



NINETEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Saturday 17 March 2018, University of Nottingham

Human Rights in a Digitalised World

CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual Student Human Rights Conference is an opportunity for postgraduate students to present their research to a diverse and global audience alongside eminent scholars, experts and practitioners in this field.

In an increasingly digitalised world, our rights and obligations are evolving at an unprecedented rate. Accordingly, our understanding of the role of human rights law in contemporary society needs to expand and adapt to this changing reality in order to maintain and increase the effectiveness of the current framework. The aim of this conference is to further explore the implications digitalisation bears on national and international law and its possible future developments.

This conference is a chance to debate on numerous issues concerning human rights, raised by the rapid development of digital technology. What role does the right to private life play in a digitalised society? How can it be reconciled with the practical and social benefits offered by digitisation? Or how can it be weighed against considerations of national and international security? What is or should be the role of private sector internet companies? In what ways can or should the internet serve as a platform for expressing and propagating ideas? What are the benefits and the dangers? What are the implications of internet access (the digital divide) or lack thereof on global inequality? Finally, how can the existing human rights law framework be construed to remain effective and relevant in this new reality?

Papers are welcome on subjects related to the following themes:

- **Protecting the Right to Private Life in a Digitalised World.**
- **National and International Security vs. Individual Rights.**
- **The Internet as a Platform for expressing Ideas: a Blessing or a Curse?**
- **Should Internet Access be Considered a Basic Human Right?**
- **Adapting Human Rights Law to an increasingly Digitalised World.**
- **What approaches have the European Court of Justice and European Court of Human Rights taken?**

Papers should critically address the questions above, analysing the impacts of digitalisation on individuals, current systems of governance, global inequality, and social movements. Recommendations for future improvement in these areas are also highly welcomed.

The Conference Committee encourages the submission of papers from post-graduate students in any discipline on any of the above themes. Authors of selected papers will be offered the opportunity to discuss their work in panels which will take place as part of the conference, alongside leading practitioners and academics working in the field. Applications are open to university students in any discipline who are enrolled at a recognised university. Papers and presentations should be in English.

Submission Details:

Using the application form available on the website, please provide a short abstract of no more than 1000 words by **Friday 12 January 2018**, clearly stating the author's postal address, email, telephone number and institution. The abstract should be submitted electronically to the following address: HumanRightsConference@nottingham.ac.uk

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