

First UFRO Student Research Conference:
Issues in LAW TODAY
“Promoting research in undergraduate education”

PRESENTATION

The “First UFRO Student Conference: Law Today” was designed to be a space for undergraduate students interested in research. The main objective is to promote knowledge and interest in various areas of law beyond what is offered in the classroom. The idea is to focus on self-learning and independent research on relevant and current topics. We believe that a space for undergraduate students is fundamental and necessary in our university community, and that it can (and we trust that it will) yield positive results.

This conference consists of 2 stages: The first is the reception and selection of the abstracts of the papers sent in by the students, which will be studied by the Academic Committee. The second stage will consist of the presentation of the papers that have been selected, which will be done virtually due to the current situation. The possibility of publishing the best papers in an academic journal will be assessed.

WORKING GROUP

This conference began as an initiative by Katalina García Ruiz and Diego Nichi Burgos, UFRO Law students in their fourth and third year respectively. The two make up the Organizing Committee for the conference, driven by their desire to create an optimal space in undergraduate education for the development of abilities such as analysis, argumentation, writing and speaking, thus ensuring the early insertion of students into the area of research.

The work team will also be made up of student workers who will collaborate in the formal aspects of the conference.

Target Audience

All undergraduate law students and law graduates from any national or international university¹ are invited to participate in the “First UFRO Student Research Conference: Law Today”.

¹ For students from foreign universities, the details of the conference will be available in English on the official conference website.

The papers can be written by a maximum of two authors, and each author or pair can present up to 2 papers.

Participation in this Conference is free.

Content of Papers

The papers can address any area of the law (civil, constitutional, criminal, etc.).

Basic Requirements

- They must be linked to current topics, such as sociopolitical conflicts, COVID-19, or **any other current topic**.
- They must be original; any abstract containing plagiarism will be discarded immediately by the Academic Committee.
- The papers submitted must contain an abstract, keywords, and references. The abstract must contain the main objective or hypothesis to be presented, the conclusion drawn and a brief explanation of why the chosen subject is original and current.
- The first footnote must contain the author's name, indicating the institution to which they belong, what year of law they are currently in, their e-mail, and any distinctive position they may have.

Form Requirements

- The papers must adapt to the specially created format, which can be requested by e-mail at jornadasinvestigacion@ufrontera.cl, and will be also available on the conference website.
- The abstract of the paper must be submitted on US Letter (28x21.5 cm) and Times New Roman font, or its equivalent in another software, size 12 for text and 10 for footnotes. The abstract of the paper must be a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 800 words. The pages must be numbered and the text justified.
- They must be sent to jornadasinvestigacion@ufrontera.cl in Word (.docx) with "UFRO Student Conference Paper" in the subject line, including its definitive contents by the deadline of May 7, 2021 at 23:59 (Chile time GMT-4). Papers submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

The Academic Committee will be in charge of accepting or rejecting the papers submitted. This committee is comprised of outstanding professors with experience in research, from universities in more than 7 countries.

The papers submitted and selected will be subject to modifications in terms of formality and any other requirements established by the committee. For the selection of the papers, the basic requirements in the preceding item will be taken into consideration.

Those whose papers are accepted will be informed by electronic mail within the deadline indicated at the end of this document. And those whose are rejected will be given a clear expression of the reasons.

How THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ORGANIZED

The accepted papers will be divided according to the branch of law they address; therefore, the Conference will be divided into blocks where each presenter will have 20 minutes maximum.

The event will be held online via ZOOM. The public will be able to register to gain access to the meeting. The conference will be broadcast on YouTube.

To open the conference, distinguished academics will be invited to give presentations.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION AND PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Once the conference is finished, a certificate of participation will be issued to the students who presented their papers in appreciation for their collaboration with this initiative.

The abstracts submitted will be published in the “Repository”, which will be available on the official conference website. This will allow the presenters to access their presentations in the future, or anyone else who requires them.

Publication of the best papers in an **academic journal** is currently being assessed and will be announced through the official channels of the Universidad de La Frontera Law School. In that case, the selection will also be made by the Academic Committee.

By submitting the paper, the authors authorize their paper to be published in the repository mentioned, duly identified. In addition, they authorize the recorded publication of the presentation on the official sites of the Universidad de La Frontera Law School.

In addition, the students belonging to the Universidad de La Frontera will be given 10 extracurricular hours for their participation.



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TIMELINE

Receipt of papers: Monday, March 1 to Friday, May 7.

Review of the papers: Tuesday, May 11 to Friday, June 4.

Notification of acceptance: Monday, June 7.

Presentation of papers: Monday, June 21.

*These dates are tentative and subject to change.