

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

announces the

SECOND NLUJ ANNUAL DOCTORAL LAW COLLOQUIUM 2024

on

Contemporary Themes in Law

New Delhi, 1st – 3rd March, 2024

National Law University Delhi is proud to launch the second edition of its flagship Doctoral Colloquium on Contemporary Themes in Law. This year in addition to the general track, the colloquium invites submissions for a specialised track on Corporate, Competition and Commercial Laws.

The Doctoral Colloquium is open for participation to all enrolled PhD students within India. Limited support for travel and participation is envisaged this year.

About the NLUJ Annual Doctoral Law Colloquium

The aim of the colloquium is to bring together PhD students undertaking research within the broad discipline of law and its adjacent fields, and provide them with a supportive and collaborative environment for exchange of ideas and to build networks with peers and experts in the field. To this end, scholars registered in non-law disciplines but working on primarily legal issues from an interdisciplinary perspective are also invited to participate.

In order to provide participants with a rich learning experience, the Colloquium will also host **two panel discussions on academic research and publication**. The first panel will see rich and generative discussion between seasoned scholars and prolific writers, on fundamental aspects of writing and publishing as academicians. The second panel will shift the focus to the specificities of the academic publication industry, where an editor and copy editor of a renowned publishing house will engage in a dialogue on the skills of academic publishing and its different facets.

The Colloquium is structured in a manner that allows participants to receive feedback from experts, as well as their peers. Every selected paper will be submitted to an assigned panel, where a discussant with expertise in the subject area will provide detailed feedback on the manuscript. Additionally, each participant in the panel will be assigned a manuscript of another scholar from the same panel, and will be required to present their work. Following the presentation, the floor

will be open for discussion and response, allowing the participants to constructively engage with the works of their peers.

It is hoped that the colloquium will create opportunities and a platform for young scholars to engage in dialogue and sharpen their research ideas, build research collaborations and professional networks.

Format of the Colloquium

The Colloquium envisages creation of an intellectual forum where engagement on both wide-ranging as well as specific issues, can take place. In order to ensure this, submissions are invited for the general track. The potential themes for the general track are broad, including but not limited to the following areas:

General Track

- Constitutional Law
- Criminal law
- Labour Law
- Family Law
- Law and Technology
- Intellectual Property Law
- Trade Law
- Public and Private International Law
- Climate Change and Energy Law
- Environment Law and Sustainable Development
- Access to Justice

Given the changing global economic scenario, the environmental challenges due to climate change, and the changing nature of questions on access to justice, the general track seeks to reflect research being conducted on these issues across the country in this edition. Within the general track limited financial support for themes of climate justice and access to justice is available.

Additionally, this edition will host a specialised track with focus on corporate law, commercial law and competition law. Building on NLUD's strength in offering a robust programme in these fields, this specialised track will bring together established and emerging scholars researching on evolving facets of mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, bankruptcy code, developments in competition law, among others. Limited financial support for themes in this track is available.

The illustrative themes for the specialised track are as follows:

- Law and Markets
- Competition Law

- Company Law
- Banking Law
- Commercial Laws

Students are also invited to send in their abstracts that do not necessarily fit neatly into the above listed categories. The organisers will strive to build sessions that can capture a wide range of research interests.

Abstract Submission and Application Procedure

Please fill the [google form](#) by uploading the following by 10th December (23:59 hours) –

- Abstract of the research paper to be presented at the colloquium (no more than 500 words).
- Brief resume focusing on key research achievements to date (conference presentations, publications etc.).
- The 100-word bio capturing in brief the current and previous academic and professional history and contact details.

Only successful participants will be notified of the acceptance of their abstracts by 24th December 2023. All participants will be required to submit their complete paper (6000 to 8000 words) by 30th January, 2023. Participation in the colloquium will not be possible without the submission of the paper by 30th January 2023.

Venue and Costs

The colloquium will take place at National Law University Delhi between 1st and 3rd March 2024. The registration fee for the colloquium is INR 500. Lunch and refreshments for the three days will be provided to all participants at NLUD.

Travel and Accommodation Support

Limited support for travel and accommodation will be provided to select applicants on a need basis on the following themes -

- Corporate law, competition law and company law
- Climate change
- Access to justice

Travel - Reimbursement will be provided for 3-tier AC train tickets to Delhi.

Accommodation – Accommodation at a subsidised rate of Rs. 1500/ per night will be provided to students. If available, accommodation at the NLUD guesthouse in double-sharing rooms can be arranged. Payment for the same must be made before availing the service upon arrival at the NLUD campus.

Important Dates

Submission of abstracts	10th December, 2023
Acceptance of abstracts	24th December, 2023
Submission of full papers	30th January, 2024
Last date for registration	10th February, 2024
Workshop date	1st – 3rd March, 2024

Organising Committee

1. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice Chancellor, National Law University Delhi.
2. Prof. (Dr.) Ruhi Paul, Registrar, National Law University Delhi
3. Prof. (Dr.) Roopa Madhav, Professor of Law (Research), National Law University Delhi.
4. Prof. (Dr.) Ritu Gupta, Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi.
5. Prof. (Dr.) Anup Surendranath, Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi.
6. Dr. Niraj Kumar, Associate Professor of Law, National Law University Delhi
7. Ms. Shraddha Dubey, Academic Fellow, National Law University Delhi

Queries and Clarifications

Any queries pertaining to the colloquium can be addressed to Ms. Shraddha Dubey at nludphdcolloquium@nludelhi.ac.in.

About National Law University Delhi

National Law University Delhi (NLUD) is situated in Dwarka, New Delhi. It is ranked second in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) and also accredited in A grade by NAAC. It offers courses in law at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Set up by the National Law

University Act, 2007, the law school is modelled on the five-year law degree model proposed and implemented by the Bar Council of India.

The primary objective of the University is to evolve and impart comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education that is socially relevant. Through this education, we aim to promote legal and ethical values and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India. Furthermore, the University works toward dissemination of legal knowledge and its role in national development, so that the ability to analyse and present contemporary issues of public concern and their legal implications for the benefit of the public is improved. These processes strive to promote legal awareness in the community and to achieve political, social and economic justice.