



**“Bridging Borders, Businesses, and Global Connections”**  
Faculty of Law- University of Windsor  
September 5, 2025

Conference Agenda

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM     **Registration and Coffee**

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM     **Welcome**  
Elder-in-Residence Myrna Kicknosway

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM     **Opening Remarks**  
Madam Justice Marcela Aroca (Federal Tax Court)

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM     **Panel 1**

**Global Pathways: Law, Policy, and the Future of Cross-Border Entrepreneurship**

Jan Scazighino- Consul, Senior Trade Commissioner-Consulate General of Canada, Detroit

Prof. Justin Onwenu- Director of Entrepreneurship and Economic Opportunity, City of Detroit, Mayor’s Office

Ryan Donally- President and CEO, Windsor Essex Chamber of Commerce

**Moderator:** Dr. Shanthi Senth

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM     **Coffee Break**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM     **Panel 2**

**Cross-Border Code: Building Legal Infrastructure for Global Tech & Trade at the edge of Innovation**

Prof. Chios Carmody- Director of Canada-US Law Institute, Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

Deepti Panda- PhD Candidate, Queen’s University

Zain Mookhi- PhD Candidate, Queen’s University

Shreya Gupta- Director, Legal Counsel, Loblaw Companies Ltd

Arun Krishnamurti- Senior Counsel, Google Canada Corporation

**Moderator:** Dr. Chris Waters

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Panel 3**

## The New Aesthetic Economy: Law, Tokens & the Global Art Marketplace

Nadia Pelkey- Digital Initiatives & Partnerships Coordinator, Art Windsor-Essex

Nia Thompson- Executive Director, Art-ology

Prof. Tolu Falokun- Assistant Professor, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

**Moderator:** TBD

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch**

2:00 PM – 2:20 PM **Spotlight Feature**

## The Banker Ladies

Dr. Caroline Hossein- Founder of Diverse Solidarity Economies Collective, Associate Professor, University of Toronto-Scarborough

2:20 PM – 3:20 PM **Panel 4**

## Digital Dominance and Legal Resistance: IP, AI, and Indigenous Futures

Dr. Tesh Dagne- Associate Professor, York University School of Public Policy and Administration

Dr. Pascale Chapdelaine- Director of Windsor Law LTEC Lab, Associate Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

Dr. Uchenna Ugwu- Researcher and Instructor, University of Alberta Faculty of Law

**Moderator:** TBD

3:20 PM – 4:20 PM **Panel 5**

## Supporting Entrepreneurship Through Legal and Policy Frameworks

Helena Maikido- LLM Candidate, Queen's University

Dr. Anneke Smit- Director of Windsor Law Centre for Cities, Associate Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

Prof. Maya Watson- Director of Business and Community Law Clinic, Assistant Professor, Wayne State University Faculty of Law

**Moderator:** TBD

4:20 PM – 4:35 PM **Coffee Break**

4:35 PM – 5:20 PM **Panel 6**

## Rooted Futures: Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Economic Sovereignty

Dr. Janice Makokis- Assistant Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

Sylvia McAdam- Assistant Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

6:30 PM **Conference Dinner**

## River Room Restaurant

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