



Law Commission of Canada

Call for Proposals

LCC 2026 Public Lectures – Rule of Law as Practice and Potential

Winter 2026

The Law Commission of Canada is delighted to announce support for a series of public lectures focused on “rule of law”.

Hosted in 2026 by law faculties across the country, the lectures will explore a wide range of dimensions, issues and themes related to rule of law. They should challenge members of the audience to identify, question, and engage with the principles and promise of a complex yet fundamental concept in our collective life.

Context

Since resuming operations in the summer of 2023, the Law Commission has heard repeated concerns about eroding understanding of foundational elements of law. In the past year in particular, university and community roundtable discussions have impressed upon the LCC the importance for opening spaces for meaningful conversation focused on current and foreseeable challenges to rule of law.

As part of the LCC’s “**Rule of Law Commitment**”, this Public Lecture series invites academic institutions to share expertise and critical insight with curious members of the Canadian public.

Opportunity

The Law Commission invites each Faculty, School, College or Department of Law to submit a proposal for a public lecture to be delivered in 2026.

The Commission is keen to support a broad spectrum of speakers and topics, reflecting the substantive, generational, regional, and linguistic perspectives found across our country’s law schools. Ideally, and to underscore institutional capacity and responsibility, speakers should be tied in some significant way to a university (e.g., current or retired professors, alumni/ae, or leaders in communities to which the institution is connected).



The Law Commission will provide host faculties with financial support in the amount of \$3000 to be used by the institution to meet administrative or organizational needs, including maximizing the possibility of public participation.

Each lecture and resulting materials will be promoted and amplified through LCC channels (website, social media, LCC Bulletin, annual report, etc.).

Parameters

Proposals should clearly identify and explain in 1-2 pages:

- The name of the individual delivering the lecture and their affiliation to the host institution
- Themes and questions related to rule of law that will be explored through the lecture
- Anticipated timing and venue for the lecture
- Whether the lecture will be recorded and/or live streamed
- Promotional and communications approach, specifically including the ways in which the opportunity will be shared with members of the public in the host institution's community
- Proposals should be submitted by email to: projects-projets@lcc-cdc.gc.ca
- ***The deadline to submit proposals is 27 February 2026.***