



**TWO DAY
NATIONAL**



CONFERENCE 2024

[HYBRID MODE]

TRANSCENDING THE BINARY

*Exploring Transgender
Rights*



DATE: 1 & 2 SEPTEMBER, 2024

VENUE: DNLU SEMINAR HALL



ABOUT DNLU



Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur (DNLU) was established by the Madhya Pradesh National Law University Act 24 of 2018. The University was unveiled by the noted legal luminaries, leaders, and educationists in 2018 with a vision to be the centre of excellence in legal education and research by disseminating quality education and training; nurturing vibrant legal culture through judicious practices and ethically responsible pursuits. Vibrant legal culture is the sine qua non for a developing country like ours. Our vision is to impart and disseminate the knowledge of the law and to promote the culture of research for the development and advancement of legal education. We also aim to impart specialized and systematic instructions and training to the law students, research scholars and officers performing administrative, quasi-administrative functions. The University not only aims to be a knowledge-driven institution but also a creative and wisdom driven institution.

Understanding Dharmashastra: The ancient legal system was based on the concept of the supremacy of dharma, which is difficult to define precisely but includes moral values, righteous conduct, duty, and law. Dharma is considered the foundation of all affairs in the world, ensuring stability, social order, and general well-being. In a modern context, the Constitution of India is seen as the Dharmashastra for every Indian, establishing the supremacy of law and the rule of law.

Vision: The vision of the university is to impart and disseminate knowledge of the law, promote a culture of research, and advance legal education. It aims to provide specialized and systematic instructions and training to law students, research scholars, and officers performing administrative functions, aiming to be both knowledge-driven and wisdom-driven.

Motto: The motto of the university, derived from the Taittiriya Upanishad, emphasizes speaking the truth and practicing conduct in accordance with dharma. It highlights the significance of truth and integrity in the field of law and aims to instill these values in its students.

About the Logo: The university's logo symbolizes the fair application of law and dispensation of justice (the scale of Justice), the gateway to knowledge and wisdom (the Torana of Sanchi Stupa), and the Constitution of India as the Dharmashastra for every Indian.



ABOUT CCL



The Centre for Constitutional Law was established in 2020. Ever since its inception, the center has been dedicated to generating debate and discourse on various nuances of constitutional law. It is a student-run organization seeking to spark interest within the legal fraternity regarding the crucial role of constitutional law. The Center aims to cultivate a spirit of rights awareness and instill in individuals the significant lessons of constitutional law, enabling an understanding of legal intricacies. In its short existence, the Center has successfully stirred discussions on the rights of vulnerable sections of society and conducted lectures on pertinent and contemporary topics. It has also been an active member of the ecosystem of Dharmashastra National Law University.

The objective behind establishing this center is to generate debate and discourse on various nuances of constitutional law, to discuss aspects of the subject which cannot or are not covered in the classroom due to several constraints, to undertake activities that will augment and further the understanding in the field for students in Constitutional Law, and to work towards creating an interest in Constitutional Law among the students of the University.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE



In recent years, there has been an increasing recognition of the complexities and challenges faced by transgender individuals in society. Despite progressive legal reforms and societal awareness efforts, transgender rights remain a pressing issue in many parts of the world. The Center for Constitutional Law at DNLU is organizing a national conference titled **"Transcending the Binary: Exploring Transgender Rights"** to delve deeper into these issues, analyse existing legal frameworks, and propose solutions for a more inclusive society. The conference aims to delve into the legal, social, and cultural dimensions surrounding transgender rights in contemporary India. It seeks to provide a platform for critical discourse, analysis, and advocacy on issues pertinent to transgender individuals, their rights, and their lived experiences.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this conference is to foster a deeper understanding of transgender rights among legal practitioners, scholars, activists, policymakers, and the broader community. By bringing together esteemed speakers, scholars, and activists, we aim to facilitate meaningful conversations, share insights, and generate actionable recommendations to advance transgender rights and promote inclusivity in society.

FORMAT

The conference will comprise keynote addresses, panel discussions, and paper presentations. Each session will focus on specific aspects of transgender rights, including legal frameworks, social challenges, healthcare access, identity recognition, and intersectional discrimination. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with speakers, share perspectives, and contribute to constructive dialogue. It will be conducted in hybrid mode (Offline in Jabalpur as well as Online).

