



Rule of Law: Economic and Social Development

The universal commitment of the world's lawyers to the Rule of Law inspired five major associations of international lawyers – AIJA Human Rights Committee, UIA, ABA International Law Section, Law Society of England & Wales and Inter-American Bar Association – to organize the second annual Rule of Law Webathon. This year's [24-hour Rule of Law Webathon](#) will focus on how economic and social development interrelates with the Rule of Law. Through this lens, the programs will address issues such as access to justice; rise of authoritarianism; climate change; women's rights; the plight of refugees; civil liberties and fundamental freedoms; forced labor; independence of the judiciary and the legal profession; and freedom of the press. The twelve panels will span continents and time zones, with each panel addressing different aspects of the challenges related to the Rule of Law as a key factor of economic and social development. Each panel will be hosted and led by a legal society or bar association.

Our pledge to the Rule of Law inspires us to celebrate and defend it in every corner of the world. Find your topics, find your time zones, but most importantly, find your passion and join your fellow lawyers across the globe in learning about, promoting and defending the Rule of Law.

May 10, 13:00 GMT // 15:00 CEST // 9:00am EDT

Perspectives on the Rule of Law: Impact on Sustainable Development

Inter-American Bar Association (IABA) & Instituto dos Advogados Brasileiros (IAB)

May 10, 15:00 GMT // 17:00 CEST // 11:00am EDT

Closing the Opportunity Gap: Overcoming Economic and Social Inequalities Through the Rule of Law

The Law Society of England and Wales

May 10, 17:00 GMT // 19:00 CEST // 1:00pm EDT

Independence of the Justice Sector, Media and Civil Society: Institutional and Individual Impacts on Sustainable Development

UIA (International Association of Lawyers) & Warsaw Bar Association

May 10, 19:00 GMT // 21:00 CEST // 3:00pm EDT

Defeating Poverty in the Americas: Is Formal Democracy Enough?

American Bar Association (ABA) International Law Section & Asociación Nacional de Abogados de Empresa (Mexico)

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Rule of Law Threats from Radicalization and Extremism

American Bar Association (ABA) International Law Section & ANDI Colombian Chamber of Legal Services

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Promoting a Gendered Approach to Economic Development and the Rule of Law

UIA (International Association of Lawyers) & California Lawyers Association

May 11, 01:00 GMT // 03:00 CEST // May 10, 9:00pm EDT

Prevention, Protection and Prosecution: Forced Labor and Current Challenges to Sustainable Development

UIA (International Association of Lawyers) & Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)

May 11, 03:00 GMT // 05:00 CEST // May 10, 11:00pm EDT

A Case for Global Climate Justice: What is the Dream Goal, and What are the Odds of Achieving It?

International Association of Young Lawyers (AIYA) & Emirates Lawyers Association

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Business and Human Rights Developments: From the UN Principles to Due Diligence Laws

Inter-American Bar Association (IABA)

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The Role of Law and Lawyers in the Fight for Affordable Healthcare for All

International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) & Kenya Bar

May 11, 09:00 GMT // 11:00 CEST // 5:00am EDT

Attacks to the Rule of Law in Central and Eastern Europe

International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA)

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Final Thoughts on Advancing Social and Economic Development by Promoting the Rule of Law

International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA) & Paris Bar

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