



CALL FOR PAPERS

Second International Conference of the NIDA Law for Development

**Graduate School of Law
National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA)
Bangkok, Thailand**

16 DECEMBER 2017

“Sustainability – A Global Challenge and Opportunity: From Legal and Interdisciplinary Perspectives”

Rationale and purpose of the conference

Sustainability has been one of the most important issues on the global development agenda. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in 2015 represent the commitment of the world leaders to a continuing search for sustainable development. A number of development and law reform projects have been initiated worldwide to tackle this issue. In Thailand, King Rama IX proposed the Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy as a path to a sustainable livelihood. However, not only is sustainability a complex concept requiring a multi-disciplinary study but even more intractable is any practical effort to achieve it. This perhaps explains why many countries, particularly those in the developing world, are yet to attain sustainable development.

This second conference of the NIDA Law for Development aims to review the importance of sustainability from different perspectives, particularly its legal implementation across a broad spectrum of disciplines, as well as to discuss the challenges it poses and the opportunities it offers. The purpose is to gain better understanding of the concept and explore feasible paths to accomplishing the sustainability goals.

The focus of the conference

The conference welcomes contributions from academic researchers, practitioners, policy makers, educators, community leaders and students. The contributions may come from any of the relevant fields, including law, economics, social sciences, development studies, and international studies, among others. The contributions may address, broadly, any of (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Theoretical developments in the field of sustainable development, law and development, environmental law, human rights law, corporate law, intellectual property law, etc.
- Existing practices to address social, economic, environmental and health challenges.

- Interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability such as socio-legal, socio-cultural, and socio-economic sustainability
- Climate change and renewable energy
- Poverty and inequalities
- Philosophy of Sufficiency Economy
- Governance
- Technologies and innovations

Abstract submissions

To be considered for review, an abstract must include:

- A working title that clearly identifies with the conference theme being addressed.
- A statement of the empirical or theoretical concern.
- A concise account of the empirical or theoretical methodological approach.
- The main arguments of the paper and supporting evidence.
- A statement of the main conclusions and their relevance to an international audience.
- Keyword Set: 3-8 keywords

The abstract must be **no more than 400 words** in length and in Word format.

Deadline for abstract submission: [31 October 2017](#)

Full paper submissions

To be considered for review, a full paper should follow the instructions below:

- The font and size is 12-point Times New Roman and in Word format.
- Single-spacing throughout the document is required.
- Double space (instead of indent) to designate a new paragraph or section is required.
- A page number at the bottom centre of each page is required.
- Top, bottom, and side margins are one inch or 2.54 cm. No right margin justification is needed.
- Title, names(s) of the author(s), his/her/their affiliation(s), and his/her/their contact information must be provided at the top center of the first page.
- Manuscript is between **3,000-4,000 words** in length (excluding tables, figures and references).
- References must adhere to the APA referencing format.
- English grammar must be correct and proper.

All selected submissions will be subject to a blind review by at least two independent reviewers. Only the papers presented at the conference (individual presentations and roundtables) are allowed to be submitted for inclusion in the e-Proceedings of the conference. (Please note that your submitted full paper **will not be automatically accepted for the e-Proceedings of the conference.**)

Deadline for full paper submission: [15 January 2018](#)

Session formats

We invite submission of abstracts in the following formats:

- Individual presentations (20 minutes): presenters will be allocated up to 15 minutes for presenting their paper and the remaining time will be devoted to discussion.
- Roundtables (90 minutes): will be used mainly for discussions of practical views and experiences of sustainability. There will be up to a maximum of 5 appointed discussants. The conference attendants will also be involved in the discussion.
- Poster session: poster presenters will bring their own display materials (limited to 2 pages) and present their posters during the allotted time. The poster size is A2 (around 420mm x 594mm).

Post-conference publication and Best Paper/Poster Award

Following the conference, authors may also be invited to submit their papers to be reviewed for selection for publication in the peer-reviewed Nitipat NIDA Law Journal.

The Best Paper/Poster Award will be selected from among the full paper submissions and poster presentations. The Best Paper winner will be granted the 5,000-baht reward and the Best Poster winner will be granted the 2,000-baht reward.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline:	31 October 2017
Notification of Acceptance:	By 15 November 2017
Full Paper Submission Deadline:	15 January 2018
Best Paper/Poster Award:	To be later announced

**Please submit abstracts for all session formats electronically via
<inter.conference.law@nida.ac.th> and <niti.nida@gmail.com>
by [31 October 2017](#)**

For updates and registration, please visit: law.nida.ac.th/main/th/conference

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