

Call for Symposia Proposals

The Organizing Committee of the *XI Coimbra International Conference on Human Rights* announces the deadlines for the submission and selection of proposals for Symposia, to be conducted online and in-person, within the context of the International Conference which will take place on October 13th, 14th and 15th, 2026.

I – PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. The Organizing Committee of the *XI Coimbra International Conference on Human Rights: a transdisciplinary approach* is responsible for the acceptance and selection of Symposia proposals in accordance with the rules of the present Call;
2. The Organizing Committee of the Conference, henceforth Organizing Committee, is composed by the following members:
 - Professor Dr. Jónatas Machado: President of *Ius Gentium Conimbrigae* – IGC/Human Rights Centre; Full Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra;
 - Master Carla de Marcelino Gomes: Executive Director and Researcher of *Ius Gentium Conimbrigae* – IGC/Human Rights Centre;
 - Master Catarina Gomes: Human Rights Education Consultant/Researcher of *Ius Gentium Conimbrigae* – IGC/Human Rights Centre;
 - Professor Dr. César Augusto Ribeiro Nunes: President of the “Instituto Nacional de Pesquisa e Promoção de Direitos Humanos – INPPDH”; Coordinator of the Law Program at Mackenzie Presbyterian University, Campinas-SP.
 - Professor Dr. Leopoldo Rocha Soares: Vice-President of the “Instituto Nacional de Pesquisa e Promoção de Direitos Humanos – INPPDH”; Academic Director of the Science and Technology Center at Mackenzie Presbyterian University of Campinas-SP.
3. This Call is established for the selection process of Symposia proposals that will be delivered online and in-person, during the Conference which will take place on October 13th to 15th, 2026, at the Auditorium of the Rectory of the University of Coimbra/Portugal, or at any other location to be determined by the Organizing Committee;
4. The selection criteria for the Symposia proposals are included in the present Call.

II – SYMPOSIA PROPOSALS

5. The Symposia proposals must have two Coordinators, both of whom may or may not be from the same teaching and/or research institution, and these Coordinators should have access to means of electronic communication in order to exchange information with the Organizing Committee;
6. Each person can only present one Symposium proposal;
7. The Symposia proposals must be presented in accordance with the model in Annex I and address themes in line with the central object of the Conference - HUMAN RIGHTS, in addition to the following descriptive elements: title of the Symposium; name and e-mail address of the Coordinators; institution the Coordinators belong to; curriculum summary containing no more than 100 words; 150-250 words description of the discussion lines to be developed, and indication of the languages in which the submitted abstracts for evaluation and presentation can be written;
8. Symposia proposals may be submitted in Portuguese, English and/or Spanish, according to Annex I; the submission of the Spanish version of the proposal when indicated the possibility



of receiving abstracts in this language, as well as the submission of the English version of the proposal, when indicated the possibility of receiving abstracts in English, French, Italian and/or German, is mandatory;

9. The proponents of Symposia must expressly indicate in the respective proposal the interest of coordinating the Symposium in-person or online;

10. The in-person Symposium will only accept abstracts for in-person presentation and there will be no form of online participation in these activities;

11. After submission of the Symposium proposal, it will no longer be allowed to change the chosen modality of in-person or online presentation;

12. Symposia proposals must be submitted by electronic mail to **contact@cidhcoimbra.com** by **March 27th, 2026**;

13. Symposium Coordinators may participate as abstract authors only in the other Symposia offered at the Conference, subject to the rules contained in the Call for Abstracts.

