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**Call for Papers – Sorrento**

The **Academic Forum of INSOL Europe** (IEAF) will be hosting its 20th annual conference in Sorrento, Italy, on **Wednesday 2 October – Thursday 3 October 2024**, immediately prior to INSOL Europe’s main annual conference taking place in Sorrento from **3-6 October 2024**.

Expressions of interest are invited for the delivery of research papers and a presentation within the overall academic conference theme:

**“The Evolution or Revolution of European Insolvency Law”**

The Academic Forum encourages submissions on all relevant topics within the theme, dealing with substantive or procedural, as well as national or cross-border issues.

**Methodology**

In line with the practice established in our past academic conferences, the intention for the autumn conference is to have research papers that challenge existing approaches, stimulate debate and ask, and attempt to answer, comparative and interdisciplinary questions within the above broadly defined theme. Accordingly, proposals are invited that do more than just outline a topic of interest in respect of any given jurisdiction, but seek to understand, analyse and critique the fundamentals of insolvency and restructuring systems in ways that are relevant across jurisdictions and across fields of academic inquiry.

Within the conference theme, we would be interested in submissions that deal with the following topics:

* Public and social policy and the impact on corporate rescue, and vice versa
* Sustainability and corporate restructuring
* Environmental claims in insolvency
* Transaction avoidance
* Pre-packs
* Asset tracing (including crypto assets)
* Modern issues surrounding directors’ duties to file for insolvency
* The impact and benefit (or not) of creditors’ committees
* EU Preventive Restructuring Directive implementation progress and challenges.
* EU Harmonising Insolvency Directive
* Competition for cases as a driving force for legislative reform
* International organisations and insolvency
* Cross-border issues (recognition, coordination)

This is certainly not an exhaustive list, however. The likelihood is that we will construct the programme around the quality papers we receive, therefore, please consider submitting any paper that broadly fits within the conference theme.

**Expressions of interest and selection**

Expressions of interest in delivering papers within the conference theme should be sent by email on or before **1st March 2024** to Jennifer Gant, the Academic Forum's Deputy Chair, by e-mail at: jenniferl.l.gant@gmail.com on the paper submission form attached to this call.

Proposals for papers will be reviewed by the Academic Forum's Board and, on or around **15th March 2024** the Board will contact authors of those papers that will have been selected for presentation at the conference.

After the selection of proposed papers, the panel chairs will contact participants of each session to arrange for a joint conference call in order to discuss the outlines of the proposed papers, to align presentations, and to discuss and agree the further process of preparation and co-ordination that will lead up to the conference.

**Costs**

Authors of papers selected for presentation will benefit from **a waiver of the participation fee** for the academic conference (one author per paper when co-authored with a possibility of a waiver to share between the authors), however, they will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

A limited number of travel grants will be available to junior scholars invited to present papers. More information on the criteria for eligibility and the required forms will be sent to the successful applicants in due course.

**Further information**

For further questions about the Sorrento academic conference, please contact Jennifer Gant, the Academic Forum's Deputy Chair, at: jenniferl.l.gant@gmail.com.

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