

1st ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
on
LAW AND THE CONTEMPORARY TRENDS

March 31st & April 1st, 2023

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CONCEPT NOTE

ABOUT

The Organizer

Sharda University is a leading Delhi-NCR based private University with a truly global outlook. A student-centric institution, its prime objective is to provide holistic learning, support innovations and accelerate entrepreneurship. The University provides higher education in an array of disciplines including medical and non-medical courses. Amongst its prominent schools is Sharda School of Law (SSOL). Focused on experiential learning and community connect, Sharda School of Law ensures that its students are well-prepared to become adept and socially conscious legal professionals. A research driven and spirited law school, SSOL has collaborated with an array of government and non-government entities to provide its students with a transformative educational experience. Sharda School of Law is abode to motivated and highly qualified faculty. The School offers integrated, five-year under-graduate BA LL.B (H.) and BBA LL.B (H.) programmes. Besides, it is successfully running Master of Laws (LL.M) in diverse specialized streams and Ph.D., both full-time and part-time.

The Conference

Sharda School of Law (SSOL), Sharda University, Greater Noida, is delighted to launch the **first edition** of its **two-day Annual International Conference** on the broad theme of **Law and the Contemporary Trends (ICLCT)**. It is scheduled to be held on **March 31st and April 1st, 2023**, in the **hybrid mode**.

Theme

Laws in a progressive polity must be adequately flexible to incorporate contemporary developments. A mature legal system must keep pace with and mould its fabric according to the dynamic societal

moralties, technological innovations, communication advancements, fluctuating foreign relationships, emerging economic and business nuances, *etc.* It must adapt and embrace new legal rules/concepts/remedies and discard those outmoded. A static legal framework is unable to accommodate or adjust with change. Law must therefore, be evolving, suited to harbour all modern-day challenges. A legal change may not always meet the expectations of its purpose and hence, needs a critical assessment. It is against this backdrop that ICLCT-2023 has been conceptualized. The Conference shall give the participants an opportunity to identify and appraise the evolving legal issues and make suitable propositions thereon.

Sub-Themes

ICLCT – 2023 offers an assortment of **non-exhaustive** sub-themes:

Sub-Theme 1: Constitutional Law

- Reservation Policy
- Reform in Judicial Appointments/Judicial Independence and its Scope
- Digital Personal Data Protection and the Right to Privacy
- Constitutional Morality
- Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech
- Constitutional Rights and Duties: The Interplay
- Electoral Reforms
- Religious Practices *vis-à-vis* the Right to Education

Sub-Theme 2: Criminal Law

- Marital Rape
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Sedition
- Sexual Offences and Gender Neutrality
- Drug Laws
- Victim Compensation
- Witness Protection and the Persisting Struggle
- Reformation in Criminal Procedures
- Regulation of Autopsy Reports
- Plea Bargaining

Sub-Theme 3: Family Law

- Uniform Civil Code and the Unceasing Debate
- Marriage, Divorce and Adoption *vis-à-vis* LGBTQIA+
- Live-in Relationships and Emerging Issues
- Restitution of Conjugal Rights as a Matrimonial Remedy: A Critical Appraisal
- Divorce under the Muslim Personal Law
- The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021: Its Critical Appraisal

Sub-Theme 4: Women and their Reproductive Choice

- Surrogacy
- Assisted Reproductive Technologies
- Medical Termination of Pregnancy

Sub-Theme 5: Media Law

- Social Media and the Regulatory Framework
- Media Trials
- Fake News
- Paid News
- Cross-Media Ownership
- Assessing Media's Role during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Motion Pictures and the Statutory Scaffold

Sub-Theme 6: Other Developments and the Author's Outlook

- Regulation of Crypto Currencies in India
- New Labour Code
- Legal Personality of Animals/Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Artificial Intelligence and Law
- Emerging Trends in Intellectual Property Rights

The author may either choose from the herein-above mentioned alternatives or exercise his/her discretion whilst finalizing a topic. It must however, be in conformity with the theme of the conference.

Conference Format

The conference will take place over a span of two days. It will commence on **March 31st, 2023** with the inaugural ceremony, hosting keynote addresses by eminent speakers from India and other countries, to be followed by presentation of papers in the notified technical sessions. The second day, *i.e.*, **April 1st, 2023** shall continue with presentations before the respective panels. It will conclude with the valedictory ceremony.

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Abstract:** Each applicant must submit an abstract of **around 250-300 words** outlining the proposed paper and send it by e-mail to **iclt2023@gmail.com** no later than **February 28th, 2023**. The Abstract must be accompanied with a **covering letter** containing the given information: **Title of the Paper, Name of the Author/Co-Author, Designation, Institutional Affiliation and Contact Details**. There should be a **minimum of five keywords** appended to the Abstract.
2. **Date of Communication of Acceptance of Abstract:** After reviewing the abstracts received, the organizing committee will notify the applicant of its acceptance or otherwise, by **March 5th, 2023**. The decision of the said committee shall be final.
3. **Date of Submission of Paper:** Applicant(s) selected by the organizing committee to present paper in the conference must submit the complete paper by **March 25th, 2023**.
4. **Paper Format & Word Limit:** All papers must be typed in **MS Word** with **Times New Roman** font on an **A4 size paper** and **1" margin on all sides, font size 12** and **line spacing of 1.5**. The word limit may range between **4,000-6,000 words** including headings and properly formatted footnote citations (end notes are not permissible). **ILI Rules of Footnoting** (Indian contributors)/Any other suitable mode of Footnoting used as a norm in the research community of a country (Foreign Nationals), may be followed. [They would be standardized at the time of selection for publication].
5. **Participation:** The Conference is open for participation alone, without paper presentation for anyone intending to hear the deliberations that transpire during the two days of the conference. In furtherance of the same, a minimal participation fee stipulated herein-below is required to be paid. The participant shall be **entitled to a certificate in the capacity of an attendee**.
6. **E-Mail:** All Papers/abstracts/expression of interest for mere participation must be submitted by e-mail to: **iclt2023@gmail.com**
7. **Number of Co-Author(s):** Besides the author, **only one co-author is permissible**.

8. **Date of Registration:** Registration fee for presentation or participation, as the case may be, must be paid by **March 10th, 2023. The same is non-refundable.** Details pertaining to the mode of payment shall be communicated separately *vide* an email.
9. **Attendance:** Participants must attend the conference on both days to receive the certificate of presentation/participation.
10. **Publication Opportunities:** Selected papers will be published in an edited book (with ISBN). They may also be accommodated in SSOL's in-house Journal namely, Sharda Law Review (SLR), a bi-annual, blind peer-reviewed publication. The wisdom of the Editors making such selection shall be final and cannot be subjected to any subsequent dispute.
- All certificates shall be sent by post. E-certificates will be mailed to all international participants.*

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration Fee [For Presentation]:

No. of Author(s)	Indian National	Foreign National
Single Author	Rs. 1,000/-	USD 10
Co-Author ^{***}	Rs. 1,500/-	USD 15

Registration Fee [For Participation]:

Participant	Fee
Indian National	Rs. 100/-
Foreign National	Free of Cost

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline	February 28, 2023
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^{***} Cumulative amount to be paid by the author and co-author.

Applicants notified of outcome	March 5, 2023
Registration fee deadline	March 10, 2023
Paper submission deadline	March 25, 2023
Expression of Interest for Participation (without presentation)	March 28, 2023

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