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e are delighted to present to you already the 9th edition of international conference papers of the PhD students and young researchers. In 2022, the International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers, organised by the International Network of Doctoral Studies, has been devoted to the topic "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Law (But Were Afraid to Ask)".

The famous jurist Aharon Barak once said, "The law, like an eagle in the sky, is only stable when it moves."¹ Nevertheless, before the law moves, we must always look around and obtain a clear view of where and why it must move. We can accurately define the correct direction of the movement only by raising complex, exciting and sometimes provocative questions in legal scholarship.

Raising these problematic questions is more relevant than ever as the law confronts the problems posed by the 21st century. The year 2022 has been marked by various national and international events that have raised significant and complex legal issues. Russia's illegal war against Ukraine, the looming COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, the complications caused by climate change and the growing influence of information technology not only raise important questions but also force us to rethink the entire legal system from its roots. This is precisely what participants of the 9th International Conference of PhD Students and Young Researchers tried to achieve. During the conference, participants raised various questions and debated topics touching on numerous aspects of private law to fundamental public international law issues.

This publication is the result of the discussions that took place during the conference. The relevance and diversity of articles by doctoral students and young scholars confirm the unquestionable success of the International Network of Doctoral Studies in Law, which was established in 2014 by Vilnius University Faculty of Law, Frankfurt am Main J.W. Goethe University Faculty of Law, Paris Nanterre University Faculty of Law and Lodz University Faculty of Law and Administration.

While we wait for this year's conference, this edition of papers will be a perfect way to deepen knowledge in many modern aspects of law and inspire doctoral students and young scholars to continue their academic endeavours.

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