

II Regional Congress of Legal Clinics

Clinical Education: a pedagogical and strategic litigation approach in search of true access to justice

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Presentation:

One of the most appropriate methodologies to strengthen knowledge in Law is clinical education. This methodology looks for the development of capacities and skills by handling real cases. Through this active role and the contact with the reality of their own context, it is expected that students learn in a double-way process: they get experience useful to their formation as Law professionals, and they also address social issues.

In Latin America, several Law Schools have legal clinics (either strategic litigation or street law clinics). In the last years, the Latin American Network of Public Interest Clinics has promoted several spaces for experiences-and-reflection sharing around this learning process. As part of these activities, in 2019 the First Regional Congress of Legal Clinics took place in Lima. Even though the Latin American Network has maintained the virtual discussion spaces during the Pandemic, it has been considered appropriate to develop a second congress in person this year.

For this Congress, we are having a call for papers from legal clinics professors and practitioners. We are also opening a call for posters from students and former students of such course. The details will be provided below.

Themes

The Congress proposes to reflect on the following issues of clinical education:

1. **Evaluation of learning competencies in legal clinic education:** *What do you learn with clinical education? What is the difference between clinical methodology and other problem-based learning methodologies? What do you learn about professional responsibility? How to apply social responsibility approach to clinical methodology? How to teach through values? How to materialize ethical competencies so that the student values the training process beyond grading?*
2. **Legal Clinics during the Pandemic:** How did you adapt the clinical methodology to on-line settings? What new problems for strategic litigation have appeared during the Pandemic? What new ethical dilemmas about privacy have arrived? How to promote empathy with clients and users when

contact is limited? What role new technologies had played in this situation? How is the relationship between work with vulnerable groups and digital justice?

3. Experiences on strategic litigation regarding groups in vulnerability contexts: women, LGBTIQ people, children; persons with disabilities; indigenous peoples; migrants and refugees; people with HIV/AIDS and people deprived of liberty: *Is it important that students approach vulnerable groups? Why? How to prevent that contact with vulnerable populations from reproducing exclusion patterns? What to do when there are different views inside a group on a specific issue (i.e. sexual work or child labor)? What to do when students make a mistake? What experiences on strategic litigation that have dealt with the aforementioned issues can be reviewed?*

4. Clinical legal work as a tool for personal transformation and social change: *What are the advantages of legal clinics over other ways of practical legal training? How do they contribute to the graduate profile developed by each Law School? What impact do clinics produce in the formation and personal growth of students? What impact do legal clinics produce in the development of cognitive skills? What impact can legal clinics have on the development of socio-emotional skills? How the above can be measured? And, finally, how to work and measure the attitudinal change of students?*

Call for papers:

The professors and teams from a legal clinic (students and professors) interested in participating in this Congress with a paper must send their proposal, related to one of the thematic axes, within the dates noted below to the following e-mail: congresoclinicas@itam.mx with subject "Paper - II Congreso Regional de Clinicas Juridicas"

Proposals must observe the following format:

1. Maximum 600 words.
2. Arial 11, 1.5 spacing, Microsoft Word format

The evaluation of papers will be done by the Scientific Committee that will analyze each paper content, its connection with the theme axe, its pertinence, and the relevance to Clinical Education.

The papers will be presented in panels at the Congress and will be published in a digital format. If the paper is accepted, and the complete paper must be sent as follows:

- a. Abstract: 250 words, with topic and objectives
- b. Keywords: maximum 6
- c. Author's information, including filiation and e-mail
- d. Introduction, development, and conclusions of the paper
- e. References in APA format

Call for posters:

Students or former students interested in participating in this Congress with posters (gigantic infographics) must send their proposals. These must be related to a legal strategy to solve a case within thematic axes 3, 4 and 5 of the Congress. Proposals must be sent within the dates established below to the following e-mail: rsu.derecho@pucp.pe with the subject: "Poster – I Congreso Regional de Clínicas Jurídicas".

The proposal must be presented in A4 format and must include:

- Heading: title and names (with filiation)
- Justification: presentation of the topic
- Development: explanation of the experience or results. Graphics and tables are encouraged.
- Conclusions
- References

The evaluation of the posters will be done by the Scientific Committee that will analyze the content of the paper, its connection with the theme, its pertinence, and the relevance to Clinical Education.

The posters will be presented during the Congress and will be published in a digital format (3 to 5 posters). Posters will be printed by the organization.

Registration

Registration for speakers

In case the paper or the poster are accepted, the person must submit his paper on the date set forth on the schedule. The papers will be printed by the organization. The registration gives right to the digital publishing of the paper, assistance to all panels and material supply from the Congress.

Registration for participants

Registration is free. Participants just need to send an e-mail to congresoclinicas@itam.mx, on the date forth in the schedule

Important dates

Issue	Date
Call for papers ideas and posters	May 16 th to June 30 th , 2022
Evaluation of papers ideas and posters	July 1 st to July 8 th , 2022
Publication of results	July 11 th , 2022
Registration	July 11 th to August, 5 th , 2022
Submission of papers	11 th to August, 25 th , 2022
Congress	August, 25 th and 26 th , 2022