

# IVR 2019 World Congress

## Call for papers

---

Lucerne (Switzerland) 7-13 July 2019

We would like to invite our colleagues in Legal Education to contribute to a special workshop on the theoretical foundations of Legal Education during the 29<sup>th</sup> IVR 2019 World Congress. The World Congress is being held in Lucerne, Switzerland between 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The conference has as overarching theme *Dignity, Democracy, Diversity*.

### Rethinking the Theoretical Foundations of Academic Legal Education

Lecturers in academic legal education face new challenges, such as the need to prepare an increasing amount of diverse students belonging to the digitalized generation for professional and civil life in the globalized risk society. Lecturers teach in the context of a university that values efficiency and effectiveness, and focuses on the future employability of students. This has led to an emphasis on training vocational and professional skills and the teaching of black letter law. It results in the uniformity of curricula and graduating students. It undermines, so we argue, the ability for students to develop as responsible individuals capable of finding their own voice, ethical decision making and creativity. In the constantly changing circumstances of contemporary society, lawyers need fitting abilities and it may well be that autonomy, ethical capability and creativity are the defining and necessary characteristics for lawyers of the 21st century. It gives rise to a rethinking of the foundations of academic legal education and to reflect on the aims, content and pedagogy of legal education.

### Call for papers

We welcome papers reflecting on the foundations of legal academic education, describing contemporary teaching practices or designs for future-proof legal education. If you are interested in participating as a speaker in this special workshop, please send your proposal (max. 500 words, references excluded) and a short CV by the 1st of March to:

[h.e.van.rossum@vu.nl](mailto:h.e.van.rossum@vu.nl).

### The organizers

**Hedwig van Rossum**, LL.M. / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

dr. **Bald de Vries** / Utrecht University

**Ernst van Bemmelen van Gent**, LL.M. / Utrecht University

dr. **Jasper Sluijs** / Utrecht University

## Additional information

Selected speakers should send a paper by the 1st of June. Papers presented during the workshop will be made available to all participants. During the workshop we can discuss how the papers could be published. More information of the IVR conference is found on its [website](#) (see also above).