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## LAW VIA THE INTERNET CONFERENCE 2020 Legal Information and Access to Justice

*London, 15-16 September 2020*

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

Since it began in 1997, the Law via the Internet conference (LVI) has established itself as the foremost international conference addressing research in access to legal information via the Internet. It is organized under the auspices of the [Free Access to Law Movement](#) (FALM), a consortium of more than 65 non-profit institutions dedicated to providing free access to the world's law. In accordance with the [Declaration on Free Access to Law](#) signed by the FALM, the Conference is the international forum of the Movement and its focus is on maximising access to legal information to promote access to justice and the rule of law.

This year the Conference is organized jointly by the [British and Irish Legal Information Institute](#) (BAILII) and the [Institute of Advanced Legal Studies](#), of the School of Advanced Study, University of London and will be held in London.

During the two days of the conference, speakers will discuss how to compile, maintain and use reliable legal data. It is anticipated that the meeting will serve to bring together considerations of real-world utility, public policy, compliance, technical innovation, and ethical dimensions.

Our hope is to bring together researchers, information professionals, legal practitioners, and those in government departments and court services concerned with the recording, dissemination and use of legal information in their own right but also in context.

Presentations relating to any jurisdiction are welcome, papers on innovative projects, experience, initiatives or services with a collaborative cross-border or international dimension are encouraged.

#### **Please Note**

All expenses, including the registration fee for the conference, travel and accommodation, are the responsibility of the authors / presenters. Presenters must register for the conference.

## Submission Guidelines

Proposals must be submitted in digital form by 24 April 2020 and should clearly include:

- Title of the presentation
- English abstract of up to 2 pages (1000 words)
- Contact details and professional affiliation(s)
- A short biography (150 words)

Please email abstracts to [jules.winterton@sas.ac.uk](mailto:jules.winterton@sas.ac.uk). The abstracts will be reviewed by the LVI Conference Committee.

All abstracts accepted for presentation at the LVI 2020 conference will be made available online under the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 license](#).

20 minutes will be available for each presentation. The presentations will be given in English. After the presentations a panel discussion will follow in which all speakers will be invited to participate. Conference sessions may be filmed for posting online.

After the Conference, authors of selected presentations may be invited to submit papers for the publication in the [Journal of Open Access to Law](#).

## Topics

Authors are invited to submit abstracts on a broad spectrum of research topics relating to **Legal Information and Access to Justice** including but not limited to:

- **Enhancing Public Access to Legal Information**  
Policy issues relating to free access to legal data; facilitating community access to legal information; interaction with government services; intelligent legal services.
- **Digital Reform of Courts**  
Legal information and online courts; transparency in the online justice environment; automated decision-making and reporting.
- **AI and Legal Information**  
Data mining, programmatic data extraction; large-scale data analysis; natural language processing; artificial intelligence; knowledge acquisition techniques.
- **Ethics and Legal Information**  
In particular the legal and ethical dimensions of the application of AI to legal information; implications for judicial decision-making; data sharing with third parties.
- **Data Protection**  
Papers relating to compliance with data protection regimes, privacy issues, issues relating to reporting restrictions, closing of judgments, anonymisation and data security.
- **Enriching Data**  
Enriching legal data for public understanding; provision of commentary; automatic legal text classification and summarisation
- **Visual Law**  
The theory and practice of visual legal communication, visualisation of legal concepts, and the intersection of design and law.

- **Data Standards**

The adoption of standards for file formats, data formats, and standard metadata for legal documentation nationally and internationally.

- **Management of Services**

Management of services for free access to law including representation of stakeholders, business models, sustainability strategies, fundraising, recruitment of expertise, succession planning.

## **Important Dates**

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 24 April 2020
- Notification of acceptance: 31 May 2020
- Conference: 15-16 September 2020

## **Conference Information**

The venue of the Conference will be the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR, UK. [[See this map](#)]

Further information on the LVI 2020 conference is available at: <https://ials.sas.ac.uk/lvi2020>