III – SELECTION OF SYMPOSIA PROPOSALS

14. The Organizing Committee will select 90 (ninety) Symposia proposals in order to prepare the Call for Abstracts, and will notify the respective proponents about the selection results by **April 17th, 2026**;

15. The Organizing Committee may select more than 90 (ninety) Symposia proposals, and may accept proposals after the date indicated in number 12 to meet the need to complement the indicated limit;

16. Symposia proposals for selection are evaluated according to the following criteria:

a) relevance of the Symposium's theme to the central theme of the Conference - Human Rights;

b) scientific rigor and clarity in the identification of the issues to be addressed;

c) plurality of themes to be offered at the Conference;

d) diversity of the scientific areas of the Conference;

e) diversified geographic distribution of the themes of the Symposia and their proponents;

17. The Coordinators of the selected in-person Symposia proposals are responsible for ensuring their own physical presence at the time of the Symposium;

18. After the approval of the proposal, each Symposium becomes part of the list of Symposia to be presented in the Call for Abstracts, to be published by the Organizing Committee, which will contain a list of the Symposia offered online and of those offered in-person;

19. The Organizing Committee will publish the approved Symposia during the period of the Call for Abstracts of the Conference, and will guarantee all the necessary conditions for their realization in the online and in-person modalities.

IV – PREPARATION OF THE SYMPOSIA

20. The Coordination of the Symposium is entirely autonomous, and the Coordinators are responsible for evaluating all the abstracts submitted to their respective Symposia;

21. The Coordination of each Symposium should: a) collaborate in the dissemination of the Conference; b) evaluate the abstracts submitted; c) take into consideration the Official Program and timetables defined for the Symposium; d) guarantee the participation of the Coordinators in the online Symposia and, when applicable, in the Symposia taking place in-person; e) comply with the deadlines established in the Calls and with other rules established by the Organizing Committee regarding their responsibilities;

22. Evaluation of an abstract by the Conference Scientific Committee will occur only in special cases and when necessary;



23. After the deadline for the submission of abstracts, 10 (ten) consecutive days will be given to each Symposium Coordination in order to analyze all abstracts regularly received during the submission period;
24. The Symposium Coordination is responsible for the evaluation of abstracts, according to the following criteria: relevance of the topic; identification of the problem; careful definition of the objectives of the study; innovative character of the theme; presentation of the research methodology; relevance of the expected/obtained results;
25. Within the period of 10 (ten) days referred to in number 23, the Coordinators shall present the Organizing Committee with the list of approved and non-approved abstracts, as well as a list of conditional approvals, if any;
26. The list of approved abstracts is composed of a minimum of 05 (five) and a maximum of 08 (eight) abstracts;
27. The Symposium Coordination may select, when possible, another 03 (three) abstracts that will compose a list of conditional approvals;
28. The abstracts contained in the list of conditional approvals may integrate the Symposia in substitution of abstracts approved in the following cases of withdrawal from the latter:
 - a) When the author(s) of the abstracts approved expressly communicate(s) to the Organizing Committee withdrawal from participation before the respective registration; or,
 - b) When the author(s) of the approved abstracts do not register within the deadline established in the Call for Abstracts, which will be considered, in this case, a tacit withdrawal;
29. The Symposium Coordination which submits a list of conditional approvals must indicate an order of preference for the selected abstracts in that category. This order will be followed for the offer of a vacancy in the Symposium in the cases indicated in number 28;
30. A Symposium proposal that does not receive a minimum number of 05 abstracts will not be viable.

V – FORMALIZATION OF SYMPOSIA IN THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

31. In order to formalize the previously approved Symposia in the Official Conference Program, it is necessary that a minimum of 05 and a maximum of 08 authors of different and approved abstracts be registered in the Conference, and that the other related rules contained in the Call for Abstracts be complied with;
32. Symposia Coordinators selected for the Official Program are exempt from the Conference registration fee;
33. The list of Symposia formalized in the Official Program will be published on the official page of the Conference;
34. The days and times of the Symposia, as well as information about the videoconference platform and places which they will be held at, in case they take place in-person, are defined by the Organizing Committee, which will publish the final schedule by **September, 13th, 2026**;
35. The Symposia included in the Official Program can be held on any of the days of the Conference (morning or afternoon), the choice being at the discretion of the Organizing Committee;
36. The in-person Symposia will be held if all the sanitary and safety conditions inherent to the health of the participants and necessary for the in-person realization of the Conference are guaranteed, being up to the Organizing Committee to decide, in case of non-compliance with these conditions, the conversion of the in-person Symposia into online ones;

