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CALL FOR PAPERS

INTRODUCTION

The National Law Institute University (NLIU), Bhopal, established in 1997, is one of India's leading law schools, renowned for its commitment to academic excellence and innovative legal education. In 2019, the university launched the NLIU Cell for Law and Technology (NLIU-CLT) to address the intricate intersection of law and technology.

The Cell focuses on analyzing and responding to the legal challenges posed by the rapid advancement of technology in society. Through its initiatives, it aims to foster dialogue, research, and academic engagement on issues such as data privacy, artificial intelligence, intellectual property in the digital age, and more. NLIU-CLT provides students and professionals a platform to contribute to the development of legal frameworks that adapt to technological evolution.

One of the Cell's most significant initiatives is the inaugural edition of the NLIU Journal of Law and Technology, the flagship publication of the Cell. This journal is dedicated exclusively to exploring contemporary issues in technology law. It provides a platform for legal professionals, academicians, and students to contribute to the discourse on the intersection of law and technology. The journal features long articles, short pieces, case comments, and book reviews, offering insightful analyses of emerging challenges and trends. With this inaugural edition, the Cell aims to set a benchmark for academic excellence, foster critical dialogue, and contribute meaningfully to the legal scholarship in this dynamic field.



THEMES

The NLIU Journal of Law and Technology explores diverse themes at the intersection of law and technology, focusing on contemporary issues and emerging challenges.

The Journal welcomes submissions on any of the following sub-themes:

1. Data Protection, Privacy, and Cybersecurity
2. Legal and Ethical Implications of Artificial Intelligence
3. Regulation of Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and Smart Contracts
4. Intellectual Property Challenges in the Digital Age
5. Technology and Human Rights: Privacy, Surveillance, and Freedom of Speech
6. E-Commerce and FinTech: Legal and Regulatory Frameworks

Note: The above sub-themes are only illustrative, and the Journal would welcome submissions on any topic related to the intersection of law and technology.

CATEGORY

Submissions can be made under the following categories:

Long Articles (4000-8000 words): The article must be a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of a contemporary issue in technology law and should include references to a range of sources and contributions in the form of alternatives and suggestions.

Short Articles (2000-4000 words): The article must be an analysis of a contemporary issue in technology law and should include a reference to a range of sources and contributions in the form of alternatives and suggestions.

Case Comments (1500-4000 words): The comment must be an analysis of a recent judgment, bringing out its relevance in light of the development of technology law, views expressed in the judgment and the opinion(s) of the author.

Book Reviews (1000-3000 words): The review must be a crisp account of a recently published book on technology, including the issues explored and related arguments of the author.

The word limit is **exclusive of footnotes and abstract**. The prescribed word limit may be relaxed up to **10%**, at the discretion of the Editorial Board.



SUBMISSION POLICY

- Submissions are accepted **only** in the English language.
- All articles must be accompanied by an abstract **not** exceeding **300 words**. Case Comments and Book Reviews do not need abstracts.
- The abstract must expressly include the novelty and usefulness of the idea that the author wishes to put forth and must categorically mention the specific contribution of the article beyond the existing available literature.
- Co-authorship (with a cap of two authors) is permitted for all articles.
- The manuscript should not contain any references to the identity of the authors. However, authors are allowed to cite their previous published work.
- The body of the manuscript should be in **Times New Roman, Font Size 12** and **1.5-line spacing**.
- The footnotes should be in **Times New Roman, Font Size 10** and single line spacing.
- The citations must conform to the style of **OSCOLA (4th Edition)** – [Key available here](#).
- Manuscripts should only use footnotes as a means of citation. No other method shall be permitted.
- Substantive footnotes are permissible.
- Kindly submit your manuscript in MS Word (.docx) format on the link [herein](#). The submissions must be done by **11:59 pm, 10th January, 2025**.
- CLT accepts manuscripts on a rolling basis. Manuscripts received after the deadline shall be considered for publication in Volume 2.



PARAMETERS FOR EVALUATION

All manuscripts shall only proceed to content evaluation after clearing a strict and thorough plagiarism check.

STAGES OF CONTENT REVIEW:

- **Grammar/Language:** The evaluation shall not only be limited to errors in grammar and punctuation but extend to the quality of language. The style of writing must be academic, and the language used must reflect it. Furthermore, the structuring of sentences and manner of communication is crucial. The language can neither be too simplistic nor too complicated and redundant.
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- **Contribution to Existing Literature:** The author(s) must consider what is the contribution of the manuscript to the general discussion. Merely quoting precedents to talk about a particular topic would be inadequate. On the other hand, writing more innovatively and originally would be appreciated.
- **Contemporary Relevance & Context:** CLT aims to publish manuscripts discussing topics of contemporary and recent legal scholarship or topics, which include a unique perspective. This criterion is both objective, as well as subjective. The author must highlight in the manuscript the purpose of such a topic is of legal or socio-economic relevance in the current scenario.
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