

CALL FOR PAPERS

III International Seminar “The Challenges of Private International Law in Contemporary Society”

**Jurisdiction and Transnational Access to Justice between New
Technologies and the ‘Human Side of Artificial Intelligence’.**

– November 4-6, 2026–

Faculty of Law, UFMG, Belo Horizonte/Minas Gerais/Brazil

1. About the seminar

The Graduate Research Program in Law (PPGD) and the Graduate Research Program in Technological Innovation (PPGIT) of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), in partnership with institutions in Brazil and abroad, hereby announce this **Call for Papers** and establish the rules governing the submission and presentation of scholarly works at the **III International Seminar “The Challenges of Private International Law in Contemporary Society,”** to be held on **November 4-6, 2026**, at the Faculty of Law of UFMG, in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Following the success of the previous editions, held on **March 13-16, 2019**, and **November 5-7, 2025**, at the Faculty of Law of University of Brasília (UnB), the 2026 edition will focus on the topic **Jurisdiction and Transnational Access to Justice between New Technologies and the “Human Side of Artificial Intelligence”**. The Seminar aims to foster interdisciplinary scholarly debate on the impact of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence on the foundations of **Private International Law (PIL)**, domestic and regional legal systems, and the existing mechanisms of international judicial cooperation.

The proposal for the **International Seminar on The Challenges of Private International Law in Contemporary Society** was established as a qualified forum for theoretical and applied reflection on the roles of Private International Law in the organisation of cross-border legal relationships and their impacts on the connected society. It brings together academic and institutional debates on emerging issues and matters of high practical relevance in Private International Law for the academic community, legislative and judicial institutions, State bodies responsible for foreign affairs, as well as international legal cooperation officers and Central Authorities in Brazil and the Latin American region.

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The event, it should be emphasized, is conceived as an initiative of research networks members and groups consolidated at the national and international levels, such as the Research Group ‘**Private International Law in Brazil and International Fora**’ (DGP/CNPq), the **Latin American Research Network on International Civil Procedure**, the **Research Project “PIL, International Judicial Cooperation and New Technologies”**, the **National Research Forum on Law & Artificial Intelligence**, as well as the active participation of members of the **American Association of Private International Law (ASADIP)**.

Among the partner institutions of the event, which also participated in previous editions, the following stand out, in Brazil and abroad: the University of Brasília, the Federal University of Minas Gerais, the Federal University of Uberlândia, the Federal University of Espírito Santo, PUC Rio, the Rio de Janeiro State University, the University of São Paulo, São Paulo State University (UNESP), the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, the Federal University of Paraíba, UNISINOS, UNIPAMPA, the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, The Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (Hamburg), the University of Valencia (Spain), the University of Minho (Portugal), the University of Edinburgh (UK), CIDE (Mexico), the National University of the Litoral, and the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), Universidad de La Republica (Uruguay), among others. Further institutions are more than welcome to be part of this PIL network.

In the 2026 edition, to be hosted in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, the Seminar will count on the institutional collaboration of the **Graduate Research Program in Law** and the **Graduate Research Program in Technological Innovation of UFMG**, as well as consolidated groups within the University, such as the Center for Transnational and Comparative Studies, the PhiloTech Chair in Philosophy of Technology and Digital Law, the Clinic for Practice and Research in Law and New Technologies (GNET), the LADTech Extension Program – Law and Technologies, the National Institute of Science and Technology in Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity (INCT), and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence/UFMG.

2. Eligibility

The following may submit papers for presentation in the Working Groups (WGs) of the **III International Seminar**:

- Researchers, scholars and students affiliated with graduate research programs or research groups;
- Students enrolled in postgraduate programs (Master's and Doctorate degrees).

