

SCOTLIN Early Career Scholars Symposium
1st - 2nd of June 2022, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
PGR and ECRs - Call for Papers

The **Scottish Law and Innovation Network** (SCOTLIN) is welcoming submissions for the first SCOTLIN Early Career Scholars Symposium, to be hosted by Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh, on 1-2 June 2022. The SCOTLIN ECR Symposium aims to bring together PGR and ECRs working in the broad field of law and innovation, as SCOTLIN is a knowledge exchange hub that promotes impactful research that benefits society through law and policy innovations.

The format will be fully dedicated to **Early Career Researchers and PhD students** - participants will submit their current unpublished research and Scotland-based experts in law and innovation will read the papers in advance to suggest ideas and strategies to develop the research.

The theme of the symposium is *'identifying socio-legal processes for a sustainable future: conceptual challenges and opportunities of law, governance, and technology for sustainable development.'* There are many contemporary tensions to create the foundation for achieving sustainable development goals; from regulatory gaps, technological dimensions to political and social processes shaped by the Covid-19 crisis. This symposium aims to reflect on these challenges and how new perspectives can inform policy, such as contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Scottish National Outcomes.

The following themes can be taken as a **non-exhaustive guide** when preparing the abstract:

- Sustainability, the Rule of Law and Innovation
- Legal and Ethical Aspects of Emerging Technology for Policy Innovation
- Intellectual Property law and Technological Innovation for Sustainable Industry
- The UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Digital Divide
- Innovation and International Human Rights Law for Sustainable Development
- Global Processes, Environmental Law and Innovation

Contributors may submit their abstract to scotlin.network@gmail.com by the **10th of January 2022**. The abstract shall not exceed 500 words and include a provisional title. Please indicate your name and affiliation in the submission. Selected participants will be informed by the **20th of February 2022**.

Speakers are encouraged to circulate in advance their work in progress. This will allow for in-depth discussions and valuable feedback at the conference. The deadline for the paper submission is the **1st of May 2022**.

A **full programme** of the conference will be provided in due time. There will be no charge for attending the conference; lunch and accommodation will be provided. Participants will be kept informed should future **developments surrounding Covid-19** cause alterations to the format of the conference.