

9th Annual International Mercantile Law Conference

“Mercantile Law in a Changing Landscape”

University of the Free State,
Bloemfontein, South Africa

20-22 November 2024

FIRST INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS



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Dear esteemed colleagues/participants,

We are excited to announce the upcoming **International Mercantile Law Conference**, an engaging forum designed to explore the dynamic fields of Mercantile law and its evolving landscapes. This broad and esteemed event is scheduled to take place on **20–22 November 2024** at the **University of the Free State, Bloemfontein Campus** (physical attendance).

This conference aims to bring together legal scholars, practitioners, researchers, and postgraduate students passionate about Mercantile Law to engage in insightful discussions, network with industry experts, and contribute to the discourse shaping the future of Mercantile Law. Presenting your work at this conference offers an invaluable opportunity for professional growth and collaboration.

We therefore invite you to submit abstracts and/or proposals for poster presentations. Postgraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals for poster presentations, but paper abstracts will also be considered if submitted in conjunction with your supervisor. The abstract should include the following information: title of the paper/poster proposal, full name(s), affiliation, current position, email address, and at least three keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. Papers for this conference will undergo a blind peer-review process, and decisions will be announced within four weeks after submission. Full papers presented at the conference may be submitted for consideration to the Journal of Juridical Science.

The registration fee is **R4 000.00** (€200.00), covering access to all sessions, lunches, coffee, a cocktail function, a gala dinner, and the conference material. Please complete the registration form available on <https://www.ufs.ac.za/law/mercantile-law-home/conference/annual-international-mercantile-law-conference>.

Proposals for panel presentations will be considered. Panels should consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) panelists. A short (300 words) description of the proposed panel, with names of the intended presenters and their paper abstracts, should be submitted to **Prof E Snyman-Van Deventer** at SnymanE@ufs.ac.za. If you want to participate without presenting a paper, i.e. chair a session, evaluate papers, or assist in other ways, please send an email to **Prof E Snyman-Van Deventer** at SnymanE@ufs.ac.za.

Broad themes to consider

Abstract submissions, poster proposals and panel presentations should be aligned with the following broad themes:

- Artificial intelligence and its interface with Mercantile Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Banking, Finance, and Insurance Law
- Business Crimes and Corruption
- Consumer and Credit Law
- Competition Law
- Corporate Governance and Compliance
- Human rights and the interface with Mercantile Law
- Insolvency Law and Business Rescue
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Trade and Investment Law
- International Economic Law
- Labour Law
- Law of Business Enterprises
- Legal Education
- Tax Law
- Any other related theme: This theme is dedicated to papers that might not relate to the themes outlined above. Papers under this theme can address any issue that pertains to other areas of Mercantile Law.

Key dates

30 June 2024: Deadline for receiving abstracts.

20 – 22 November 2024: Conference.

Interested participants are encouraged to submit their abstracts and proposals for poster presentations. An abstract must not exceed 300 words and a proposal for a poster 200 words.

Submissions should adhere to the guidelines provided on our conference website:

<https://www.ufs.ac.za/law/mercantile-law-home/conference/annual-international-mercantile-law-conference>.