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The IJIPL has had distinguished contributors to its previous editions such as late Prof Shamnad Basheer, Prof Srividhya Ragavan, Dr Mrinalini Kochupillai, Prof Michele Boldrin, Prof David Levine and many other renowned experts of the field.

Authors are encouraged to explore contemporary theoretical and legal controversies relating to intellectual property law and policy. However, fresh and interesting perspectives on IP policy as well as interdisciplinary perspectives on the subject are welcome. For reference, the 13th Volume of the journal can be accessed [here](#).

The Journal is presently soliciting submissions for its **14th Volume**, to be released tentatively in **August, 2024**. Undergraduate students, post-graduate students, practitioners, faculty and other academicians are invited to contribute to the Journal in the form of essays, articles, notes and comments. The last date for submission of papers is **29th February, 2024**.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Text and citations must conform to the rules in OSCOLA (4th edition). The Journal employs footnotes as the method of citation. Speaking footnotes, though not prohibited, are discouraged
2. The text of the submission must be in Times New Roman or Garamond, size 12 and 1.5 spacing. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, size 10 and Single spacing.
3. Co-authorship of up to maximum 4 authors per piece is permissible for manuscripts submitted to the journal. The Editorial Board may allow for a higher number of co-authors for a single submission on a case-to-case basis.
4. All submissions must be accompanied by:
 - a. A separate document containing the biographical information of the authors, including the following details: Name, E-mail address, Postal Address, Name and Address of Institution, Course (if applicable), Academic Year. No reference to the name or the affiliations of the author must be present in the text of the submission and must only be provided in this separate document.
 - b. An abstract of not more than 350 words describing the submission. Please note that there is no requirement of prior submission of the abstract, as papers are selected for publication only on the basis of the full manuscript. The abstract shall serve merely to help the Editorial Board in its review process.
5. The submissions must fall into one of the following categories:
 - a. Articles:
An article must comprehensively analyse the issue that the author seeks to highlight. It must contain a rigorous study of the status quo or a contemporary issue. An article should be between 5,000-8,000 words.
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An essay challenges the existing paradigms/norms and provides a fresh outlook to common problems. It is strongly recommended that essays be considerably more concise than articles, in terms of scope and conceptualization. An essay must thus ideally be between 3,000-5,000 words.



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6. Each submission must be the original work of its author(s). Any submissions found to be plagiarized from another source will be automatically rejected. To this end, a plagiarism check will be conducted as the first stage of evaluation.
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Kindly send submissions to: ijipl@nalsar.ac.in. The subject line must read "Submission for Vol. 14". Queries may be directed to the same mail address, with "Query | Vol. 14" in the subject line. Editorial and Peer Review Policy and other information about the Journal can be found on ijipl.nalsar.ac.in.



EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW POLICY

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We shall follow the Editorial Review Process outlined below:

1. At the preliminary stage, the Editorial Board shall scrutinize the submission for plagiarism and its suitability for the focus area as outlined in the Submission Guidelines. If the submission does not meet these requirements, the submission shall be rejected at this stage itself and the Author(s) shall be informed regarding the rejection at the earliest.
2. The Editorial Board shall review the submission for depth of content and structured argumentation. They may reject the submission at this stage. In certain cases, the Author(s) may receive suggestions from the editors and further progression along the editorial process may be made subject to incorporation of such suggestions within the given deadline.
3. Selected submissions shall be forwarded to a Peer Reviewer with expertise in the subject area. The peer review process is double-blind i.e., anonymous as to both the Peer Reviewer as well as the Author(s). The Peer Reviewer may recommend rejection or acceptance and provide feedback regarding the submission. If the submission is rejected, the same shall be communicated to the Author(s).
4. If the submission is recommended for acceptance, the comments and suggestions of the Editorial Board as well as the Peer Reviewer may be provided to the Author(s). Such comments may include both substantive and style changes. Publication of the submission in the Journal shall be contingent upon the incorporation of such suggestions within the given deadline.

In case of a submission which has been solicited by the Editorial Board, one or more of the above stages may be dispensed with, subject to unanimous approval of the Editorial Board.



PUBLICATION AND ETHICS POLICY

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IJIPL is committed to adopt the highest standards of ethics and take all possible measures against any publication malpractices. Publication and Ethics Policy of IJIPL is based on the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) guidelines on good publication practice. All the members of the Editorial Board ('Board'), Advisory Panel, Peer Reviewers ('Reviewers'), Authors and contributors are subjected to this policy.

1. Publication Decisions

The Editorial Board of IJIPL is responsible for deciding which of the articles submitted to the Journal should be published. The Journal abides by legal requirements as shall then be in force regarding libel, copyright infringement and plagiarism. The editors shall confer with the Board and the Reviewers in making this decision.

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The manuscripts would be evaluated by the Board and the Reviewers for intellectual content without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief, ethnic origin, citizenship, and/or political philosophy of the Author(s).

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Submissions will be subjected to a check for any plagiarism in the first stage of evaluation. Any cases of plagiarism or improper authorship on behalf of the Author(s) will not be tolerated and shall stand rejected in the first instance. Plagiarism can occur in respect to all types of sources and all media. Improper authorship refers to cases where the person who has contributed the article is unqualified as an author or where someone who has not contributed to the article but has been listed as an author merely to express gratitude or any other reason.



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Unethical behaviour may be identified and brought to the attention of the Board at any time and by anyone. Whoever informs the Board of such conduct should provide sufficient information and evidence in order for an investigation to be initiated. All allegations will be taken seriously. The Board will contact the Author(s) of the manuscript and giving due consideration of the respective complaint or claims made, may also, reject the article or if published, issue a formal notice for formal retraction or withdrawal of a publication from the journal.

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