

UPDATED RELEVANT INFORMATION

POSTPONEMENT OF THE SIXTH ICLARS CONFERENCE TO 2022 Córdoba (Spain) 19-21 September 2022

New conference dates

The evolution of the current health crisis caused by COVID-19 raises numerous uncertainties regarding the development and future control of the pandemic, as well as the dates, distribution and foreseeable efficacy of the vaccines against this coronavirus. As things stands now, it is still unpredictable when the pandemic could be controlled, and there are reasonable doubts that the situation will be actually normalized in October 2021. Different reliable sources suggest that the end of the pandemic and the global immunization might not be achieved until well into the next year, and perhaps only in 2022. In addition, the containment and control policies adopted in each country are very diverse and in continuous change.

The Sixth ICLARS Conference has generated high expectations: to date, we have accepted active participation requests which involve over four hundred people from the five continents. In view of this situation, and being fully aware of the problems that a possible second postponement of the conference in 2021 would cause, should the circumstances not allow such a complex and numerous event to be held properly, the ICLARS Steering Committee and the Conference's Organizing Committee have decided to anticipate this scenario and to postpone for the second time the **dates** of the ICLARS Conference, which will be **19 to 21 of September 2022**.

The **theme** of the Conference remains unchanged: *Human Dignity, Law and Religious Diversity: designing the future of intercultural societies*. The **venue** is also the same: the Palace of Congresses of Cordoba (Spain), a few feet away from the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba.

Structure of the conference. Accepted papers and panels. New call for papers and panels

The structure of the conference remains in the same terms. The mornings shall be dedicated to **plenary** sessions by speakers appointed by the organization; and the afternoons, to parallel or concurrent sessions where the participant's proposed papers and panels will be allocated.

The change in dates does not affect the acceptance of panels and individual papers which have already been officially communicated. However, both individual speakers and panel coordinators must **confirm between 1 and 30 September 2021**, their intention to maintain their proposals and participate in the conference. If any individual speakers or panel coordinators wish to **modify** the title of their papers, or the members or general theme of their panels, they must also notify these changes **between 1 and 30 September 2021**. Although every proposal to modify themes or speakers shall be reviewed individually, the organizing committee's position is in principle to accept all of them, even if this implies restructuring the parallel sessions.



These communications must be addressed to this email account: iclars2020@eurocongres.es

In any event, the acceptance of papers and panels will only be considered final through the registration of speakers and panelists in the conference, before a deadline that shall be communicated in due course (foreseeably, such deadline will be in the first months of 2022).

A new call for papers and panel proposals will most likely be opened as of 1 October 2021. The organizing committee will communicate this decision in due course.

Registration

At the moment, the registration procedure is suspended. During the last quarter of 2021 the registration procedure will be reactivated, and new updated fees for both participants and accompanying persons will be published.

Registrations already formalized and paid will be considered valid and applicable to the new conference dates, whatever the amount that is set for the updated registration fee. Should you prefer to cancel the registration, it is possible to reimburse the fee already paid, provided it is requested **before 31 October 2020**, through the form provided to this purpose on the website: https://iclars2022cordoba.org/registration/

Travel and accommodation

The cancellation or modification of travel or accommodation reservations, whether or not in the hotels recommended for the conference, is the personal responsibility of each participant.

During the last quarter of 2021, a list of recommended hotels with special rates will be provided again.

Certificates

Should you need a certificate stating that your participation in the conference had been expected, and that although the said conference has been postponed to 2022, your paper remains accepted, you may request it here: iclars2020@eurocongres.es

Information and contact

Information on the conference website shall be updated regularly: http://www.iclars2022cordoba.org/

For email **contact and enquiries**, please use the following addresses (please stating the subject matter to facilitate organization):

- Panels and papers: iclars2020@ucm.es
- Academic program (Prof. María José Valero, Prof. Silvia Meseguer):
 mjvalero@pdi.ucm.es, smeseguer@der.ucm.es, iclars2020@ucm.es
- Registration: <u>iclarsreg@eurocongres.es</u>
- Accommodation, travel and tourism: iclarshr@eurocongres.es