PAPER PRESENTATION

In addition to the keynote sessions and panel discussions, the conference will include paper presentations by scholars, researchers, and students. Participants are invited to submit original research papers addressing various dimensions of transgender rights. The participants with selected abstracts will present a "functional paper" at the conference in the unique format where they will be provided with tangible feedbacks from the adjudicatory panel for any improvisation, if need be. Subsequently, the top 10 submissions will be published in an edited book with an ISBN number.



THEMES & SUB-THEMES



1. Inheritance Rights of the Transgender

- *Family Dynamics and Acceptance*- Investigate how family dynamics and acceptance (or lack thereof) impact transgender individuals' ability to inherit assets or property from family members.
- *Estate Planning and Financial Literacy*- Discuss the importance of estate planning and financial literacy within the transgender community to ensure inheritance rights are protected and assets are passed on according to individuals' wishes.

2. Intersectionality of Transgender Rights

- *Race and Ethnicity*: Investigate how race and ethnicity intersect with transgender identity, impacting access to resources, experiences of discrimination, and legal protections.
- *Socioeconomic Status*: Explore how socioeconomic status influences transgender individuals' ability to access healthcare, legal resources, and support networks, and how economic disparities intersect with other forms of marginalization.
- *Legal Protections and Discrimination*: Discuss how legal protections for transgender individuals vary based on intersecting identities, and explore instances of discrimination within legal systems and institutions.
- *Education and Employment*: Explore how intersecting identities impact transgender individuals' experiences in education and employment settings, including discrimination, harassment, and access to opportunities.

3. Legal Equality and Recognition and Economic Empowerment

- *Workplace Diversity and Inclusion*: Investigate initiatives within the corporate sector aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion for transgender employees, including policies related to hiring, promotion, and workplace culture. Discuss the economic benefits of creating inclusive work environments and strategies for overcoming barriers to transgender economic empowerment in the workplace.



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- *Policy Advocacy and Reform:* Explore efforts to advocate for legal reforms aimed at promoting equality and recognition for transgender individuals, as well as policies aimed at fostering economic empowerment, such as anti-discrimination laws, gender recognition laws, and economic inclusion initiatives.

4. Trans Joy and Resilience

- *Celebrating Identity:* Highlight the experiences of joy and celebration within transgender communities, including moments of self-discovery, coming out, and affirming one's identity. Explore how expressions of joy contribute to resilience in the face of adversity.
- *Self-Care and Healing Practices:* Discuss strategies for self-care, resilience-building, and healing within transgender communities, including practices such as mindfulness, meditation, art therapy, and community rituals. Highlight the importance of prioritizing mental and emotional well-being.
- *Resistance and Activism:* Examine acts of resistance, protest, and advocacy within transgender communities as sources of empowerment and resilience. Discuss the role of activism in creating change, fostering solidarity, and reclaiming joy in the face of systemic discrimination and violence.

4. Political Rights

- *Investigating Representation:* Authors are invited to explore the representation of transgender individuals in various political and civic bodies, such as Local Self-Governments, Self Help Groups, and Legislative Assemblies. This investigation aims to examine the relationship between the increasing political representation of transgender people and its subsequent impact on both the transgender community and society at large.
- *Impact on Society:* The analysis should address how greater political representation of transgender individuals affects key variables such as corruption, expediency, red-tapism, citizen-friendly resolutions, and press freedom. It is essential to consider whether increased political representation of transgender individuals can affect the rate of corruption and whether a greater presence of transgender people in politics can enhance press freedom. Additionally, the broader societal impacts of including more transgender voices in decision-making processes should be examined.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



