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## INTERNATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR IN COMMEMORATION OF PROF. (DR.) K.C. SUNNY, ON “LAW AND JUSTICE IN A POLARISED WORLD: CHANGING FACETS”

### THEMATIC BREAKUP

- Democracy and constitutional governance: Institutional degradations, Parliamentary authoritarianism
- Justice, Liberty, and Majoritarianism: Global and National Concerns
- Social Political and Economic Crises Across the Globe, Impacts on Cultural Diversities
- Self Determination vs. State Sovereignty; State vs. Individual: Growing Concerns
- Concept of State, Role of civil society in the polarized world
- State and Citizenship: Rights of IDPs, Refugees and Stateless people
- New dimensions of human rights in the polarized world
- Non- state actors: NGOs, TNCs & MNCs; Threat of terrorism, organized crime, insurgencies and Human Rights
- Right to good governance: Constitutionalizing socio economic rights
- Protection of rights of women, children, differently abled and other vulnerable sections.
- Importance of Science and Technology to the development of Societies.
- Literature, Culture and Diaspora on the Process of Development.
- New mode of governance to sustainable development
- Collective Rights, New Generation Rights and Right to development
- Secularism, Philosophical and Sociological Dimensions, Recent Trends
- Federalism, Cultural, Political and Linguistic Differences, Principles of Unity and Integrity
- Religion, Cultural Co existence and Secular spirit.

### IMPORTANT DATES

5th Feb, 2024	10th Feb, 2024	20th Feb, 2024	28th Feb, 2024	6th March, 2024	10th March, 2024	15th March, 2024	20th March, 2024
Abstract submission deadline	Communication of acceptance	Submission of Full paper	Communication of revision	Submission of Revised paper	Communication of approval	Last date of Registration	Date of Seminar



**Date:**  
20th March, 2024



**Venue:**  
Hotel KGA Elite  
Continental,  
Thiruvalla,  
Pathanamthitta  
District, Kerala

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## PROF. (DR.) K.C. SUNNY



**Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Sunny, the pioneer of legal education in the country, had been the former Vice Chancellor of the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) - Kochi and is currently the Professor of Law at Central University of Kerala. During his illustrious academic career, spanning over almost four decades he has held prestigious positions like that of the international observer for the Nepal Constituency Assembly Election and the Bangladesh National Parliament Election, Visiting Professor to many foreign universities like the Missouri Western State University, Thomas University Miami, Harvard Law School, Kennesaw State University, Georgia University, St Thomas University Florida- USA, International Islamic University- Kulalampur- Malaysia, National University Singapore and a number of Indian Universities. He has served as Dean, faculty of Law of Kerala University, CUSAT and Central University of Kerala and was the member of Academic Councils of Kerala University, the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS) and Central University of Kerala. He has started his teaching career in the year 1986 at the Kerala Law Academy Law College, Thiruvananthapuram before joining the Department of Law, University of Kerala as a Lecturer and served as Dean, Professor and Head of the Department of Law for almost three decades and later joined the School of Legal Studies of the Central University of Kerala in the year 2017. He was the Chairman of the Committee constituted by the Government of Kerala for Industrial Law Reforms in the State of Kerala and is currently serving the Higher Education Council of Kerala as an Advisory Member and the University Grants Commission- National Assessment Accreditation Council (UGC-NAAC) as a Peer-Team Member. Prof. Sunny is gracefully retiring from the official teaching services in the month of March 2024, which is an occasion marked by accolades and commemoration by his current and former students and well-wishers by organizing an International Interdisciplinary Seminar on “LAW AND JUSTICE IN A POLARISED WORLD: CHANGING FACETS” on 20th March, 2024 with the memorable decoration of the release of a Festschrift volume contributed by scholars across the globe on a variety of topics on law and society.**

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Dr. Samantha Spence SFHEA, Course Director for Postgraduate Studies (Law), Law Department, School of Justice, Security and Sustainability, Staffordshire University, United Kingdom.**



**Dr. Rekha Oleschak Pillai, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Federalism, Université de Fribourg - Universität Freiburg, Université de Fribourg - Universität Freiburg University of St.Gallen, Basel, Basel, Switzerland.**

## CONCEPT NOTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR

Evolution and growth of 'State' as an institution was influenced by several factors like religion, political consciousness of the inhabitants, philosophical ideals, natural instinct etc. The government as a controlling unit of State took various shapes and shades with time and space. The formation of United Nations Organization in the aftermath of two world wars has paved the way for internationalization of the otherwise not codified set human rights principles. The UDHR and subsequent human rights Conventions, Treaties, Declarations and Resolutions provided an international system for the supervision and enforcement of human rights encompassing norms as to the responsibility of States to ensure the protection of human rights and how the States should conduct their relations with one another.