37. During the Conference, the Coordination of each Symposium is responsible for the organization and conduction of the papers to be presented, and the authors must be guaranteed a minimum of 10 minutes to present their research, as well as the opportunity to debate with the other participants of the Symposium;

38. The Organizing Committee will send, by e-mail and no later than **November, 30th, 2026**, the respective Symposium Coordination Certificates to all the Coordinators who have fulfilled all the responsibilities and duties outlined in numbers 21 and 37 of this Call.

VI - PUBLICATION OF THE CONFERENCE E-BOOK

39. The Coordinators of the approved Symposia contained in the Official Program of the Conference will be invited to participate in the publication of an E-book of the XI CIDHCoimbra 2026, to be prepared by the Organizing Committee and composed of complete articles to be delivered, optionally, by the Coordinators of the Symposia, by **November, 1st, 2026**, provided they comply with the following requirements:

a) Articles must be sent by email to **contact@cidhcoimbra.com**;

b) The Coordinators can only send one complete article, related to the approved Symposium theme, written by one of the Coordinators or in co-authorship, in Portuguese, English or Spanish;

c) Word format (doc/docx); size A4 sheet; Font: Garamond; Body: letter size 12; Alignment: Justified; single spacing; left and upper margins of 3 cm and lower and right margins of 2 cm; containing at least 07 and a maximum of 10 pages, including the bibliography. The title of the paper must be centralized, in capital letters, font 14, and in bold;

d) The cover page should contain the following identification elements of the paper: 1 - Title and subtitle (where applicable) of the article in Garamond; 2 - Name of each author, unabbreviated, followed by his/her institutional affiliation, if applicable, and academic and professional qualifications, in a maximum of 03 lines, aligned to the right of the text. All titration and affiliation data must be presented in full, with no acronyms; 3 - Abstract and keywords. The abstract must have a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 250 words, with no acronyms. The keywords identifying the content of the article must contain no more than five words; 4 - All works cited in the text must be referenced in the author-date citation system and be included in the references presented at the end of the article, in alphabetical order by the author's surname. These are the key elements for the identification of a document: name of the author, title (in bold), place, publisher and date of publication. Example: CANOTILHO, José Joaquim Gomes. **Constitutional Law and Theory of the Constitution**. 7th Ed. Coimbra: Ed. Almedina, 2003; 5 - Footnotes may include only explanatory content; footnotes for bibliographical references are not allowed;

40. The inclusion of the articles in the Conference E-Book will be made conditional upon the authors signing a term of assignment/responsibility regarding copyright in favor of the Publisher(s) responsible for the production of the work.

VII – FINAL PROVISIONS

41. The full participation of Symposia proponents implies knowledge of these instructions and tacit acceptance of the conditions of the selection process, as set forth in this Call, as well as any additional and specific instructions on the procedures, unawareness of which cannot be claimed;

42. The acts related to the present selection process, calls, notices and announcements will be published on the official website of the Conference by the Organizing Committee;



43. Monitoring of the publications, additions to the present Call, other notices and communications referring to the selection process of Symposia proposals are the sole responsibility of the interested parties;
44. This Call may be subject to changes, updates or additions, as long as the related action or event has not yet taken place. This fact will be mentioned in a notice to be published by the Organizing Committee;
45. Any unforeseen occurrences, omissions or doubtful situations will be addressed, without appeal, by the Organizing Committee.

