

The Dalhousie Law Graduates Society (DLGS)

Presents

The 3rd Edition of its Annual Graduate
Research Conference 2023

“Law, Justice & Automation”

10th of May 2023



CONFERENCE CONCEPT

In 2021, we organized the inaugural edition of the DLGS' Annual Graduate Research Conference themed "**Law and Impact.**" We were privileged to have **Dr. Ilana Dodi Luther** (Executive Director at Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia, Halifax), **Professor Jocelyn Downie** (James S. Palmer Chair in Public Policy and Law at Schulich School of Law and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada), and **Professor Michael Geist** (Law professor at the University of Ottawa and Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-commerce Law) as our speakers. The conference was insightful and engaging. Also, we had presentations from graduate students and early-career academics from across and outside Canada in the breakout sessions.

Last year (2022), we had the 2nd edition of the conference "**Career Prospects and Excellence after Grad School**". The conference provided graduate law students and early-career academics from across Canada and beyond practical insights on ways to usher their academic research into the so-called "real world." We received outstanding presentations from our speakers; **Professor Ruth L Okediji** (Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law, Harvard Law School Director, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society), **Dr. Abdul Jasib Suenu** (Portfolio Consultant - Office of the Managing Director & WBG Chief Administrative Officer at The World Bank) and **Professor Poonam Puri** (Full Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University and an Affiliated Scholar at Davies, Ward, Phillips & Vineberg LLP.). As usual, we received presentations from graduate students and early career academics on various themes and topics.

We are excited to announce the 3rd edition of the DLGS Annual Graduate Research Conference 2023. Our theme for this year's conference is '**Law, Justice and Automation**' which will take place on **the 10th of May 2023**. The Conference's objective is to engage perennial issues touching on the implications of automation, law, and justice in Canada. Automation is a growing and inevitable practice that arguably implicates legal structures and practices. The Conference will host established academics who will address nascent issues around the Conference's theme from diverse methodological and theoretical perspectives. As per our tradition, we would accept presentations from graduate students and early career academics on issues connected to the theme of the Conference.

The Proposed Schedule and Structure of the Conference.

The Conference consists of two sessions: **Session 1 & Session 2.**

1. Session 1 (morning) opens with a welcome address by the Dean of Graduate Studies, Schulich School of Law. Next, the speakers will present for 35-40 minutes, followed by a 20-25 minute question session.

2. Session 2 (afternoon) is a platform for participating graduate law students to present their papers. This session is 20-25 minutes per presenter (including question time) and will be moderated by faculty members.

Eligibility:

- All intending, present and recent graduate law students (LLM and PhD).
- Presenters should submit a (maximum) 300-word brief/abstract to <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/oEXgoKMhSp> on or before **March 11th, 2023**.
- Because this is a one-day event, presentation slots are limited. We encourage interested presenters to submit their abstracts promptly.
- The theme of the Conference is “Law, Justice & Automation”. All topics are appreciated as long as they are related to the theme of the Conference. Non-presenters are equally invited to attend the Conference and participate actively in discussions.
- Presenters traveling to Halifax will be provided with financial support for travel costs although we encourage them to seek grants from their respective institutions.

Modalities:

- **Date:** May 10, 2023.
- **Time:** 10am ADT (Halifax, NS, CA).
- **Mode:** The Conference will be held in-person & virtually. *Links to join virtually will be shared via email.*