**Coimbra Training School: Current Issues and Awareness of Digital Human Rights**

**21-23 September 2021, University of Coimbra, Portugal, and online**

**About**

The training school is organized by the COST Action Global Digital Human Rights Network which explores the theoretical and practical challenges posed by the online context to the protection of human rights. The training school will provide an introduction into the complex legal and technical issues related to digital human rights. The training school will last three days. On Day 1, the participants will be offered an opportunity to participate in the workshop where members of the network will be presenting and discussing their research in progress on core theoretical issues of digital human rights. On Day 2, issues of a more practical nature will be presented in the form of presentations and brainstorming sessions. One session will be devoted to the discussion of research projects of the training school participants. On Day 3, training will be provided in the form of lectures by distinguished members of legal profession.

**Trainers**

Training on Day 1 will be provided by members of the GDHRNet Working Group 1. Trainers for Day 2 will be members of the GDHRNet Working Group 2. Trainers for Day 3 will include Professor Dr. Paulo de Albuquerque, former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights and Dr. Irmantas Jarukaitis, Judge at the Court of Justice of the European Union (tbc).

**Participants**

The training school is primarily intended for PhD students and early career investigators who work on digital human rights from a legal or a non-legal perspective. It is also open to professionals with an interest in digital human rights working in both public and private sector.

The number of participants will be limited to 20.

**Funding**

Trainees are eligible for reimbursement in line with the eligibility rules specified in [**Vademecum**](https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Vademecum-28-April-2021.pdf)**.**

Trainees who are engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research are eligible for reimbursement if they are from:

1. COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Member.

2. Action MC Observer from NNC.

3. Approved European RTD Organisations.

The Action will be able to cover long-distance travel expenses and daily allowance rate (60 EUR, covering accommodation, meals, and local travel expenses) to selected participants.

**Application procedure**

The application procedure is as follows:

* PhD students must send their application, including CV, official proof of PhD student status (from supervisor/university) and a brief motivation letter (max. 1 page) to GDHRNet <web@gdhrnet.eu>
* Early career investigators are required to send their CV and a brief motivation letter (max. 1 page) to GDHRNet <web@gdhrnet.eu>
* PhD students and early career investigators who want to apply for reimbursement should include in their application a budget estimation
* Other applicants are required to send their CV and a brief motivation letter (max. 1 page) to GDHRNet [web@gdhrnet.eu](mailto:web@gdhrnet.eu)

**Deadline for applications:** August 15, 2021

**Notification about acceptance:** September 1, 2021

**Venue and Practical Information**

"Colégio da Trindade", Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra

TRAVEL

Coimbra is served by two international airports, Lisbon and Porto.

In Lisbon or Porto you can take subway/metro to the main train stations (e.g. Lisboa Oriente and Porto Campanhã) and then the express train (Alfa) to Coimbra.

Lisbon Airport – Coimbra takes about 2 hours

Oporto Airport – Coimbra takes about 80 minutes.

HOTELS

There are several hotels and guesthouses in Coimbra, nearby the University or downtown.

Hotel Sapientia - <http://www.sapientiahotel.com/>

Casa São Bento - <https://www.casadesaobento.com/>   
  
Ibn Arrik - <https://www.ibn-arrik.pt/>

IBIS Coimbra - <https://all.accor.com/hotel/1672/index.pt.shtml>

Hotel Tivoli Coimbra - <https://www.tivolihotels.com/pt/tivoli-coimbra>   
  
Vila Gale Coimbra - <https://www.vilagale.com/pt/hoteis/centro-de-portugal/vila-gale-coimbra>   
  
Hotel Dona Ines Coimbra & Congress Center - <https://www.donaines.pt/>

Hotel D. Luís - <https://www.hoteldluis.pt/>

Hotel Quinta das Lágrimas - <https://www.quintadaslagrimas.pt/>

<http://becoimbra.pt/pt-pt>

Be Coimbra is a company that offers residence open 24-hours to academics during their mobility programs in Coimbra, students, masters and doctoral program students, researchers, teachers.

Booking, Trivago and other sites can also help.

**Contacts**

Alexandre Dias Pereira, [aldp@fd.uc.pt](mailto:aldp@fd.uc.pt) (local organizer)

**Preliminary Programme**

20 September: arrival, welcome

21 September: Workshop with GDHRNet (reading materials to be sent in advance to enable preparation for discussion) (full day)

22 September: Practical perspectives and discussion of research projects (full day)

23 September: Keynote lectures (full day), social event/dinner

24 September: departure