Coimbra (Portugal), March 3rd, 2026.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

Appendix I
(English version)

SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL

Modality:

In-person () or Online ()

Symposium:

Title of the Symposium:

Thematic area: select only one option

- () 1 – Theory and Foundations of Human Rights;
- () 2 – Human Rights, Public Policy and the State;
- () 3 – Human Rights and International Relations;
- () 4 – Human Rights and People/Groups in Situations of Vulnerability;
- () 5 – Civil, Cultural, Economic, Political, and Social Rights;
- () 6 – Human Rights and the Environment;
- () 7 – Human Rights and Technologies;
- () 8 – Human Rights, Business, Companies, and Markets;
- () 9 – Human Rights and Justice;
- () 10 – Human Rights and Social Protection;
- () 11 – Human Rights and Armed Conflicts;
- () 12 – Human Rights and Education.

Coordinators:

Name of Coordinator 1:

Email:

Institution:

Curricular Summary (maximum of 100 words):

Name of Coordinator 2:

Email:

Institution:

Curricular Summary (maximum of 100 words):

Line(s) of discussion (symposium description): between 150 and 250 words

The description may contain two lines of discussion

Languages of abstracts that will be accepted for presentation:

Portuguese ()





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German ()**



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PROPOSTA DE SIMPÓSIO

Modalidade de Realização:

Presencial () ou *Online* ()

Simpósio:

Título do Simpósio:

Eixo Temático: assinale apenas uma opção

- 1 - Teoria e Fundamentos dos Direitos Humanos;
- 2 – Direitos Humanos, Políticas Públicas e Estado;
- 3 – Direitos Humanos e Relações Internacionais;
- 4 - Direitos Humanos e Pessoas/Grupos em Situação de Vulnerabilidade;
- 5 – Direitos Civis, Culturais, Econômicos, Políticos e Sociais;
- 6 - Direitos Humanos e Meio Ambiente;
- 7 - Direitos Humanos e Tecnologias;
- 8 - Direitos Humanos, Negócios, Empresas e Mercados;
- 9 - Direitos Humanos e Justiça;
- 10 - Direitos Humanos e Proteção Social;
- 11 - Direitos Humanos e Conflitos Armados;
- 12 - Direitos Humanos e Educação.

Coordenadores|as:

Nome do|a Coordenador|a 1:

Email:

Vinculação Institucional:

Resumo Curricular (máximo de 100 palavras):

Nome do|a Coordenador|a 2:

Email:

Vinculação Institucional:

Resumo Curricular (máximo de 100 palavras):

Linha(s) de debate (descrição do Simpósio): Entre 150 e 250 palavras

A descrição pode conter até duas linhas de debate

Idioma dos resumos que serão aceitos para apresentação:

Português ()

Inglês ()





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PROPUESTA DE SIMPOSIO

Tipo de implementación:

En persona () o En línea ()

Simposio:

Título del Simposio:

Eje temático: seleccione solo una opción

- 1 – Teoría y Fundamentos de los Derechos Humanos;
- 2 – Derechos Humanos, Políticas Públicas y Estado;
- 3 – Derechos Humanos y Relaciones Internacionales;
- 4 – Derechos Humanos y Personas/Grupos en Situación de Vulnerabilidad;
- 5 – Derechos Civiles, Culturales, Económicos, Políticos y Sociales;
- 6 – Derechos Humanos y Medio Ambiente;
- 7 – Derechos Humanos y Tecnologías;
- 8 – Derechos Humanos, Negocios, Empresas y Mercados;
- 9 – Derechos Humanos y Justicia;
- 10 – Derechos Humanos y Protección Social;
- 11 – Derechos Humanos y Conflictos Armados;
- 12 – Derechos Humanos y Educación.

Coordinadores:

Nombre del|de la Coordinador|a 1:

Email:

Vinculación Institucional:

Resumen curricular (máximo de 100 palabras):

Nombre del|de la Coordinador|a 2:

Email:

Vinculación Institucional:

Resumen curricular (máximo de 100 palabras):

Línea (s) de discusión (descripción del Simposio): entre 150 y 250 palabras

La descripción puede contener hasta dos líneas de debate

Idioma de los resúmenes que serán aceptados para la presentación:

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