

Twelfth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference

July 28-30,
2027

Call for Participation

The Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School, the Institute for Architecture at Technische Universität Berlin, and The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (“UN-Habitat”) are pleased to announce a call for participation in the Twelfth Annual International and Comparative Urban Law Conference, taking place in Berlin from July 28–30, 2027.

Since 2014, this annual Conference has welcomed leading urban legal scholars from around the globe to present their research and works in progress. Now in its twelfth year, the Conference continues to strengthen this tradition by providing a dynamic forum to share diverse international,

comparative, and interdisciplinary perspectives on the rich intersection of cities and law. The Conference will include opportunities to engage urban scholarship, practice, and pedagogy across diverse perspectives. The Conference will also highlight local perspectives and experiences for a grounded understanding of the dynamic urban legal worldwide context.

The Conference has long facilitated engagement across academic sub-specialties and across legal and urban systems internationally to enrich our understanding of urban law. We look forward to welcoming you to Berlin.



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Proposal Submission

Please submit a proposal of up to 500 words to urbanlaw@fordham.edu with “[Name of Proposed Paper, First Name, Last Name]” in the subject line of your email. If you have a draft paper, please include it with your proposal, but participants do not need to have prepared a paper to participate. The Conference will be conducted in English.

For reference, programs from our first eleven ICULCs can be found [here](#).

We are particularly enthusiastic to receive papers that address urban migration and urban refugees; urban governance around climate change, climate resilience, and green transitions; housing law and policy; land use; and the right to the city. This list is emphatically not exclusive. As we have in previous conferences, we will warmly welcome papers that address any aspect of urban law and governance, using any disciplinary or interdisciplinary lens.

Submissions are due no later than January 15th, 2027, although earlier submissions are encouraged. Proposers will be informed of their acceptance by February 15th, 2027.

Limited funding is available to offset costs for those who would otherwise not be able to participate in person, including scholars from the Global South, early career scholars, and graduate students. Please indicate in your application whether your participation is conditional on receiving funding.

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About the Urban Law Center: The Urban Law Center is committed to investigating the role of the law and legal systems in contemporary urbanism through scholarship, pedagogy, programming, and applied research. For more details, please visit <https://www.urbanlawcenter.org>.

About the Institute for Architecture of the Technische Universität Berlin: to be provided

About UN-Habitat: The United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities. UN-Habitat is the focal point for all urbanization and human settlement matters within the UN system. UN-Habitat works with partners to build inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and communities. UN-Habitat works in over 90 countries to promote transformative change in cities and human settlements through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance and collaborative action. For more details, please visit <https://unhabitat.org/>.