



UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN IN COLLABORATION  
WITH THE GLOBAL SOUTH NETWORK (GSN)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
**LAW, SOCIETY, AND ACADEMIA  
IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH:  
CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**  
September 26 - 29, 2023

# Call for Papers

Africa is the heart of the Global South, and Nigeria is the core state of Africa. Different African countries are politically and economically dependent upon Nigeria. Thus, the social, political, legal, and economic issues of Nigeria affect both Nigerians as well as the public of other African countries. Of these issues, the quality of the higher education is one of the most important issues as it affects employment, Nigerian youth, citizens' meaningful contribution to politics, and social mobility. In this regard, different Nigerian universities are engaged in teaching, research, and innovation. Universities need to increase its engagement with the international academia by engaging in knowledge exchange and knowledge transfer activities. In this regard, the University of Ilorin plans to organise a three-day conference in collaboration with the Global South Network on LAW, SOCIETY, AND ACADEMIA IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH:

CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS. The Global South Network (GSN) is a United Kingdom-based international, interdisciplinary network of scholars, judges, lawyers, civil society and journalists.

The conference seeks empirically investigated papers that engage with contemporary issues impacting the world. Such issues include but not limited to Artificial Intelligence, Academic Freedom and Autonomy, Gender Identity, Block Chain Technology, National Integration, Transitional Justice, Globalisation of education, Climate Change, Law and Social Change, Legal Mobilisation, Legal Consciousness and such other areas that impact the efficiency and effectiveness of Universities. Scholars taking part in the conference will commit to the following long-term aspirations of the GSN

- To develop long-term partnerships amongst and between higher educations institutes, governments, civil societies, and media of the Global South
- To influence policymaking in the Global South by initially collaborating with civil society organisations (CSOs) and policymakers in the Global South and later working closely with them on policy-issues.
- To diversify and strengthen research culture in the Global South.
- To increase the recruitment of postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers focusing on interdisciplinary issues of the Global South and host visiting lawyers and judges from the Global South.
- To submit secure a large-scale grant for a project on the issues of the Global South that can be conducted in different countries.

The Convenor and Co-Convenor of the GSN (Dr Nauman Reayat and Professor Hakeem Olayinka Yusuf respectively) will coordinate/facilitate a series of seminars and workshops on the theme of the conference. The Conference is designed to be hybrid in Nature.

## Timelines

- Deadline for Submission of Abstract (Max 250 words): **August 7, 2023**
- Communication of accepted Abstract: **August 17, 2023**

## Logistics

To be communicated, however, virtual presentations will be available for scholars who are unable to attend in person.

Abstracts should be submitted to:

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