

Rencontres JEUNES CHERCHEURS DROIT & NUMÉRIQUE

Call for Proposals

Dear young researchers,

You are kindly invited to submit your proposals for the 4th edition of the **Rencontres Jeunes Chercheurs Droit & Numérique** organized in hybrid mode on May 20th, 2022 at the Université de Montréal (room to be confirmed).

This one-day conference was created in 2018 by law students at the Université Laval and Université de Montréal. Since then, it offers a unique opportunity for students and early-career academics to present the result of their research and exchange with their peers in a bilingual environment, thereby contributing to the development of a new generation of researchers in law and technology.

The focus of this year's conference is:
Law & Digital Generation(s)

The digital environment has initiated a profound transformation of our society. Although the majority of individuals are now ultra-connected, by choice or by constraint, the apprehension of these systemic changes may differ from one generation to another. The use of the notion of "digital generations" can be debated, but it is mainly a matter of distinguishing the common experiences (including digital ones) of individuals according to their age group (e.g. generations X, Y, Z, Alpha). Thus, digital natives would have a more natural affinity with digital technologies than previous generations and it is already possible to foresee that younger (and future) generations define themselves by an even closer and more dependent relationship with these technologies. The increased use of social networks such as *TikTok* or the development of a collective imagination around a virtual world (metaverse) illustrate this new reality. Apart from age, other determinants (socio-economic, etc.) may also be at the origin

of digital inequalities between and within generations, and should be taken into consideration to promote the digital inclusion of all individuals.

Such a context leads us to question the ways in which the law is currently dealing with new digital issues and practices, and how it should deal with them. How can we guarantee intra- and inter-generational equity in the digital world? How can we design the law today to guarantee the rights of new and future generations in this digital environment? Finally, with which actors and which legal tools could we shape the digital world of tomorrow?

All law students and early-career researchers, interested in the interactions between law and technologies are invited to submit their proposal to: jeuneschercheursnumerique@gmail.com by **March 27th, 2022** at the latest. The proposal should include: the title of the presentation, an abstract of about 15 lines in French or English, your university affiliation and your level of study. Students at the beginning of their programme are welcomed and encouraged to participate. Please note that proposals from students in other disciplines may be considered if relevant with the conference's focus.

Presentations will be in the form of panels. Each presenter will have about 20 minutes and the panels will conclude with a discussion period.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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