3. Main Themes and Working Groups (WGs)

It will be accepted any paper within one of the following **main themes** structuring the **Working Groups (WGs)**:

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- WG1 – The Human Side of AI, Domestic Courts and Private International Law: Global and local AI governance; domestic AI regulation and fundamental rights; automated courts and access to justice; human review obligations and explainability; international public policy and automated decisions; comparative and transnational regulations on AI and the Judiciary; AI laws and regulations and political and philosophical aspects; Issues related to the personality, liability and mobility of autonomous and intelligent entities. Issues of applicable law and jurisdiction involving AI and autonomous and intelligent entities.
- WG2 – Foundations of Private International Law and Digitalization: jurisdiction and digital platforms; applicable law in decentralized environments (DAOs and DeFi protocols); tokenized assets and crypto-assets; characterization of algorithmic personality; conflicts of jurisdiction and decentralized platforms; determination of the applicable law governing tokenized assets; the role of the classical connecting factors *lex situs*, *lex loci delicti* and *lex loci celebrationis* in the digital context; nationality, migration and mobility of persons and AI systems; applicable law governing cross-border payments; issues of applicable law involving AI.
- WG3 – Complex Cross-Border Litigation in Data, Technologies and Artificial Intelligence: privacy and data protection from an international and extraterritorial perspective; cross-border litigation involving digital platforms; extraterritoriality and digital sovereignty; jurisdiction of domestic courts in cross-border cases involving data, emerging technologies, digital platforms and AI; choice-of-court clauses and the concept of "virtual establishment" for jurisdictional purposes; AI in transnational civil procedure; litigation involving AI and privacy, data protection and international data transfers; the right to human review of AI decisions affecting nationality, civil rights and social rights.
- WG4 – International Legal Cooperation, Digitalization and AI: analysis of the work carried out by UNCITRAL, HCCH, UNIDROIT, OAS/CIDIPs, the European Union and MERCOSUR in the digital field; recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments in digital and AI contexts; Private International Law, Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and cross-border payments; challenges of international legal cooperation in the contexts of blockchain, digitalization, platformization and AI; the challenges posed by the 2019 Hague Judgments Convention about digital assets; search and seizure of assets in DeFi protocols and the effectiveness of decisions of State courts concerning immutable ledgers.
- WG5 – AI and Transnational Access to Justice on a Global Scale: the interface between Private International Law, AI and human rights; algorithmic ethics and the protection of vulnerable persons; global digital governance and private international law; AI and the boundaries of automation between digital due process and transnational access to justice on a global scale. The interface between Private International Law, AI and human rights; digital due process and access to justice; the present and future of global digital governance and private international law in confronting emerging technologies and global humanitarian, labour and environmental emergencies.

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Note: The thematic references indicated in each Working Group are merely illustrative, so that submissions should reflect on the potential and new themes within each thematic area.

4. Submission Categories

Papers for the III International Seminar may be submitted in the following categories:

- Draft paper: intended for researchers, scholars and students enrolled in postgraduate or graduate research programmes;
- Extended abstract: intended primarily for graduate students.

Co-authorship is allowed, subject to a maximum of three (3) authors per draft paper. In case of co-authorship, the presence of at least one (1) of the authors at the Working Group presentation is mandatory.

5. Rules for the Preparation of Papers

The papers submitted under this Call for Papers shall comply with the following rules:

5.1. Draft Papers

- Length: minimum of 10 (ten) and maximum of 25 (twenty-five) pages, including references and footnotes;
- Language: Portuguese, Spanish or English;
- Formatting Times New Roman font, size 12, 1.5 line spacing, top and left margins, bottom and right margins of 2.5 cm, A4 paper size;
- Citations/References: OSCOLA;
- Bibliography: indicated at the end of the text/manuscript;
- Abstract: maximum of 250 words, in Portuguese (or the language in which the paper is written) and in English, accompanied by 3 to 5 keywords in both languages.

5.2. Expanded Abstracts

- Length: minimum of 5 (five) and maximum of 10 (ten) pages, including references and footnotes;
- Language: Portuguese, Spanish or English;
- Formatting: the same requirements as those applicable to the full article;
- Structure: introduction (problem, objectives and methodology), development and preliminary conclusions, references;
- Abstract: maximum of 150 words, in Portuguese (or the language in which the paper is written) and in English, accompanied by 3 to 5 keywords.

5.3. Common Provisions

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The papers must be original and must not be simultaneously submitted to another event or journal. The use of artificial intelligence tools is permitted strictly as an auxiliary resource, and an express declaration regarding the manner in which such tools were used shall be included in the introduction of the paper; the submission of texts generated entirely by automated systems without human authorial intervention is prohibited.

6. Submission

Papers shall be submitted exclusively through the Google Form available at the following address: <https://forms.gle/8rknWFYgueAqdELJ9>

The deadline for the submission of papers is September 10, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (Brasília time).

The file shall be submitted in PDF format, as indicated in the form. After submission, no changes to the content of the paper will be accepted, except upon request by the Organising Committee.

Each author may submit a maximum of **2 (two) papers**, provided that they are submitted under different categories. Confirmation of receipt will be sent automatically to the e-mail address registered in the form.

7. Evaluation

The papers submitted will be evaluated by the Technical-Scientific Committee of the event, observing the following criteria:

- Adequacy to the selected thematic area;
- Originality and scientific relevance;
- Methodological and theoretical foundation;
- Clarity, coherence and consistency of writing;
- Compliance with the methodological rules set forth in this Call for Papers.

The list of accepted papers will be published by September 30, 2026, through the institutional channels of the event and on the websites of the PPGD-UFMG and the Faculty of Law of UFMG.

8. Presentation in the Working Groups

The accepted papers will be presented during the parallel sessions of the Working Groups, scheduled to take place on November 4, 5 and 6, 2026, on dates and at times to be indicated in the final programme.

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- Each presenter will have 10 to 15 minutes for the oral presentation, and discussions may take place at the end, at the discretion of the WG coordinators. In the case of co-authorship, the presence of one of the authors is sufficient for the presentation.
- The selected participant(s) shall bear the individual or collective expenses relating to accommodation, transportation, lodging and meals in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, due to the budgetary limitations of the University and the Seminar. Under no circumstances will financial support be granted for this form of participation in the III International Seminar.
- The Organizing Committee of the III International Seminar will issue a letter of acceptance and registration in the event for the purposes of the necessary arrangements before the participants' home institutions and/or funding institutions.
- The specific allocation of papers to the respective Working Groups will be communicated to the authors at least 15 (fifteen) days before the date of the event, subject to changes depending on the local logistics of the host university.
- In any event, participants attending the event in person shall complete the final registration, to be made available through the Sympla platform or an equivalent platform, which will be announced during the development of the event.

9. Certificates and Publication

Digital certificates of presentation will be issued to all authors whose papers are accepted and presented in the respective WG. The publication of the papers in edited volumes and the conference proceedings shall be subject to presentation in the Working Group and compliance with the applicable editorial rules. It will be communicated in due course by the Organising Committee.

10. Preliminary Schedule

Stage	Date
Publication of the Call for Papers	July 10, 2026.
Opening of submissions	July, 13, 2026.
Deadline for paper submissions	September 10, 2026, until 11:59 p.m. (Brasília time)
Announcement of results	by September 30, 2026.
Presentation in the Working Groups	November 4–6, 2026 on dates/times to be defined in the Programme

At the discretion of the Organising Committee, the schedule may be amended to adjust the submission and evaluation deadlines, with the corresponding communications to be published through the event's social media channels, those of its partners, and the websites of [PPGD-UFMG](#), [PPGIT-UFMG](#), and the [Faculty of Law of UFMG](#).

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11. Do Technical-Scientific Committee

The evaluation of the papers submitted under this Call for Papers will be carried out by the Technical-Scientific Committee of the III International Seminar "The Challenges of Private International Law in The Contemporary Society", composed of faculty members and researchers affiliated with the host institutions of the event and with national and international partner institutions.

The Technical-Scientific Committee may invite ad hoc reviewers to assist in the evaluation of submitted papers whenever the interdisciplinary nature or thematic specificity of the paper so requires, observing the evaluation criteria outlined in Section 7 of this Call for Papers.

12. Final Provisions

The submission of draft papers/expanded abstract under this Call for Papers implies acknowledgement of and full agreement with its provisions.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to change dates or modify the format of the event upon prior notice through the official channels.

Any matters not provided for herein shall be decided by the Organising Committee and, whenever necessary, may be submitted to the Technical-Scientific Council for consideration.

Additional information regarding the selection process and the presentation of papers will be published in due course through the official channels of the Seminar, the social media channels of its partners, and the websites of PPGD-UFMG and the Faculty of Law of UFMG.

Belo Horizonte, July 20, 2026.

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