

## Call for Abstracts

### THE 1ST ANNUAL INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON GENDER VIOLENCE, ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE LAW IN INDIA 2024

7-8 December 2024

#### **Organisers:**

- Centre for Women's Rights, [Jindal Global Law School](#), O.P. Jindal Global University
- [The Prajnya Trust](#) – a non-profit organisation working on Peace, Justice and Human Security.

The Centre for Women's Rights at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University and The Prajnya Trust welcome abstract submissions for the **1st Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender Violence, Access to Justice and the Law in India 2024**. The theme for this inaugural conference is "**Judgment Analysis and Judicial Trends.**" The conference will be held **online** on **7-8 December 2024**. A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published in a peer-reviewed academic journal or an edited book.

Our objective is to critically analyse the multifaceted relationship between the law and gender violence in India using an interdisciplinary lens, in order to (re)imagine the law as a tool for advancing gender justice. In this inaugural edition of the conference, we will focus on the analysis of relevant judgments, recent trends and patterns in judicial approaches and outcomes, and the role of the judiciary in enabling access to justice. Analysis of judicial trends / judgments may focus on a single significant judgment with positive / negative ramifications or a range of judgments, using a qualitative or statistical approach.

We invite contributions on the broad theme of gender violence, access to justice and the law in India that address one or more of the topics listed below. Note that contributions exploring other topics that relate to the conference theme will also be considered.

#### *Conceptualisation of justice in the law*

- Concept of access to justice in the context of gender violence.
- How justice is framed in the law.
- Significant case law on gender violence and how they have shaped legal discourse.
- Notable recent judgments and their role in shaping gender violence discourse.

#### *Marginalised groups and legal avenues for accessing justice*

- Intersectional and systemic barriers to accessing justice.
- The impact of the law on gender minorities.
- Judgment analysis on violence against Dalit women / adivasi women / women with disabilities / senior women.
- Gender justice through the courts in contexts of mass crimes.
- Gender violence in institutional, custodial and militarised contexts: judicial trends.

### *Social and political dimensions of formal access to justice*

- Notable patterns in judicial approaches and outcomes from a social, economic, and/or political perspective.
- Service providers' understandings and experiences of law and formal justice.
- The interplay between formal and informal justice systems.
- Victim-survivor experiences with access to justice within courtrooms and other formal legal venues.

### **Eligibility**

- Abstracts are invited from academics and researchers working in the fields of law, sociology, anthropology, psychology, human geography, economics, political science and related disciplines, as well as legal and civil society practitioners.
- We especially welcome submissions from post-graduate students and other early-career scholars, as well as individuals from marginalised backgrounds.

*Please note that abstracts indicating a black letter law approach are not likely to be accepted.*

### **Conference Proposals**

Please submit abstracts here <https://cutt.ly/gvc24>. Abstracts should be **150-200 words maximum**. Abstracts must include the central research question(s) and an overview of the paper's key argument(s) and methodology.

### **Conference Timeline**

6 May 2024	Call for abstracts
17 June 2024	Last date for receiving abstracts
End July 2024	Communication of decisions on abstracts
18 November 2024	Submission of full draft papers (5000-7000 words)
7-8 December 2024	Conference

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