
5. Environmental justice and the protection of vulnerable populations;
6. Legal Strategies for Sustainable Cities and Communities;
7. Artificial Intelligence, Law, and Sustainability.

This year, the Católica Graduate Legal Research Conference 2025 proudly precedes the 3rd edition of the Lisbon Climate Conference, occurring on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. While seeking to offer a dynamic platform for graduate students and early scholars to expose their work to constructive feedback, our goal with this year's format is also to advance intergenerational dialogue, encouraging the encounter of different generations of academics seeking to shape innovative solutions in the pursuit of a sustainable future. Subject to peer review, final papers have the possibility to be published in *Católica Law Review*.

Ph.D. candidates are thus invited to submit an abstract of about 500 words, in English, by July 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the latest, at the following email addresses: [lisbonclimateconference@gmail.com](mailto:lisbonclimateconference@gmail.com) and [mermida@ucp.pt](mailto:mermida@ucp.pt). Submissions should mention you are submitting your abstract to the Católica Graduate Legal Research Conference 2025 and include a *curriculum vitae*, with email and institutional affiliation.

Abstracts will be assessed based on:

- Originality and the innovative nature of the work;
- Relevance to the overall conference theme; and
- Coherence of panels and the conference as a whole.

Only one abstract per person will be considered, but joint submissions are admitted.

CRCFL will be offering shared accommodation for two nights to support attendance to both the Católica Graduate Legal Research Conference and third edition of The Lisbon Climate conference. Those interested in applying for accommodation can do so by filling out the form below. Selected participants will be informed by July 20<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### Relevant dates:

- **July 15<sup>th</sup>**: submission of abstracts and bios.
- **July 20<sup>th</sup>**: successful applicants will be informed.
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>**: final papers are due.
- **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**: conference date.

## Application for CRCFL Graduate Conference Accomodation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you considered alternative funding opportunities?**

Answer:

**If you are not awarded accomodation, will you still be able to travel to Lisbon for the Conference?**

Answer:

**Please state in a few words how your research would benefit from your funded participation in our event  
(250 words max)**

Answer: