

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

Sixth ICLARS Conference

Cordoba (Spain), 19-21 September 2022

*Human Dignity, Law, and Religious Diversity:
Designing the Future of Inter-Cultural Societies*

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The President and the Steering Committee of ICLARS are pleased to announce that the 6th ICLARS Conference will be held in Cordoba (Spain), from 19 to 21 September 2022. It will be organized by the Complutense University's research group REDESOC (*Religion, law and society*), directed by Prof. Javier Martínez-Torrón, and by LIRCE (*Instituto para el Análisis de la Libertad y la Identidad Religiosa, Cultural y Ética* – Institute for the Analysis of Religious, Cultural and Ethical Freedom and Identity), in collaboration with the University of Cordoba, the International University of Andalusia (UNIA), and other public and private institutions. This call can be freely circulated among all persons and institutions that may be interested in it.

The general theme of the conference is: *Human Dignity, Law, and Religious Diversity: Designing the Future of Inter-Cultural Societies*. The aim is to analyse how the notion of human dignity, which is the central axis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948, can help create common ground between competing understandings of human rights. Human rights were conceived as an instrument to achieve social cohesion and harmony but have often become a battlefield for conflicting ethical and political positions. This betrays the very notion of human rights, which are universal by nature and should be aimed at uniting, not dividing, society.

Structure of the conference

During the three days of the conference, **plenary sessions** will be held in the morning. These will feature renowned scholars from diverse parts of the world, other legal actors (such as international and constitutional judges or persons involved in legislative/governmental activity), and representatives of the media and of civil society. Simultaneous interpretation (English/Spanish) will be available in all plenary sessions.

The afternoon/early evening will be devoted to **concurrent or parallel sessions**, which can be held in any of these **five languages**: English, Spanish, French, Italian and Portuguese (no interpretation will be provided for those sessions).

Proposals for papers and panels

Members of ICLARS and scholars from all over the world are cordially invited to submit proposals for individual papers or for panels for the parallel sessions. **It is not necessary to reiterate those proposals for individual papers and for panels that were accepted in 2019 and have been confirmed by their proponents (with or without modifications) before 30 September 2021.**

Individuals can make proposals for **papers**. However, the organization specially encourages that institutions and research groups make proposals for **panels**. In the latter case, the proposing institution or research group —subject to the organizing committee’s approval— will design the subject of the panel and appoint the speakers. The proposing institution or research group will be mentioned as one of the conference sponsors, provided that it takes care of the registration fees and attendance of the speakers.

The **deadline** for responses to this call for papers and panels is **30 November 2021**. No further calls for papers are foreseen for the time being.

Proposals should be formalized through this **Submission Form**:

Panels: <https://iclars2022cordoba.org/panels/>

Individual papers: <https://iclars2022cordoba.org/papers/>

For any **inquiries or doubts**, please write to the following email address: iclars2020@ucm.es

Specific subjects for papers or panels proposals

Proposals for panels or individual papers must refer, in principle, to one of the following specific subjects:

1. Relationship between international and national jurisdictions
2. The design of the public space
3. Legal pluralism and jurisdictional boundaries state/religion
4. Relationships between religious minorities and majorities
5. Inter-religious dialogue
6. Human dignity in and across religious traditions
7. Crisis of majority churches or religions
8. Conflicts between conscience and law
9. Religious heritage
10. Cooperation between State and religious communities
11. Marriage and family relationships
12. Religious symbols
13. Legal personality of religious or belief groups
14. Places of worship and meeting
15. Ministers of worship
16. Freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) at the working place and the public service
17. FoRB and the protection of human life
18. Education and teaching
19. Proselytism
20. FoRB and private business
21. FoRB and Freedom of Expression (including hate speech)
22. FoRB and the right to the respect for private and family life
23. Women’s rights
24. FoRB and security
25. Human dignity, FoRB, and new technologies
26. Religious freedom and the protection of public health
27. FoRB, immigration and refugees
28. FoRB and minors
29. Religion and sustainable development
30. Best practices to protect and promote human dignity