



# JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH

## Call for Proposals – Inaugural JAR-Association Conference

### Innovation in Judicial Systems: Human, Cyber and Beyond

25-26 May 2023

School of Law, University Roma Tre, Via Ostiense 159, Rome, Italy

JAR-Association (<https://jar-association.eu/>) was established at the end of 2019, to promote multidisciplinary research and exchanges of experience in the field of justice administration from a variety of perspectives (institutional, legal, political science, economics, organizational, managerial, etc.). After two years of online events, it is time to meet each other in person at the first JAR-Association Conference in Rome and try to involve some more researchers and professionals who have the same interests and goals.

Recent societal and economic developments have added a new element to the relationship between the law and social reality. In this courts and prosecutor's offices are required to step in and provide answers to open questions and societal debates. Codifying new societal, organizational, and economic perspectives brings challenges to the judiciary which in its turn requires reforms to settle these new dynamics, where humans still play and will play a paramount role, but likely with additional or different tasks compared to earlier times.

Technology is also becoming a pervasive element of society and justice services are not secluded from this development. Beyond the tool function technology has played for court management and automation of certain administrative processes, emerging technology applications (e.g., AI, algorithms, Big Data, Blockchain, automatic data collection, software profiling, draft decision suggestions, etc.) give rise to new challenges to traditional justice values and principles that have been in place for hundreds of years, and at times pushes to change them in line with technology characteristics. Technology-backed changes require reflection on how justice is being transformed from a legal, organizational, and ethical perspectives, what are the strong and weak points to consider in this process, and what are the desirable outcomes to aim for.

The 2023 edition of the JAR-Association Conference aims to encourage discussion on these developments and create a space for reflection on the fundamental changes and challenges social, organizational, and technological innovations pose to law, judicial organization, justice services, governance, and stakeholders.

#### **Proposed (exemplary) themes**

- Judicial systems' response to societal dynamics
- User-centered judiciary
- Justice in a multicultural and technological society
- Human enhancement techniques and justice services
- Technology and judicial reforms
- Technology and judicial accountability
- AI and judicial administration
- AI for court and out-of-court dispute resolution

Proposals on the way behavioural, social, and economic changes impact judiciary, as well as on related ethical, legal, socio-cognitive, and socio-economic challenges technology innovation brings in the judicial domain are also welcomed.

We encourage proposals on topics that have not yet been covered in our 2022 e-seminar programme, or that enrich or provide a different perspective on topics that have already been under discussion.

### **Type of proposals**

1. Paper presentation: a 400-600 words paper abstract
2. Panel proposal: a 400-600 words description of the panel, topics that would be addressed in individual papers, and panellist names
3. Discussion panel: a 400-600 words description of the panel, topic that will be discussed, and panellists' names. The aim of these discussion panels is to foster discussion on topics of interests at a more informal but in-depth level and structured manner, without the need to present a full paper.

### **Submission, selection process, and Conference fee**

The proposals should be submitted to [organiser@jar-association.eu](mailto:organiser@jar-association.eu) by 20 January 2023.

Selected papers and panels will be announced by 31 January 2023.

All presented papers will be considered for inclusion in a proposed special edition of the *International Journal for Court Administration*.

The Conference registration fee is 75 Euro per JAR-Association members, and 90 Euro for non-Members. The fee for non-Members also included a year's membership of the Association. The Conference fee will cover coffee breaks and a light lunch.

### **Please save the following dates**

20 January 2023 – Deadline for proposal for the JAR-Association conference.

31 January 2023 – Decisions about selected papers, panels, and discussion panels.

31 March 2023 – Draft Conference program.

30 April 2023 – Deadline to register for the Conference.

15 May 2023 – Deadline to deliver the full paper.

20 May 2023 – Final Conference program.

25-26 May 2023 – Conference in Rome.