

**The Department of Comparative Public Administration of the University of Wrocław**, in cooperation with the **Student Scientific Circle of International Students at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics** and the **Student Circle ISKRA**, is honored to invite you to participate in the **International Academic Conference *Reimagining Local Communities – Law, Administration and Culture***.

The conference will take place on **Monday, 19.05.2025**, at the **Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław**. The event will be held in a **hybrid form** – both presentations and passive participation are possible via **MS Teams**. The **language of the conference is English**.

The conference will consist of three panels:

#### **I. International Expert Panel**

*Critical Cultural Literacy and Local Communities: Insights from the Horizon 2020 Expect\_Art Project*

#### **II. Researchers Panel**

#### **III. Young Researchers Panel (Students, PhD students)**

The concept of community holds a special place in the study of administration as well as in legal theory and sociology of law. It allows for a departure from traditional perceptions of the relationship between law, the state, and society. From the perspective of the local community, we can capture both globalization and localization trends shaping modern law and the role of local government.

The main aim of the conference is to discuss local communities through the lenses of law, administration, and cultural studies. In an era of forced population relocations, the development of virtual communities, and the deterritorialization of administration, knowledge of culture and the ability to navigate cultural differences become key social competences. At the same time, the notion of local identity gains new dimensions of meaning that may help us reimagine this category.

#### **Proposed (example) thematic areas include:**

- Local communities in legal and social sciences
- Rights of national and ethnic minorities
- Local government initiatives for local communities
- Local integration of refugees and migrants
- Social participation
- Ethnocentrism and cultural relativism
- Local communities and social exclusion
- The role of culture in shaping local identity
- The right to culture
- The role of youth in local communities
- Critical cultural literacy

We warmly invite both experienced researchers, as well as doctoral candidates, students, practitioners, and independent experts interested in the conference topics to participate actively. Passive

participation does not require any academic qualifications. **Participation, both active and passive (with or without presentation), is free of charge.**

**The deadline for active participation applications is May 9th, 2025, at 11:59 PM.** The organizers reserve the right to select abstracts. We will notify applicants of the results by **May 12th, 2025**, via email.

Applications should be submitted through the following forms:

**Active participation (with abstract proposal):**

<https://forms.office.com/e/aBk6AE1ryv>

**Passive participation (without presentation):**

<https://forms.office.com/e/t67SARBKEj>

If you have any questions, please contact the organizers at the following addresses:  
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