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Call for Papers

UNIDROIT Centenary Academic Conference

On the occasion of its centenary celebrations, the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) is pleased to announce its flagship academic event: a high-level international conference dedicated to exploring the evolution, teaching and practice of transnational law. The Conference will bring together leading scholars and practitioners to reflect on the past century and discuss the challenges and opportunities for the century ahead.

Dates: Two full days during the week of 6-10 July 2026 (*final dates to be confirmed*)

Location: UNIDROIT (Via Panisperna, 28 – Rome, Italy)

Conference Themes: The UNIDROIT Secretariat will welcome submissions based on the following topics:

- (i) **UNIDROIT's work and generally transnational law and its role in research and legal education.**
- (ii) **The impact of UNIDROIT's work and generally of legal standard-setting institutions on lawmaking, domestically and internationally.**
- (iii) **Challenges and opportunities in ensuring the enforceability of international and transnational law across jurisdictions.**
- (iv) **Legal analysis of UNIDROIT's instruments that have entered into force or been developed within the last three Work Programmes (since 2017):**
 - a. *Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Railway Rolling Stock (Luxembourg Rail Protocol)*
 - b. *Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Mining, Agriculture and Construction Equipment (MAC Protocol)*
 - c. *UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts*
 - d. *ELI/UNIDROIT Rules of Civil Procedure*
 - e. *Principles of Reinsurance Contract Law (PRICL)*
 - f. *UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law*
 - g. *UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring*
 - h. *UNCITRAL-UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts*
 - i. *UNIDROIT Legislative Guide on Bank Liquidation*

Submission guidelines & practical details

- Each university or research institution may submit up to two papers.
- Submissions will be subject to a peer review process by the scientific committee of the Conference.
- Selected papers will be presented for in-depth discussion at the Conference; other high-quality submissions may be invited for short thematic presentations.
- Papers selected for discussion – and, exceptionally, other papers – will be published in a collective volume.
- Papers submitted must be previously unpublished, written in English or French.
- Detailed formatting requirements will be communicated to the authors of selected abstracts.

Key deadlines

- Abstract and short CV submission by **21 November 2025**.
 - The abstracts should not exceed 500 words and should be submitted to the following email address (centenaryconference@unidroit.org). In addition to the abstract, a short CV should be submitted including the author's name, position and contact details.
- Selected abstracts notified by **19 December 2025**.
- Draft papers for peer review (not exceeding 8000 words) due by **27 February 2026**.
- Selected speakers notified by **3 April 2026**.