



11th International Student Symposium on Law and Global Issues Call for Papers

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Koç University, Istanbul

As Koç University Law Club, we are delighted to announce the *11th International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues* (Symposium). We are looking forward to your contribution to the Symposium, either as a speaker or a participant.

A "natural disaster" refers to a catastrophic event causing significant property damage and high loss of life due to natural forces. Addressing a wide range of legal issues in the aftermath of such disasters becomes crucial, considering their impact on humanity and the environment. Consequently, the global legal community focuses on a variety of aspects, including property owners' adversities, environmental law implications, forced relocation, and the criminal liability of negligent persons.

Although disasters are inherently "natural," and they cannot be prevented, it is possible to mitigate their consequences. The legal system plays a critical role in regulating the actions or inactions of states, institutions, organizations, and other responsible parties prior to a disaster. Laws establish rules to be enforced before (ex ante) or after (ex post) a disaster, and legal remedies can sought.

Key questions to consider include: Why does an earthquake of the similar magnitudes result in different degrees of damage and loss of life in Turkey and Japan? What cautions are taken before and after tornadoes in the United States? What are the obligations of states towards their citizens concerning disaster-related damages? How can the rights (e.g., property rights, personality rights or right to information) of those affected be protected?

A thorough examination of both domestic law and international law is required to ensure a comprehensive, coherent, and global perspective when addressing the legal ramifications of natural disasters.

As a result, the main theme of this year's symposium will be "**Legal Aftermath of Natural Disasters.**" Accordingly, we encourage paper proposals to address an issue suited to our main theme, with a focus on the following fields in term of their relevance legal aspect of disasters, in particular:

- The Protection of Human Rights in Times of Disasters
- International Disaster Law
- Protection of Displaced Persons in the Event of Disasters in light of Migration Law
- Freedom of Speech and Right to Information in Case of Disasters
- Deprioritization of Environment in Times of Natural Crises
- Ownership and Right to Property in Times of Natural Crises
- Insurance Law on Destruction of Disasters
- Criminal Law and Regulations Necessary for Disasters
- Legal Aspects of Post-disaster Management
- Health Law Regulations Especially on Natural Disaster Harms
- Responsibility Law of Disasters

Submission Rules and Deadlines

1. Eligibility

Undergraduate, master and doctorate students from all academic disciplines are invited to participate as a **presenter** in the Symposium. Since it is a Students Symposium, non-students are not eligible to apply as a presenter. There is not any requirement to be a **participant** in this year's annual Symposium.

2. Application Process:

Those who would like to present a paper must upload their paper abstracts (maximum 350 words) to the form provided in the link <https://forms.gle/fPS6stvjsjU8XATw8> by **April 26th**. The abstracts will be evaluated by the Steering Committee (Committee) established by Koç University Law School. You will be notified whether your application has been accepted or not no later than **May 9th**. For selected presenters, presentations should be submitted by **May 16th**, and final papers should be submitted by **June 5th** to lawsymposium-projectclub@ku.edu.tr. If your abstract is not selected, you are welcome to attend the Symposium as a participant.

3. Publication

Authors will be invited to submit the final version of the selected papers to the Symposium Edition of *Justitia et Fides*. However, acceptance of a paper for the Symposium does not guarantee its acceptance for publication since all papers are subject to a double-blind peer-review.

Some Notes:

- a) *The whole Symposium will be held in English, and online via Zoom.*
- b) The schedule and the zoom links will be sent to your mail address submitted in the registration form.
- c) Registration at the Symposium is free of charge.
- d) Those who will not present a paper may apply as a participant until **April 26th by filling in the application form provided in the link <https://forms.gle/eoyhTxETSokJmAps6>**
- e) Each presenter will have 15 minutes sharp for their presentation and 5 minutes allocated for questions and answers.
- f) Attendance to the Symposium will be certified via e-mail. Speakers will receive an additional certificate.

Why Should You Join Us?

Koç University, located in Istanbul, provides high-ranked national and international education and research. As law students of the future, we should get together to enlighten and inspire each other by sharing our perspectives. Therefore, the main objectives of our Symposium are to integrate law students around the world, as well as to expand their legal perspectives on specific international law issues.

We believe that a Symposium that provides students with an academic arena will increase academic awareness regarding universal values of law. The Symposium grants a great opportunity for students to take a stance in an academic platform where they can exchange assessments on global issues. Nevertheless, academic development is not the only reason for you to be here. With the nourishing contributions of our participants from all around the world, we will have an international atmosphere.

Contact:

For your questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via our email address:

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