

## Call for papers

PhD researchers may submit an abstract by **29th March 2019**. Abstracts should include the applicant's full name, the university/institution the applicant comes from and between 3 and 5 key words. The Committee will notify authors of the accepted submissions and will request them a draft paper, which should be no longer than 10 pages (including references). The draft paper may be submitted by **22nd April 2019**. Submissions may be written in English, Spanish or Catalan.

All the accepted papers are to be published as Working Papers of the Institute of Investigation TransJus of the University of Barcelona.

In order to **register for the Conference** and apply for a certificate of attendance –as an assistant or a speaker–, you should contact [escolapostgrau.dret@ub.edu](mailto:escolapostgrau.dret@ub.edu)

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# II UB INTERNATIONAL PHD IN LAW CONFERENCE

**Diffuse and artificial legal personalities**

# Introduction

The international Conference has been created in order to foster and develop an interdisciplinary forum where PhD researchers may share their projects and first results. The scientific committee –entirely composed of PhD researchers from the UB– has chosen as this year's topic the analysis of the diffuse legal personality (trust contracts, separate assets...) as well as the artificial personality (robotics, animals...), considering the problems they pose in both theory and practice.

The Conference is being organized into two round tables –each taking place in the morning and in the afternoon. The first round table addresses the diffuse legal personalities, encompassing separate patrimonies, trust, partnerships, unipersonal companies and others entities being natural persons linked by contracts. The second round table addresses the artificial legal personalities, focusing on the problems that the allocation of legal personality to artificial artefacts and/or animals pose.

**(\*) Session 1 and 2.2 will be in Spanish.**

## Programme

### 9.00 Reception and delivery of documentation

### 9.15 Opening

**Dr. Xavier Pons**, Dean of UB Law School

### 9.30 - 10.45 Session 1: diffuse legal personalities

*Moderator: Prof. Miriam Anderson*, Civil Law professor, UB.

**Dr Michael Milo**, Legal History and Comparative Property Law Professor, Utrecht University. "*Apud Peregrinos Quidem Unum Esse Dominium. Trust in a civilian world*"

**Dr Sonia Martín Santisteban**, Civil Law professor, UC. "El family trust. Reflexiones acerca de una posible regulación en derecho español"

### 10.45- 11.15 Coffe Break

### 11.15 - 12.30 Session 2.1: Artificial legal personalities

*Moderator: Dr. Antonio Madrid*, Philosophy of Law professor, UB

**Dr. José Bonet Navarro**, Procedural Law Professor, UV. "El proceso con inteligencia artificial avanzada"

**Mr Alfonso Tamés Llana**, Officer in Accenture Technology Innovación, AI y Blockchain. "IA: Rediseñando los límites de la consciencia?"

### 12.30 - 13.30 Communications

*Moderator: Dr. Antonio Madrid*, Philosophy of Law professor, UB

### 13.30 - 15.00 Break

### 15.00 - 16.30 Session 2.2: Artificial legal personalities

*Moderator: Prof. Mónica Navarro-Michel*, Civil Law professor, UB.

**Dr. María Amparo Grau Ruiz**, Financial and Tax Law Professor. "¿Are there new subjects to contribute due to the progress in robotics and AI?"

**Dr. Paulius Astromskis**, Vice-Dean for Digitization at Vytautas Magnus University Faculty of Law (Lithuania), founder and CRO at Future Law Lab. "*Framework of Electronic Persons Regulation*"

**Dr. Joost J. Joosten**, Mathematical Logic professor, UB. "*The logic road towards homologation of legal software*"

### 16.30 - 17.30 Communications

*Moderator: Dra. Esther Arroyo*, holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of Private European Law, UB

### 5.30 Closure

**Dr. José Andrés Rozas**, Coordinator of the PhD Programme in Law and Political Science

