

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RIVERS

18th to 19th October 2024

CALL FOR PAPERS

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AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Rivers are lifelines of ecosystems, economies, and cultures across the globe. Their management and governance are influenced by a complex interplay of political, social, economic, and legal factors. This international conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration on the issues surrounding rivers, focusing on the socio-legal aspects that are crucial for their sustainable use and management. By bringing together scholars, experts, practitioners, and indigenous voices, we seek to explore the multifaceted dimensions of river governance from local to global scales.

OBJECTIVES

- To examine historical and contemporary legal frameworks governing rivers and their effectiveness.
- To analyze the impact of social, economic, and political systems on river management.
- To foster dialogue among stakeholders from various disciplines and regions to share knowledge and best practices.
- To identify and address the challenges in achieving sustainable river governance in the context of global environmental changes.
- To highlight the importance of incorporating indigenous and local community perspectives in river management policies.



ABOUT VMLS

Vinayaka Mission's Law School (VMLS) has been established by VMRF-DU to impart legal education and skills relevant to the evolving needs of the local, national and global community. VMLS intends to achieve this vision through its highly qualified and experienced faculty, and with mentorship from Jindal Global Law School and O.P. Jindal Global University. Our faculty aims to create a progressive learning environment where they teach law courses prescribed by the Bar Council of India, as well as Elective Courses to address legal issues of a dynamic society and an ever-changing world.

ABOUT CPIL

The Centre for the Promotion of International Law is dedicated to promoting excellence in research and teaching of International Law, a field that has gained unprecedented significance in today's world. Additionally, the Centre operates an E-Journal, which features original work focusing on contemporary issues in International Law. The intersection of international law, research, and policy is a critical intersection where legal principles, academic research, and governmental or organizational decision-making come together. The study of this convergence is particularly significant in the context of global governance, diplomacy, and addressing complex transnational issues.

The Centre fosters academic research in international relations, law, and related fields to contribute to the development and understanding of international law. CPIL works to promote the confluence of international law, research, and policy as being essential for addressing global issues, promoting cooperation among nations, and ensuring that international agreements and legal principles are effective in practice. The research at the Centre helps to identify gaps and challenges in existing legal frameworks, assess the effectiveness of international agreements, and propose innovative solutions. The Centre's recent work delves into teaching and researching international law, human rights, environmental protection, trade, and conflict resolution, providing valuable insights and analysis.



We welcome abstracts and full length quality research papers on the broad theme of Rivers. The below mentioned are few sub themes which may be considered. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of topics. You are welcome to submit abstracts on any topic of your interest as long as it falls within an area of concern on River.

SUB-THEMES

1. Historical Narratives and River Security:

- Case studies of historical river management practices.
- Implications of past practices for contemporary river governance.

2. Transboundary River Governance:

- Evaluation of current legal frameworks.
- Case studies of successful and challenging transboundary river management.

3. International Law and Emerging Challenges:

- Recent developments in international river legislation.
- Future trends and strategic directions for river law.

4. Climate Resilience and River Resource Management:

- Impact of climate change on river ecosystems.
- Adaptive management strategies and policy innovations.

5. Cross-border River Conflicts and Cooperation:

- Diplomatic, geopolitical, and strategic perspectives on river disputes.
- Mechanisms for conflict resolution and fostering cooperation.

6. River Diplomacy:

- Strategies for enhancing international cooperation on river management.
- Role of international organizations and treaties.

7. Aligning River Policies with Sustainable Development Goals:

- Progress towards achieving SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) for river management.
- Challenges and future directions in sustainable river governance.



8. Legal Frameworks for Indigenous Rights and River Resources:

- Protecting indigenous communities' rights in river management.
- Integrating traditional knowledge with modern legal systems.

9. Gender and River Governance:

- The role of gender in legal and social frameworks for river management.
- Ensuring gender equity in access to and control over river resources.

10. Community Participation in River Policy Development:

- Legal mechanisms for community involvement in river governance.
- Case studies of successful community-led river management initiatives.

11. Human Rights and Access to Clean Water:

- Legal perspectives on ensuring equitable access to river water.
- Addressing socio-legal barriers to water access.

12. Environmental Justice in River Basin Management:

- Socio-legal approaches to addressing environmental inequities in river management.
- Case studies of marginalized communities affected by river policies.

13. Legal Responses to Pollution and Industrial Use of Rivers:

- Strategies for mitigating industrial impacts on river ecosystems.
- Enforcement of pollution control laws and regulations.

14. Cultural Heritage and River Law:

- Protecting cultural sites and practices through river management policies.
- Balancing development and cultural preservation in river governance.

15. Water Privatization and Public Rights:

- Legal implications of privatizing river resources.
- Ensuring public access and control over river water.

16. Implementing International Water Law at the Local Level:

- Challenges and strategies for aligning local practices with international river laws.
- Case studies of local adaptations of international water agreements.



GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Authors should write an abstract between 250 to 300 words relating to the themes of the Conference.
- The abstract should include a suitable title for the paper, three to five keywords, the name of the author(s), and their affiliation.
- The abstract should be coherent and free of grammatical errors.

GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION UPON SELECTION OF ABSTRACT

- The main text of the full paper should be written in Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and footnotes in Times New Roman font size 10, with a line spacing of 1.0.
- All the headings should be numbered and written in 12 points. Each main heading (first level) should be capitalized, bold, and centre-aligned. The second-level heading should be in title case, bold, and left-aligned. The third level heading should be in title case and left-aligned.
- Authors should follow the APA Style mode of citation throughout the paper.
- The word limit for the full papers should remain between 5000-6000 words, including footnotes (excluding abstract and bibliography).
- All the authors shall give an undertaking that the plagiarism of the paper is below the permissible limit of 15%. Research should be an original work of the author and must not have been submitted or accepted for publication.

- Authors should strictly adhere to the following formatting guidelines:
- Do not use abbreviations without prior explaining the terms.
- Do not use bold and/or underlining to highlight the text.
- Use single quotes to emphasize a word or phrase.
- Tables and charts should be centre-aligned if used.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract	5th August 2024
Notification of acceptance	10th August 2024
Final Submission	30th September 2024

Submission email id: riverconf2024@vmls.edu.in

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Details shall be shared upon abstract selection.

REGISTRATION

- International Participants: \$100
- Indian Participants (Professors//Scholars/Research Scholars/ Industry Experts/ NGO Representative): ₹1500/-
- Students (UG/PG): ₹1000/-
- Co-authors need to register separately
- Registration payment details to be shared upon selection of abstracts

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