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**ICON-S Georgia
Georgian Chapter of the International Society of Public Law**

**1st Annual Conference
“Challenges of Modern Public Law”**

June 23-25, 2023 – Batumi, Georgia

The conference is dedicated to the 30th anniversary of legal education in Batumi

Call for Papers and Panels

ICON•S Georgia - Georgian Chapter of the International Society of Public Law, in partnership with Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, welcomes you to the Society’s 1st Annual Conference, scheduled to be held on June 23 – 25, 2023, in Batumi, Georgia.

Format of the Conference

This Conference will be held with a program of plenary, panel sessions and activities in Batumi. The 2023 Annual ICON•S Georgia Conference will be in-person, with the limited exception mentioned below. We will not have online panels. Everyone submitting individual abstracts and panels should aim to present their papers in Batumi in-person. We will allow fully formed panels submitted in advance to have a limited number of speakers joining remotely, according to the following rules: the chair of each panel must attend in-person. If required, the chair will also be asked to become the panel’s online host. For panels of 4 members, one speaker can attend remotely. For panels of 5 members, two speakers can attend remotely.

Submissions and Panels

The Annual Conference will feature concurrent panel sessions, which will take place during the three days of the Conference and will be comprised of submissions selected through this Call. We invite all interested persons to propose fully-formed panels or individual papers addressing any area of public law. We invite potential participants to refer to the ICON•S Mission Statement when choosing a topic or approach for their paper(s) or panel(s).

Who Can Participate in this Annual Conference?

ICON•S is not restricted to public lawyers nor to established scholars. We welcome proposals that offer multi-disciplinary perspectives from various areas of law (including civil, criminal, tax, and labor law), as well as from scholars in the humanities and the social sciences (e.g. history, economics, political science, sociology) with an interest in the Conference’s themes. We also

welcome submissions from both senior and junior scholars (including doctoral students) as well as interested practitioners.

Please note that each participant may present no more than 2 papers (whether sole-authored or co-authored) and may participate – as presenter, chair, discussant – in no more than 4 panels, providing that it is possible to schedule the panels in a way that accommodates all 4 panels to which a participant plans to contribute. The participation as a convenor in interest groups or as a speaker in a forum counts toward the general limit.

Conference Funding

There is no registration fee for participation in the conference. All participants individually ensure the financing of the costs of participation in the conference (travel, accommodation, etc.). ICON•S Georgia will provide meals (lunch) for the participants.

Discount prices will be offered to the participants while staying at a hotel in Batumi. Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University allocates a certain number of places for participants, especially young scholars, free of charge in the university dormitory. ICON•S Georgia will assist participants in organizing travel, hotel reservations, and other technical issues.

Panel Submissions

We strongly encourage the submission of fully-formed panels. Panel submissions may, but need not necessarily, relate to the overarching Conference theme. Fully-formed panel proposals should include at least three, but no more than five presentations by scholars who have agreed in advance to participate. Working time for one panel is usually 90 minutes. The panel must be formed in accordance with the Society's commitment to gender balance. At least one young scholar (doctoral student, master's student, etc.) should be represented as a speaker in the panel. Panel proposals should also identify one panel chair and may identify one or two discussants, who may serve as panel chair and/or paper presenter (the role of chair and discussants counts toward the maximum of five people allowed per panel). All fully-formed panels should therefore include the names of (a) speakers, (b) the chair, and may also include the names of (c) discussants. The email address associated with each panel participant's Conference registration should also be provided.

Panels

We encourage proposals for fully-formed panels in English. However, as part of the vision of a truly global Conference that invites new members to join together in conversation, we invite submissions for fully-formed panels in any language at ICON•S. Panel submissions in languages other than English must include at least one panel participant who is willing and able to translate questions and responses to and from English. Scholars who wish to propose a fully-formed non-English panel must submit a panel proposal in English, propose an English-language title, and identify the language of the panel (e.g., Korean, Spanish, Chinese, German, etc.) in the title, using parenthesis, e.g., "Judicial Review in Emergency Regimes (Italian)." Please note that only fully-formed panels will be accepted in languages other than English.

Individual Paper Submissions

We also welcome individual paper submissions in any subject related to the Conference theme or to public law in general. Individual paper submissions must be in English. If your submission is not in English, we will decline it. If the paper submission is accepted, it will be part of a panel assembled by ICON•S.

Should you submit a full paper?

No actual paper drafts are required to present at the Conference. During registration, the participant submits only the abstract of the paper. The organizing committee may consider publishing of full papers in the conference proceedings or abstracts book.

How and When to Submit?

All submissions must be made through the ICON•S Georgian Chapter's website by **March 31, 2023**. To access the submission page, please [click here](#).

Anti-Harassment Policy

We draw your attention to the ICON•S anti-harassment policy, which including avenues for assistance and redress. This policy applies to all ICON•S programs, all components of this Annual Conference.

For any inquiries regarding the 2023 Annual Conference, please contact us via email: info@icon-society.ge

We look forward to receiving your submission and to seeing you in Batumi!

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