

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that the Union University Law School in Belgrade is organizing an international scientific conference titled: ***"Euthanasia: Is There a Good and Easy Death?"*** The conference will take place on **November 27 and 28, 2026**.

Euthanasia has been a subject of dispute for generations. Its concept has evolved over centuries - from the Ancient Greek ideal of death, through the forced euthanasia programs of Nazi Germany, to the modern movement that affirms certain forms of euthanasia by invoking every individual's right to self-determination. The shifting concept of euthanasia has been influenced by evolving moral values in society, as well as medical and technological progress, which enables physicians to artificially prolong life - along with pain and suffering - to such an extent that patients themselves may believe that life is no longer a blessing.

The dynamics of the legal controversy surrounding euthanasia arise from the difficulty of balancing two fundamental human rights: the right to life and the right to self-determination – two rights that often stand in opposition in the field of euthanasia. The debate is further fuelled by diverse cultural, moral, religious, and legal perspectives, with arguments often carrying a high degree of emotional involvement. Understanding euthanasia, specifically the legal status of its various forms, is further complicated by a lack of consensus regarding its very definition.

Despite the numerous controversies, the latest research, including the most recent 2024 European Parliament study, indicates that medical progress and aging populations are leading citizens in an increasing number of high-income countries to view this issue more openly and that the support for the decriminalization of euthanasia is on the rise.

The international scientific conference ***"Euthanasia: Is There a Good and Easy Death?"*** will serve as an opportunity to re-examine the arguments for and against various forms of euthanasia in light of these recent legal and social changes.

The conference will be held on **November 27 and 28, 2026**, in the "Srednja sala" (on the first floor) at the Union University Law School in Belgrade. The event will be held in person on the premises of the Union University Law school in Belgrade, and, exceptionally, online via the Zoom platform.

Presentations will be organized into panels, and conference discussions will focus on the following topics:

1. Normative regulation of various forms of euthanasia
2. The significance of bodily autonomy and human rights
3. The right to a dignified death
4. Euthanasia and vulnerable social groups
5. The philosophy of euthanasia
6. Euthanasia and religion
7. Palliative care
8. Organ and Tissue Donation After Assisted Dying

9. The economic dimensions of euthanasia
10. The political aspects of euthanasia
11. Medical ethics and the right to a dignified death
12. Pharmacy and euthanasia
13. Social changes and euthanasia

Given the interdisciplinary nature of the topic, we invite experts from various fields—law, medicine, ethics, religion, philosophy, social policy, history, economics, etc.—to submit their applications to participate in the conference in relation to one of the given topics. Submissions should include an abstract (up to 250 words) and a short academic biography in either Serbian or English.

Please send your applications to: strucniskup@pravnifakultet.edu.rs by **March 31, 2026**.

We kindly ask the authors to respect the deadlines.

No participation fee applies.

We also plan to publish the Conference Proceedings. All papers will undergo peer review by the Conference International Academic Board. Selected papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings. We will provide more information on this timely.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Union University Law School in Belgrade.

Sincerely,

The Conference Organizing Committee

