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Call for Abstracts

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27–28 May 2027 || Pécs, Hungary

The Centre for European Research and Education (CEREE) at the Faculty of Law, University of Pécs, invites submissions for the **International & EU Law Horizons Conference in 2027**, a regional academic forum bringing together scholars from Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. The event aims to foster dialogue on key developments in international law and EU law, with a strong focus on emerging legal challenges and cross-border cooperation. The conference particularly welcomes the participation of early-career researchers and PhD candidates.

A keynote lecture will be delivered on the topic of **the use of force in international relations.**



Keynote speaker: Univ.-Prof. Dr**. Erika de Wet**, LL.M (Harvard), Professor of International Law and Head of the Department of International Law and International Relations at the University of Graz, Austria

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Conference Themes

We invite abstracts of up to 500 words addressing one or more of the following exemplificative areas with a possibility of special attention to the Central-Eastern Europe:

- Human rights in practice and theory
- National minority rights and their status
- Law of modern armed conflicts and the use of force in international relations
- Judicial cooperation in criminal matters in the EU
- Legal challenges of outer space: international and EU law perspectives
- Legal challenges of the use of new technologies (AI and more): international and EU law perspectives

Publication Opportunity

All presenters participating in the conference are invited to submit the manuscript concerning their research presented at the conference. Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the Pécs Journal of International and European Law, indexed in DOAJ, Ulrichsweb, and HeinOnline.

Publication is subject to review and acceptance of the paper submitted to the special issue. Participants are required to submit their manuscript by **31 August 2027**. The review process is expected to be finalized by **31 December 2027** including reviewing the possible revised papers. Publication is guaranteed at the latest in the first half of **2028.**

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Practical Information

Venue: Faculty of Law, University of Pécs (PTE ÁJK), 48-as tér 1., Pécs, Hungary
Participation fee: 250 EUR (incl. VAT) (payable only after abstract acceptance) Please note, that travel and accommodation costs are borne by participants.
Gala Dinner fee: extra 60 EUR (incl. VAT) (optional)
Deadline for abstract submission: 31 January 2027
Deadline for filling in the information form after acceptance: 15 February 2027
Deadline for payment of the participation fee: 31 March 2027

Submission

Please submit your application by clicking here.

We accept applications **by 31 January 2027.**

Upon acceptance, participants are invited to fill out a form where they may share whether they want to request an invoice for the participation fee and if they wish to take part in the Gala Dinner organized in the evening of the first day, **27 May 2027.** The information form must be filled in by **15 February 2027** to enable the organizers to proceed with the organization of the conference.

Participants are required to pay the participation fee **by 31 March 2027. Failure to pay the participation fee results in the exclusion of the applicant from participation.**

It is only after the receipt of the payment that the organizers are able to draft a preliminary programme which should be expected to be first circulated by **20 April 2027.** Nevertheless, the organizers strive to schedule all presentations for the second day of the conference, **28 May 2027.** This may be subject to change if more presenters apply than expected.

Please note that the conference is not held online or in a hybrid format. Speakers are kindly requested to participate in person.

We look forward to receiving your proposals and welcoming you to Pécs in May 2027.

I want to apply!

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Frequently asked questions

1. **Is it possible to participate online?**

Unfortunately, no. The conference is organized exclusively as an in-person event, therefore we kindly ask you to apply only if you can be present in person.

2. **Is it possible to get a scholarship or funding for the purpose of participating in the conference?**

We do not offer direct scholarships or funding for participation in the conference. However, if you are eligible for any kind of scholarship or funding opportunity, we are happy to give you the necessary administrative support from our end to secure such opportunities or funding.

3. **Is it possible to get a discount or waiver of the participation fee?**

Unfortunately, we are not at liberty to give any discounts or waivers regarding the participation fee. Discounts are only available for multiple author papers.

4. **Can multiple authors apply?**

Yes, multiple authors are free to apply for the conference. In case both authors wish to present the findings of the paper, both applicant receive a 50 EUR discount. That means that in case of 2 authors presenting, each author would need to pay 200 EUR participation fee.

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