Neoliberalism has emerged as a self-regulating market oriented system in which less intervention of government is preferred and a capital intensive process is promoted. In this regime, persons who are capable of investments pull strings. The most notable instance during this period is the emergence of transnational human rights network, particularly in developing countries and those in the process of democratization. Similarly, globalization resulting in economic liberalization and changing concepts of State sovereignty, evolution of concept of third generation human rights and the need to strike balance between collective rights and individual rights have imposed new challenges to the protection and promotion of human rights across the globe.

The civil Society and social movements have raised their voice against the human rights violations caused by the neo liberal policies. This vexation among the people around the world caused them to look around for an alternative. Far Right movement has taken advantage of this situation and started to challenge neo liberal norms by pinpointing the deficiencies of liberal democracies. The illiberal democracy, they advocated, has an authoritarian character which ultimately leads to authoritarian neoliberalism.

Institutions and individuals – both at State or civil society front- cannot withdraw from the growing responsibility of raising and hearing the voices of violations and deprivations in the neo liberal world. Legal system and the well cherished principles of justice had to address systemic injustice perpetuated by neo liberal states as well as non-state actors. Justice had largely been treated as a least considered virtue in the highly polarized and politically motivated world. We at the Department of Law, School of Legal Studies of the Central University of Kerala are making a humble attempt to share the societal concerns over systemic injustice by organizing the International Interdisciplinary Seminar on "LAW AND JUSTICE IN A POLARISED WORLD: CHANGING FACETS" on 20th March, 2024 by bringing together intellectuals, civil society organizations, students and scholars sharing this concern for having some crystallized reflections about the ever-growing necessity of a right based society.

The organizers of the Seminar with a keen interest on Interdisciplinary academic discourse, call upon the legal professionals as well as academicians from almost every discipline, administrators, University students, young and upcoming research scholars, social activists and the representatives of governmental and nongovernmental organizations to present their research papers relevant to the above-mentioned themes.

## ABSTRACT & PAPER SUBMISSION

Papers shall be submitted by minimum two co- authors each belonging to -preferably but not compulsory- different disciplines of study to ensure interdisciplinary approach to the topic. An abstract not exceeding 350 words shall be submitted in .doc or .docx format for consideration on or before 05th February, 2024 to [alumniawcuk@gmail.com](mailto:alumniawcuk@gmail.com). Co-authorship up to 2 persons is permitted.

The abstract shall contain:

- Title of paper
- Brief idea of the paper
- Analysis indicating author's perspective.
- Key words of the paper

The abstract shall indicate the name, designation, Institution details, e-mail address and Telephone numbers of all contributors. Each of the co-authors will have to register separately in the event of participation in the conference.

Selected abstracts will be intimated after blind peer review. Thereafter, the full papers shall be submitted on or before February, 20, 2024 to [alumniawcuk@gmail.com](mailto:alumniawcuk@gmail.com).

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING FULL PAPER

- Length of the paper shall be less than 3500 words (including foot notes)
- Format: MS Word, Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 Point, Line Spacing: 1.5
- For title of the Paper 14 point capitals may be used
- Name and Designation of the authors shall be mentioned below the title of the paper
- ILI Format shall be used for citation
- Full papers shall undergo Blind peer review and Plagiarism check. Revision (if any) suggested by the reviewer of the paper shall be included. Revisions suggested are on the basis of blind peer review. Abstracts and full papers mailed to [alumniawcuk@gmail.com](mailto:alumniawcuk@gmail.com) will only be considered.
- Status of the acceptance of full papers shall be communicated after blind peer review and plagiarism check. Plagiarized papers shall be rejected.

## REGISTRATION

### Registration fee:

For graduate and post graduate students: INR: 500/-

For M Phil and PhD research scholars: Rs.750/-

For Academicians, Teachers, and other professionals: Rs.1000/-

Authors of the selected abstracts will be informed by 10th February, 2024 and they shall then submit the full paper via email to [alumniawcuk@gmail.com](mailto:alumniawcuk@gmail.com) on or before 20h February, 2024 and the authors of the papers selected after blind peer review will be informed by 28th February, 2024. The authors of the selected papers then shall submit the full paper after the revisions suggested, if any on or before 06th March, 2024 and are required to register for the seminar on or before 15th March, 2024 on proper information about the final approval of the paper. The registration fee also includes fee for seminar material, lunch and refreshments. The organizers will not provide accommodation to the participants.

## **MODE OF PAYMENT**

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## **EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Awards of Excellence will be given for the best papers from Graduates, Post Graduates and Research Scholars categories.

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