The Ateneo de Manila University School of Law is once again hosting the International Scientific Congress on Private Law of the Philippines and Spain on 5-7 June 2018. This year’s theme involves the dynamic interplay between the law and different emerging issues and pressing concerns that cut across Asian and European jurisdictions: Law and Diversity; Law and Governance; Law and Medicine; and Law and Science; and Transformative Education and Capacitating The Courts.

TOPICS:

Scholars and practitioners from various disciplines are invited to submit their paper proposals. Proposed papers may cover any of the following topics:

- **Law and Diversity: Heritage and Culture** – Cultural diversity and creative economy as keys to sustainable development and inclusive democratic governance (e.g., Intellectual Property Rights of Indigenous Peoples, European Agenda for Culture, EU Strategy for International Cultural Relations, 2014-20 Creative Europe Programme, Creativity and Culture and the European Youth Policy, UNESCO Partnership with Europe and Asia, Cultural Identity and Development Agenda of the Philippines).

- **Law and Diversity: Civil Rights and Freedoms** – The effects of social media on the exercise of civil rights and freedoms (e.g., Jakarta case of Ahok Basuki, a clash between freedom of speech and repercussion on his right to public office, issue on bloggers and accredited journalists).

- **Law and Governance: Politics and Self-determination** – An examination of emerging issues on governance, such as, the rising conflict between the press and governments; issues on national security and human rights in light of advances in technology; and other constitutional issues (e.g., the issues surrounding the independence movement, push for a federal form of government in the Philippines and the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law in the Philippines).

- **Law and Governance: Business and Economics** – Studies on the criminal liability of transnational corporations under Philippine Law and Spanish Law (e.g., comparative corporate criminal regimes, convergence of human rights and business, corporate social responsibility).

- **Law and Medicine: Health** – Discussing freedom and privacy concerns for health research, or sexual and reproductive health, or minor’s access to HIV test and treatment, mental health, access to health services of persons with disabilities (PWDs), public health governance and health policies on infectious disease control and mass vaccination (e.g., Minor’s Access to Reproductive Health, Privacy Concerns on HIV Treatment, PWDs, Dengvaxia issue in the Philippines).

- **Law and Science: Modern technology** – Assessing and regulating the use of technology in view of the rising utilization of drones, artificial intelligence, big data and cloud technology; how these examples of advanced technology could impact on everyday activities and may be used as a means to suppress rights (e.g., AI, Drones, Big Data).

- **Transformative Education And Capacitating The Courts** – Reforming the Philippine Bar alongside capacitating the courts with the recent developments in doctrine, technology and laws towards a more effective dispensation of justice (e.g., role of lawyers in educational reformation, infusing leadership, ethics and moral formation in the law school curriculum, teaching methods and tools and capacitating the courts).
ABSTRACT AND PAPER:

Abstracts should be written in English and contain not more than 200 words. The abstract should be sent together with the curriculum vitae of the applicant, **ALL IN PDF FORMAT**, no later than **30 MARCH 2018**.

- Send the requirements to: philippines-spain-congress.law@ateneo.edu
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Notification of the outcome of the selection process will be made by **15 APRIL 2018**.

Final versions of selected papers have to be submitted on or before **15 MAY 2018**.

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Final papers for publication in the Philippine Journal of Legal Education should be in English, with a word count of 5,000 words. Footnotes for attribution of authority will be used. All verified citations in the draft paper will be maintained while excerpts and passages from existing authority will be cited accordingly. Citations will be edited to conform to the rules in the Bluebook and the Ateneo Law Journal’s Legal Citation Guide. Other styles and forms will also be applied in accordance with the Journal’s publication standards. The Editorial Board reserves the right to publish full papers submitted even if not selected for presentation at the Conference.

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