- **LANGUAGE:** All submissions must be made in the **English language** only.
- **ABSTRACT:** The abstract should be between **300 and 500** words in length, outlining specific research issues and the planned presentation structure. It must clearly identify a research problem to be explored in the full paper and specify the relevant theme of the conference. Additionally, authors should provide **3-5 keywords**.
- **FULL PAPER:** The final submitted paper should be between **4000 and 6000** words in length and must be submitted in **MS Word Document format (.doc/.docx)** only. Formatting specifications for both abstracts and full papers include:
 - Font:** Times New Roman
 - Font Size:** 12
 - Line Spacing:** 1.5
 - Text Alignment:** Justified
 - Paper Size:** A4
 - Margins:** 1 inch on all sides
- **AUTHOR INFORMATION:** Authors must include their name, designation, name of the organization/university/institution, email address, and contact number on the cover page of both the abstract and full paper.
- **THEMES AND RELEVANCE:** The sub-themes provided are suggestive and not exhaustive. Research papers that are relevant to the conference's focus area but do not fall under the specified sub-themes may also be submitted.
- **CO-AUTHORSHIP:** Co-authorship is permitted with a maximum of **one co-author**.
- **FOOTNOTES:** Please use footnotes instead of endnotes, adhering to the **Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA, 4th edition)** for formatting. Footnotes should be single-spaced, in **Times New Roman, font size 10**, with a **12-point space between separate footnotes**.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **ORIGINALITY AND PLAGIARISM:** All submissions must be the original work of the contributors and should not have been previously submitted for consideration in any other publication. **Plagiarism** should not exceed **10%**; any plagiarized work will be rejected outright.
- **SUBMISSION PROCESS:** All submissions must be made through the provided Google form. Google link- <https://forms.gle/taMvJFXekQmngB6s7>
- **REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION:** Authors will be notified of the acceptance or rejection of their abstracts after the review process. Participants whose abstracts are accepted must present a "functional paper" at the conference.
- **PUBLICATION:** Papers presented at the conference will undergo blind peer review for potential publication in an edited book with an ISBN number. Selection for paper presentation does not guarantee publication in the book.
- **DEADLINES:** The deadline for **abstract submission** is **July 20, 2024**. The deadline for full paper submission is **August 20, 2024**.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

- **REGISTRATION FEE:**

For working professionals: **Rs. 2000**

For undergraduate and post-graduate students: **Rs. 1000**

For DNLU students: **Rs. 500**

- **NOTE:** The fee is payable only after the abstract selection. Participants with selected abstracts will be notified via email.

- **REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:**

Please complete registration and submit your abstract using the Google form provided.

Google form link:- <https://forms.gle/taMvJFXekQmngB6s7>



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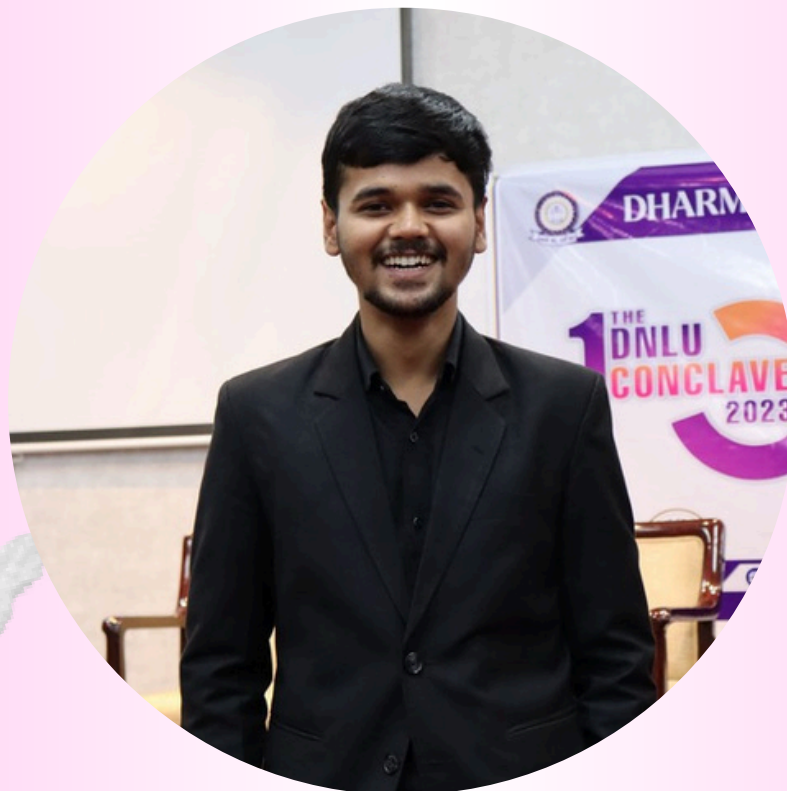
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