CONGRESSO DE

## Língua e Direito

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## Call for papers

Submission of proposals: till 31 May 2023

Early bird registration: from 1 August to 10 September

Regular registration: from 11 September to 1 October

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Jointly promoted by ISCAP/P.PORTO (Master's in Specialised Translation and Interpreting), the Faculty of Law of UCP-Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Porto and DGT-Direction-General for Translation of the European Commission, the Conference on Language and Law will take place at ISCAP and UCP, in a hybrid format (face-to-face and online), in order to identify and reflect on a number of issues related to the points of intersection of Law and Linguistics.

These are times when the law has become increasingly international and European. Borders (be they physical, cultural or educational) between peoples and social groups are gradually disappearing (or, more recently, being reerected). Within this context, there is a debate to be had as to the role of languages as bridges or, on the contrary, as walls. Whether we are talking about the translation of legal documents, the use of accessible legal language to ordinary citizens, the use of different languages in the teaching of law, the linguistic rights of foreigners and national minorities, or still other issues, the connection between law and language, always complex and multi-layered, is an area whose research should be promoted.

The use and the interpretation of language decisively condition access to justice for all as well as the rights of linguistic minorities, with consequences in the effectiveness of legal policies. On the other hand, the correct command of language is essential for the interpretation and application of the law, which has an impact on individuals and communities.

The Conference on Language and Law aims to explore this close relationship between both scientific areas, from an interdisciplinary approach that promotes knowledge exchange and networking opportunities among professionals and academics, thus contributing to the development of a deeper understanding of how language shapes and is simultaneously shaped by the legal systems.

We therefore invite the academic community to submit proposals that may fall within one of the following thematic areas:

- The impact of multilingualism and linguistic diversity on the legal system: the translation of official, administrative, judicial documents.
- Multilingualism and linguistic rights: language access rights and their impact on people who do not speak the national language, legal interpretation in multilingual societies.
- The citizen and the language of public administration: use of plain language, the role of language and communication in alternative dispute resolution.
- Technology and legal language: machine translation, artificial intelligence, etc.
- Legal translation in the European Area: translation, adaptation, transposition?
- The use of language in the teaching of law.

## Communication proposals should:

- Have between 300 and 350 words in length;
- Be written in one of the working languages of the Conference (Portuguese, English, Spanish or French);
- Include a title (up to 120 characters, including spaces), name and affiliation of the author(s) and a maximum of four keywords;
- Identify objectives, framework, rationale, methodology, among other aspects considered relevant;
- List bibliographical references, if cited. The use of APA style is recommended;
- Be submitted through the form (<a href="https://www.iscap.pt/linguaedireito/">https://www.iscap.pt/linguaedireito/</a>) until 31 May 2023.