



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

Conference Agenda

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Registration and Coffee* Jamie Johnson Lounge

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 Senthe

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM Coffee Break* Jamie Johnson Lounge

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, 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, Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

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

Moderator: Dr. Sara Wharton, Associate Professor, University of Windsor Faculty of Law

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM **Lunch*** Jamie Johnson Lounge

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

James Tischler- Development Director for State of Michigan Land Bank Authority

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

Marijo Upshaw- PhD Candidate, Adjunct Professor, Wayne State University, School of Social Work/Mike Ilitch School of Business

Moderator: TBD

4:20 PM – 4:35 PM **Coffee Break*** Jamie Johnson Lounge

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***

***Private Dinner for Presenters and Invited Guests**