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CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research (UCILeR) is pleased to announce the conference "Legal Approaches to Intersectionality in Political and Civic Participation" to be held, in principle, on June 11-12, 2026.

We invite submissions from scholars and practitioners at all career stages working on topics related to intersectionality, mainly in political and civic participation. We especially encourage outstanding graduate students, PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and early-career scholars to apply. We are committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion among participants.

Topics of Interest:

We welcome papers addressing, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Diversity, equity, and inclusion in political and civic participation;
- Existing and possible legal frameworks that promote intersectional political and civic participation;
- How to introduce intersectionality in deliberative formats, such as Mini publics;
- Formal and informal barriers to political and civic participation experienced by marginalized groups or people.
- Case studies on intersectional political and civic participation mechanisms.

Submission Guidelines:

Please follow the guidelines below:

- Abstract of no more than 250 words;
- Short bio (100 words);
- Deadline for application submission: 31st January 2026
- Draft papers due by: 15th March 2026

Selected participants will have the opportunity to present their work and receive valuable feedback from established scholars and peers. Priority will be given to students and junior scholars.

This conference is included in the scope of the project "*EU-CIEMBLY: Creating an Inclusive European Citizens' Assembly*", funded by the European Union's Horizon 2023 Research and Innovation Programme (2021-2027).

Please submit your abstracts and inquiries to: eu-ciembly@ij.uc.pt

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