**International Conference on ‘Transformative Constitutionalism in India’**

***Centre for Constitutional Law Studies,***

**School of Law, Bennett University, Greater Noida**

**About Bennett University:**

Bennett University, a State Private University has been established by the ‘Times Group’, India’s largest media conglomerate through Act No. 24 of 2016 passed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The University at present offers unique interdisciplinary and contemporary courses through its Schools of Computer Science Engineering and Technology, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Management, Law, and Media & Liberal Arts. In addition, the University has also established the Centres for Innovation & Entrepreneurship and External Relation & Executive Education.

**About School of Law:**

Bennett University established the School of Law (SOL) with a vision to strive for excellence in teaching, learning research, and advocacy towards Justice for all by shaping thought leaders in public policy of National and International dimensions.

The school at present is offering B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. programs and imbibes the best practices in terms of curriculum, pedagogy, innovation in teaching methods. Invested and promoted by the largest media enterprise, the School of Law is committed to educating the pioneers of the future through leaders in the field of law, the ones who can think out loud and clear on matters of justice and progress.

**About Centre for Constitutional Law Studies:**

The ‘Centre for Constitutional Law Studies’ aims to lead research in persistent and contemporary issues in Constitutional Law and Public Law (including Administrative Law) and political theory. It will seek to develop expertise in different methodologies and multi-disciplinary interests spreading across environmental studies, women & child rights, human rights, comparative public law, empirical socio-legal studies, and law and economics. Diverse concerns including issues of justice, violence, accountability, coercion and policy implementation can promote research at the Centre through various research projects, seminars, and critical approach towards sociolegal approach.

**About the Conference:**

Constitution is the *grundnorm* from which all other laws derive their validity. As the nature of law is dynamic, progressive, and ever-changing according to the needs of the society at large therefore the concept of Transformative Constitution finds it relevance at the global level. It is interesting to note the multi-dimensional facets of Constitutional Law ranging from its inception to evolution. In the contemporary times, the discussion revolving around Transformative Constitutionalism has become even more significant as it involves multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary, intra-disciplinary and comparative approaches to study Constitution, Constitutionalism and Constitutional Laws.

**Conference Objectives:**

* To deliberate upon the philosophies, principles and goals of Transformative Constitutionalism.
* To analyse the theories of Rights and Justice under Transformative Constitutionalism.
* To discuss the landmark judicial pronouncements under Transformative Constitutionalism.
* To provide an academically engaging platform to the academicians, research scholars, students, Industry experts and members of the legal fraternity wherein healthy and intellectively stimulating ideas are effectively exchanged.

**Call for Papers:**

The Centre for Constitutional Law Studies in **International Conference on ‘Transformative Constitutionalism in India’** invites well-researched original papers amongst professionals, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, administrators, students, social activists, and the representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations for presentation on the following themes and sub-themes:

**Date and Time of Technical Sessions**

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| Date  | Day | Time | Technical Sessions |
| 18 November 2023 | Saturday | 2 pm- 4 pm | Technical Session-1 |
| 19 November 2023 | Sunday | 10 am- 12 pm  | Technical Session-2 |
| 19 November 2023 | Sunday | 2 pm- 4 pm | Technical Session-3 |

**THEME I**

**Transformative Constitutionalism: Philosophies, Principles and Goals**

1. Jurisprudential dimensions of Transformative Constitutionalism
2. Traditional Facets of Transformative Constitutionalism
3. Preambular Declarations and Transformative Constitutionalism
4. Transformative Constitutionalism and Evolving Rule of Law
5. Transformative Constitutionalism as a tool for ameliorating Human Rights, Legal Rights, Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Rights

**THEME II**

**Transformative Constitutionalism and Law Making**

1. Transformation from Colonial Rule to Self- Governance
2. Interplay of Law, Society and State in Transformative Constitutionalism
3. Changing Contours of Administrative Discretion
4. Transformative Constitutionalism and Basic Structure Doctrine
5. Socio-legal Changes and Transformative Constitutionalism

**THEME III**

**Reflections of International Law on Transformative Constitutionalism**

1. Rights of the Child
2. Rights of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes
3. Rights of the Senior Citizens
4. Rights of Differently-abled
5. Rights of Minorities

**THEME IV**

**Transformative Constitutionalism: Recent Judicial Trends**

1. Role of Indian Judiciary in shaping Transformative Constitutionalism
2. Judicial Activism
3. Role of PILs
4. Gender Justice
5. Compensatory Jurisprudence

**Eligibility:**

Participation is open for students, research scholars, academicians and industry experts from law and other social sciences stream.

**Note:** For UG/PG/ Ph.D. students, there is no bar on the number of participants from the same College/University/Institution.

**Guidelines for Submissions:**

The abstract should be of 500 words and must indicate the theme of the proposed research with relevant keywords. It must be accompanied by a cover page which should include:

* Sub-theme of the paper
* Title of the Paper
* Name of the author(s)
* E-mail address
* Postal address and Contact Number
* Co-authorship is allowed. (Maximum two authors.)

**Note:**

* All Abstract submissions are required to be mailed to sol.constitutionallaw@bennett.edu.in before the last date of Abstract Submission.
* Subject Line of the Mail should be [Abstract Submission for International Conference on ‘Transformative Constitutionalism in India’].
* Document Name must be in the following format: [Author Name\_Title of the Paper].

**Important Instructions for full length paper submission:**

* Word Limit – 4000 to 8000 [Excluding footnotes and Abstract]
* Citation Format – JILI Citation.
* Font – Times New Roman (12), Line-Spacing: 1.5.

**Note: The Conference Proceedings shall be published by the organisers in the form of ISBN Book in July 2024.**

**Important Dates and Timelines:**

* **Abstract Submission and Registration:** 10 November 2023**.**
* **Date of acceptance of Abstract:** 12 November 2023.
* **Date of the Conference:** 18 to 20 November 2023.
* **Final Paper Submission:** 31 December 2023.

**Mode:** **Hybrid** [Participants can opt either for online or offline mode and shall mention their preferred mode in the mail while submitting abstracts].

**For Queries:** sol.constitutionallaw@bennett.edu.in.

**Registration Fees:**

* Single Authorship- INR 1500 [Except Students and Research Scholars]
* Co-Authorship- INR 2000 each [Except Students and Research Scholars]
* Research Scholars- INR 700 (For Single/Co-Authored Paper)
* Students- INR 500 (For Single/Co-Authored Paper)

**Registration Link:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JJZcn2FXVRtUVyKcMhY8BEZXgM_Rp-GdZF4-v_Ej1Kw/edit>

**Payment Link:** <https://www.bennett.edu.in/bu-payments/>.

**Awards and Certificates:**

* The best paper in each theme shall be awarded with ‘Best Paper Presenter Certificate’. Selected papers will be published in an ISBN Book.
* All presenters will be awarded with a certificate of presentation.
* All attendees will be awarded with a certificate of participation.

**Note:** The organising committee reserves the right to terminate the participation of any participant in case if the latter is found to be indulging in any sort of nuisance.

**CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE:**

**Conference Chair: Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kulshreshtha, Dean, School of Law, Bennett University**

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