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# CALL FOR PAPERS

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON**

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH  
TO ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY IN  
TRADE, INVESTMENT AND COMPETITION LAW**



**27<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**MODE: HYBRID**

Organized by

**Centre for Trade, Investment and Competition**  
School of Law, Bennett University, Greater Noida



# ABOUT BENNETT UNIVERSITY

Bennett University was established in 2016 under the aegis of the Times Group. Backed by a legacy spanning more than 180+ years, Bennett University is committed to creating leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century who deliver professional excellence and are well-rounded individuals who can think critically about issues from multiple perspectives. Extending the core journalistic principles of Trust, Knowledge and Public Service, Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd. (BCCL) has continually undertaken initiatives for the betterment of Indian society. Bennett University's curriculum strongly emphasizes foundational knowledge, thorough academic research based on rigorous pedagogy, and hands-on experience with real world challenges. The synthesizing nature of the curriculum allows the student to learn by making connections between ideas and concepts across different disciplinary boundaries. The interdisciplinary structure is designed to enable the integration of ideas & characteristics across disciplines which helps to develop critical & transferrable skills. With its six schools, Bennett University presents an array of 30+ undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs in Engineering, Applied Sciences, Management, Law, Media and Liberal Arts.







## ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW

Bennett University established the School of Law with a vision to strive for excellence in teaching, research, and advocacy towards Justice for all by shaping thought leaders in public policy of National and International dimensions. The school at present is offering B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. programs and imbibes the best practices in terms of curriculum, pedagogy, innovation in teaching methods. Invested and promoted by the largest media enterprise, the School of Law is committed to educating the pioneers of the future through leaders in the field of law, the ones who can think out loud and clear on matters of justice and progress redefining, reforming and reshaping legal education for seamless integration of theory and practice are the hallmark of progress. Keeping this need in mind, Bennett University not just added another law school; rather, it has established a law school that imbibes the global best practices in pedagogy and provides an innovative and intellectual environment to indulge in critical thinking and learning. The School of Law, Bennett University is a knowledge space not only to acquire a professional degree but also to shape a compassionate intellectual individual under the professional robe.





# ABOUT ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Trade, Investment and Competition (CTIC) has been established in the premises of Bennett University (BU) as a functional unit attached to the School of Law, to support academic pursuits of the University in the field of Trade, Investment and Competition, (1) with intensive research, (2) training and (3) advocacy in the matters involving Trade and competition laws and policies. The Centre is autonomous, to the extent, to propose, decide and undertake projects, research, training, and advocacy in the matter of Trade and Competition Laws, within the ambit of its mandate. All the activities of the Centre includes **research and publications in the field of Trade, Investment and Competition laws and policies**, undertake consultancy, advisory and advocacy projects, providing an **effective forum for exchange and analysis of ideas and information** between industry, professionals, trade associations, government agencies and academia, and exploring and entering into collaborations and tie ups with national and international organizations and agencies, in furtherance of the objectives of the Center.

**Achievements of the Centre:** The centre organized its first conference titled “International Conference on Trade and Investment Laws: Emerging Legal and Economic Perspectives” organized by Centre for Trade, Investment and Competition Law (CTIC), School of Law, Bennett University in collaboration with Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, School of Law, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom, and School of Law, University of Bradford, United Kingdom and funded by CTIL from 30<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023. The outcomes of the conference was a conference proceeding in the form of Abstract Book, one published book with ISBN number by reputed publisher and the other book publication is under process. The centre also organized an Online Course on Competition Law from 29<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024.



# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Today, world's biggest challenge is how to protect environment and prevent climate change. In this context, sustainability is a much-discussed topic in academic arena. International Trade and Investment plays a crucial element in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Even though trade leads to development, there are several issues like environment protection, gender discrimination, uneven trade, protectionism and developing countries concerns etc. are still to be resolved successfully. Therefore, to fully benefit from trade and transition to a green economy it is necessary that the trade and investment law should be aligned with Sustainable Development Goals.

