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Rethinking Evidence Law and Forensic Science in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

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VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EVIDENCE LAW AND FORENSIC SCIENCE (ICELFS 2026)

Conference Theme

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The accelerating integration of artificial intelligence into investigative, forensic, and judicial practices presents both unprecedented opportunities and profound challenges. As societies navigate the complexity of data-driven decision-making, algorithmic evidence, and technologically mediated fact-finding, the foundations of the judicial system face new pressures and demand renewed scholarly reflection.

We invite contributions that explore how digitalisation, algorithmic methods, and scientific innovation are reshaping evidentiary systems. Submissions should address precise challenges at the intersection of evidence law, forensic science, and AI-driven investigation, with emphasis on methodological, epistemic, and normative implications.

We warmly welcome submissions addressing the broad landscape of judicial proof and evidence science, including but not limited to the following areas:

- I. Theories, Models and Methodologies of Judicial Proof**
- II. Analysis of Evidence and Evidentiary Reasoning**
- III. Rules of Evidence: Aid, Hindrance or Irrelevant to the Pursuit of Truth?**
- IV. Development, Innovation, and Standardization of Forensic Science Practices**
- V. New Frontiers in Scientific Evidence (including New Challenges to Courtroom Presentation and Novel Forms of Evidence)**

VI. Implications of Technology-Driven Evidence for Human Rights and the Rule of Law

VII. Interdisciplinary and Comparative Approaches to Procedural Law and Judicial Proof

All papers must be written in English. The subject line of the submission email must follow the format: "Call for Papers - Author Name - Paper Title".

All submissions must be sent to the following email address by 15 March 2026: evidencelawai@ij.uc.pt

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