

CALL FOR PAPERS

Protection of Vulnerable Groups: Today and Beyond

In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development the Heads of State and Government and High Representatives of the United Nations have committed in 2015 to “end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat inequalities within and among countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls; and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources”.

In this path, states have pledged that no one will be left behind and have envisaged “a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality and non-discrimination; of respect for race, ethnicity and cultural diversity; and of equal opportunity ...
A world which invests in its children and in which every child grows up free from violence and exploitation. A world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed. A just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met”.

Recently, the pandemic of Covid-19 made abundantly clear the importance of protecting the most vulnerable. Likewise, the avenue of the fourth industrial revolution, with the digitalization of systems and processes, poses new threats to old problems risking leaving the under-privileged behind. In parallel, climate change demands a fair and equitable transition process that eliminates pre-existing forms of discrimination and avoids creating new ones.

Against this backdrop, and taking into account the scope of the Sustainable Development Goals established in the 2030 Agenda, we welcome submissions that address the following topics:

1. **Equality and non-discrimination** on grounds of sex, gender, race, economic condition, or other suspected classes;
2. **Legal protection** of the elderly, children and people with disabilities;
3. **International, European and national** protection of migrants and nomads;
4. **Social inclusion and protection** of minorities;
5. **Multiculturalism** and the legal system;
6. **The digital revolution** and its impact on vulnerable groups;
7. **Climate change** and environmental justice.

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.

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Please send an **abstract of your paper** (500 words max.) and a **short bio** (100 words max.), in English, to cglrc2021@gmail.com.

Católica will **sponsor the accommodation** of successful applicants for the duration of three nights – **October 27, 28 and 29** – in a hotel close to campus.

Alternatively, the **Conference will be open to those who prefer to attend virtually**, via Zoom.

Relevant dates:

- **September 15:** submission of abstracts and bios.
- **September 25:** successful applicants will be informed.
- **October 10:** final papers are due.
- **October 28 and 29:** conference dates.

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

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