



# Inaugural WINIR Young Scholars Workshop 2023

**“Technology and Society” - May 23, 2023**

Rapid technological progress has the power to unlock human potential while simultaneously disrupting social, political, legal, and economic processes. Institutional paradigms urge a reconsideration, to evaluate our understanding of the relationship between humans and technology/machines, and whether technology is itself an institution.

Projects based in or relating to the Global South are of particular interest, where the adoption of new technologies, often driven through top-down policy, is characterised as ‘progress’ - without consideration of its impact on socio-economic, cultural and political systems. Technological change is linked with questions that are simultaneously political, environmental, socio-economic, and cultural. These represent significant challenges concerning ethnicity, gender, class, caste, age, the presence of violence, and the barriers that these pose to voice and representation.

This call for abstracts invites submissions that interrogate interdisciplinary perspectives, embracing different aspects such as: Society and Institutions; Web3 and Institutions; Technology and Trust; as well as Sustainability and Technology, among others.

Ph.D. scholars in economics, law, sociology, anthropology, development studies, and other related disciplines are encouraged to apply. You should currently be enrolled in a PhD or doctoral research programme. Successful applicants will be invited to present their research to an audience of peers and senior scholars, and receive constructive conceptual and methodological critique.

## Submissions:

Participants must submit an abstract of no more than **500 words**, indicating 3 to 5 **keywords**, and a **short bio** that includes your discipline and institution. Submissions from the **Global South will receive particular attention**.

Submissions should be sent using this [form](#), any questions or concerns should be directed to [youngscholars@winir.org](mailto:youngscholars@winir.org). **Deadline: Friday, April 21, 2023**. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, May 5, 2023.

Accepted abstracts will be presented virtually on the WINIR Zoom platform on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

The conference is co-organised by WINIR Young Scholars, The Law as Science Project and the Young Scholars Initiative (YSI) of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET).

*WINIR Young Scholars aims to identify and promote the next generation of institutional scholars from diverse geographies, sociocultural contexts and disciplines. Its major activities will be directed towards creating an inclusive and supportive space for young scholars to receive guidance and mentorship in their journey toward establishing themselves as knowledge creators and navigating the academic job market.*

*The [Law as Science project](#) is an academic initiative constituted of U.S. law school doctoral candidates from the University of California at Berkeley; the University of Chicago, Law School; Cornell Law School; the University of Illinois, College of Law; Indiana University, Maurer School of Law; and the University of Virginia, School of Law that share an interest in research methodologies.*

*The Young Scholars Initiative (YSI) is a community of over 20 000 students, young professionals, and researchers from across the globe pursuing new and critical ways of thinking about the economy. Within this community, the Finance, Law and Economics [Working Group](#) bridges disciplinary and methodological silos to broaden our understanding of the structural issues in financial, legal, and economic systems.*

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