Further, it is equally important for competition law to not become a barrier to genuine efforts that foster sustainable development. There is a need for research to balance sustainable business practices and fair competition in the market. Recently, the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has stated that CCI is looking for plausible solutions to integrate sustainability dimensions into the Indian Competition law framework.

In this backdrop, School of Law, Bennett University (India) and the Centre for Trade, Investment and Competition (CTIC) invites research papers for the **International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approach to Achieving Sustainability in Trade, Investment and Competition** to be held on 27-29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024. The aim of this conference is to explore and contemplate over the conflicting areas related to Sustainability vis-à-vis international trade law, investment law and competition law. Since the conference is inter-disciplinary in scope, the submissions need not necessarily be related to law and can engage important economic and other policy matters. To make the conference more encompassing, five tracks have been identified and paper are invited accordingly. These five tracks include: International Trade, Investment, Sustainability, commercial and Investment arbitration, and Competition/ Anti-trust Laws. The venue of the conference will be Bennett University. The sessions shall be conducted in Hybrid Mode.





# THEMATIC AREAS FOR THE SUBMISSION

- Investment Law, Environment Protection and SDGs
- Investment Dispute Settlement Mechanism and SDGs
- BITs and SDGs
- Right to Development, Investment Law and SDGs
- Multilateralism, Inclusive Growth and SDGs
- Designing Trade Policies to achieve SDGs
- Social Aspect of Trade and Investment and SDGs
- Environmental Aspect of Trade and Investment and SDGs
- Free Trade Agreements and SDGs
- Trade Barriers and SDGs
- Trade Subsidies and SDGs
- Protectionism and SDGs
- Artificial Intelligence a friend or foe to global trade
- Risk of Artificial Intelligence in Digital Trade
- International Trade & Geo-Political Conflict
- Trade War, Globalisation – A Counterbalance Perspective
- Carbon Pricing Policy effect on International Trade
- Global Economy – Impact and role of trade
- ESG and Global Trade
- Competition law as a tool to achieve sustainability
- Possible amendments to competition law to support SDGs
- Pro- competitive justifications for sustainability agreements
- Competition policy and green innovation
- Sustainability Agreements vs. Cartels and Greenwashing
- Any other relevant topic

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

### SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

- Each applicant must submit a 1000 word abstract providing an overview of the proposed paper by e-mail to [sol.conferences@bennett.edu.in](mailto:sol.conferences@bennett.edu.in) no later than 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- Abstract must contain details about the names of the author(s), contact details, institutional affiliation, and designation.
- Maximum of 5 keywords are to be provided along with the abstract.
- Abstract must be submitted in word (.doc or .docx) format only.
- Co-authorship is permissible.
- Acceptance of the abstracts shall be communicated via email by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- On selection of the abstract, the author(s) must pay the required registration fees for conference presentation, no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The link for the payment portal shall be sent to the authors whose abstract would be selected along-with the acceptance mail.







## SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER

- Last date for submission of the paper is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
- All papers must be submitted to [sol.conferences@bennett.edu.in](mailto:sol.conferences@bennett.edu.in)
- The full-length paper must have the abstract and details of the authors.
- In case of co-authorship at least one author must attend the seminar to present the paper.
- The main text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and spacing of 1.5. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single spacing. Referencing style: OSCOLA citation system.
- Plagiarism: All submissions must be the author's original and unpublished work. Maximum of 10% plagiarism is permitted.
- The paper must be submitted in word document (.doc or .docx) format only.
- Selected papers shall be published in book format by a reputed publisher with ISBN number.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Submission of Abstract:** 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Registration:** 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Submission of Full Papers:** 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

**Conference dates:** 27-29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024



## CONFERENCE FEE

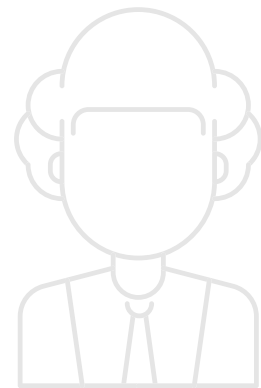
**Academicians/ Professionals:** 2500

**Ph.D. Scholars:** 1500

**UG and PG Students:** 500



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