IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law and the Chicago-Kent Law Review are pleased to announce the Fourth International and Comparative Insolvency Law Symposium. IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law will host the symposium on November 11 and 12, 2022. In conjunction with Professor Adrian Walters of IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Professor Christoph Henkel of the Mississippi College School of Law, Professor Laura Napoli Coordes of the Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, and Dean Andrew Dawson of the University of Miami Law School, the members of the Chicago-Kent Law Review are organizing the symposium.

The goal and purpose of the conference is to (1) specifically develop and promote legal scholarship on global and domestic bankruptcy and insolvency law topics in the United States, and (2) to advance the dialogue on these topics with a global perspective among academics, the practicing bar, and the bankruptcy bench.

The symposium focuses on comparative and cross-border issues in bankruptcy and insolvency law in its broadest sense. This includes both consumer and corporate bankruptcy and insolvency topics as well as any related subject, such as secured transactions. The following topics and themes will be included in the program:

- Current issues of insolvency law in a global context
- Cross-border bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring law
- Insolvency and bankruptcy law reforms and trends (i.e., the EU Restructuring Directive or the U.S. Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019)
- Specific regional developments in the Americas, Africa, India, Asia, China, or Europe
- Sovereign default and bankruptcy (i.e., Angola, Argentina, Belarus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Gabon, Iraq, Lebanon, Mozambique, or Pakistan)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution in bankruptcy and restructuring
- Treatment of small and medium sized enterprises in bankruptcy
- Personal and consumer bankruptcy and restructuring
- Insolvency of financial institutions
- Treatment of Digital Assets, ICOs and cryptocurrencies in insolvency proceedings
- Impact of technology on insolvency law and restructuring (i.e., Blockchain, Automation, Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence)
- Hot topics and works-in-progress (i.e., Purdue, Evergrande, Archegos or Greensill)
Please note that the above list of topics is not exclusive. Any paper submitted with a comparative or cross-border component will be considered for presentation and publication.

*It is the goal to hold the symposium in person at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago, but due to COVID and potentially continuing travel restrictions participants may also present at or attend remotely.*

**Submission Instructions**

Academics of all levels, fellows, post-doctoral and graduate students are eligible to submit paper proposals. To submit an entry, interested participants should upload an attachment in Microsoft Word or PDF containing an abstract of no more than 750 words no later than February 18, 2022. Abstracts may be submitted through the conference website.

Abstracts should reflect original research and thought. Submitted papers may not be published but may have been accepted for publication at the time of the conference. Abstracts must include the author’s name, title of the paper, institutional affiliation, and contact information. Graduate students must identify themselves as such. When submitting co-authored papers, both authors must be listed on the abstract.

**Notification**

Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their submissions and proposals by no later than March 31, 2022. Accepted submissions will be considered for publication in a 2022 symposium issue of the Chicago-Kent Law Review (word limit: 15,000 words with footnotes). Please indicate on the abstract submission form if you are interested in having your paper considered for publication. Note, the number of articles that can be published in the Chicago Kent Law Review is limited and that the members of the Chicago-Kent Law Review reserve the right to accept and reject any submission received for publication.

There is no cost to register for the conference, but if participants wish to participate in person, they are responsible for securing their own funding for travel, lodging and other incidental expenses. A limited number of travel stipends may be awarded to those who demonstrate financial need. If you would like to be considered for a travel stipend, please make that request on the submission form.

Please contact Professor Adrian Walters (awalters@kentlaw.iit.edu) or Professor Christoph Henkel (henkel@mc.edu) with any questions.