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JOINTLY ORGANISES

THREE DAYS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

THE LIVING CONSTITUTION AND CONSTITUTIONALISM IN INDIA: EVOLVING PRINCIPLES, CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND GLOBAL TRENDS

HYBRID MODE

20, 21 & 22 JANUARY 2026



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INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of India has been celebrated as the dynamic and living document which has adapted itself to the changing societal needs, while at the same time preserving its foundational commitments to the justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Over the decades, Indian constitutionalism has evolved through transformative judicial interpretation, progressive legislative action and vibrant public discourse. Thus, the idea of 'Living Constitution' has become central in navigating the complex interface between constitutional text, institutional practice and democratic aspirations.

In the recent years, India had witnessed significant constitutional developments which includes debates relating to the federalism, separation of powers, socio-economic rights, digital privacy, minority protection, and the role of constitutional morality. Simultaneously, emerging challenges-technological disruption, climate change, migration, identity conflicts, and global economic shifts-are testing the resilience and adaptability of constitutional democracies worldwide. These developments call for the renewed scholarly engagement with questions of constitutional transformation, judicial review, democratic accountability, and the balance between stability and change.

This international conference seeks to provide a platform for jurists, scholars, policymakers, civil society actors and students to deliberate on the evolving principles of Indian constitutionalism in comparative global perspective. It aims to explore how constitutional courts across jurisdictions interpret living constitutions, protect fundamental rights, respond to populism, and address crises of governance. Special emphasis will be placed on examining India's constitutional journey in light of global trends, including rising constitutional pluralism, transformative constitutionalism, and the resurgence of debates on basic structure and constitutional identity.

By fostering comparative dialogue and interdisciplinary insights, the conference aspires to contribute to a deeper understanding of constitutional continuity, change, and the enduring role of constitutionalism in safeguarding democracy and human dignity. The event will culminate in policy recommendations and academic outputs that can guide future constitutional scholarship and practice.

OBJECTIVES

- To examine the evolution of Indian constitutionalism as a living and dynamic system responding to changing societal needs while upholding fundamental constitutional values.
- To analyze recent constitutional developments in areas such as federalism, separation of powers, digital privacy, socio-economic rights, minority protection, and constitutional morality.
- To critically analyze and assess the impact of contemporary global challenges including technological disruption, climate change, identity conflicts, and democratic accountability on constitutional governance
- To promote comparative and interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, jurists, policymakers, and students on constitutional transformation, judicial interpretation, and democratic resilience.
- To formulate and disseminate policy recommendations and academic outputs contributing to future constitutional scholarship, institutional practice, and law-making in India and beyond



TARGET AUDIENCE & WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The Conference will cater to:

- All Academicians, Research scholars, PhD Scholars, and post-doctoral researchers, Research Assistants, Research Associates in the field of Law.
- Lawyers & Legal Professionals
- LLM & LLB students at any recognized University/College with an interest in legal research.
- Any Researcher, post-graduate & graduate Students at any recognized University/College with an interest in legal or interdisciplinary research.

SUB THEMES

1. Foundations of the Living Constitution

- Evolution of the "Living Constitution" doctrine in India
- Constitutional identity and the Basic Structure doctrine
- Constituent Assembly debates and their contemporary relevance
- Constitutional morality: Meaning, scope, and judicial application

2. Federalism and Separation of Powers

- Changing dimensions of Centre-State relations
- Cooperative vs. competitive federalism
- Judicial role in maintaining the balance of power
- Legislative-executive-judicial tensions in modern governance

3. Rights, Liberties and Expanding Constitutional Horizons

- Transformative constitutionalism and socio-economic rights
- Digital privacy, data protection and surveillance
- Minority rights, equality jurisprudence and social justice
- LGBTQ+ rights, gender justice and personal autonomy

4. Democracy, Accountability and Governance

- Electoral reforms, political finance and democratic integrity
- Judicial review of executive action: Trends and concerns
- Constitutional responses to populism and political polarization
- Strengthening institutions: ECI, CBI, Lokpal, and other constitutional bodies

5. Technology, Digital Era and Constitutional Challenges

- AI, algorithmic governance and constitutional regulation
- Free speech in the digital age: Social media, misinformation, hate speech
- Cyber laws, digital evidence and due process protections
- E-governance, transparency and accountability mechanisms

6. Global Constitutional Trends and Comparative Perspectives

- Comparative constitutionalism: Lessons from other jurisdictions
- Constitutional pluralism in a globalizing world
- Constitutional courts and global rights jurisprudence
- Migration, borders and constitutional responses

7. Climate Change, Environment and Future Generations

- Environmental constitutionalism and sustainability
- Rights of nature: Emerging global trends
- Intergenerational equity and climate justice
- Disaster governance and constitutional obligations

8. Social Movements, Public Discourse and Constitutional Change

- Role of civil society and social movements in shaping constitutional norms
- Public protests, dissent and constitutional protections
- Media, deliberative democracy and public opinion
- Identity, diversity and the constitutional promise of fraternity

9. Constitutional Adjudication and Reform

- Trends in Supreme Court constitutional benches
- Judicial activism vs. judicial restraint
- Strengthening judicial independence and accountability
- Need for constitutional amendments and procedural reforms

10. Constitutionalism, Economy and Social Welfare Policy

- Constitutional regulation of markets and economic governance
- Welfare state obligations under the Indian Constitution
- Corporate accountability, ESG norms and constitutional values
- Labour rights, social security and emerging economic challenges

MODE & FORMAT

Mode: Hybrid Mode

The Conference will be a **Three-Day Event** comprising:

Keynote Lectures: Delivered by distinguished scholars and legal experts, providing in-depth insights into emerging legal issues.

Panel Discussions: Focusing on specific themes allows for exchanging ideas and diverse perspectives.

Research Paper Presentations: Research scholars will present their work, followed by Q&A sessions for constructive feedback.

OUTCOMES

Publication: Selected papers will be published in a special edition of the University's Law Journal (CULJ) or as a conference proceedings volume, providing a lasting resource for legal scholars and practitioners.

Networking: Facilitate connections between scholars, leading to potential collaborations on future research projects.

Mentorship: Senior scholars will offer guidance to early-career researchers, helping them enhance their research skills and methodologies.



REGISTRATION FEES

- Academicians, post-doctoral researchers, Lawyers & Legal Professionals- Rs. 2000
- PhD Research Scholars, Research Assistants, Research Associates -1500
- LLM & LLB students- Rs. 1000
- For International Participants: \$ 200 USD

For CHRISTITES

- Academicians, post-doctoral researchers, Lawyers & Legal Professionals- Rs. 1500
- PhD Research Scholars, Research Assistants, Research Associates -1000
- LLM & LLB students- Rs. 750

- In the case of co-authorship, each author has to pay separately.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of Abstract / Paper:
On or Before **15 January 2026**

Submission Link:

<https://forms.gle/ZhhJz7cinqRECayq6>

- Selection of Abstract / Paper:
On or Before **16 January 2026**

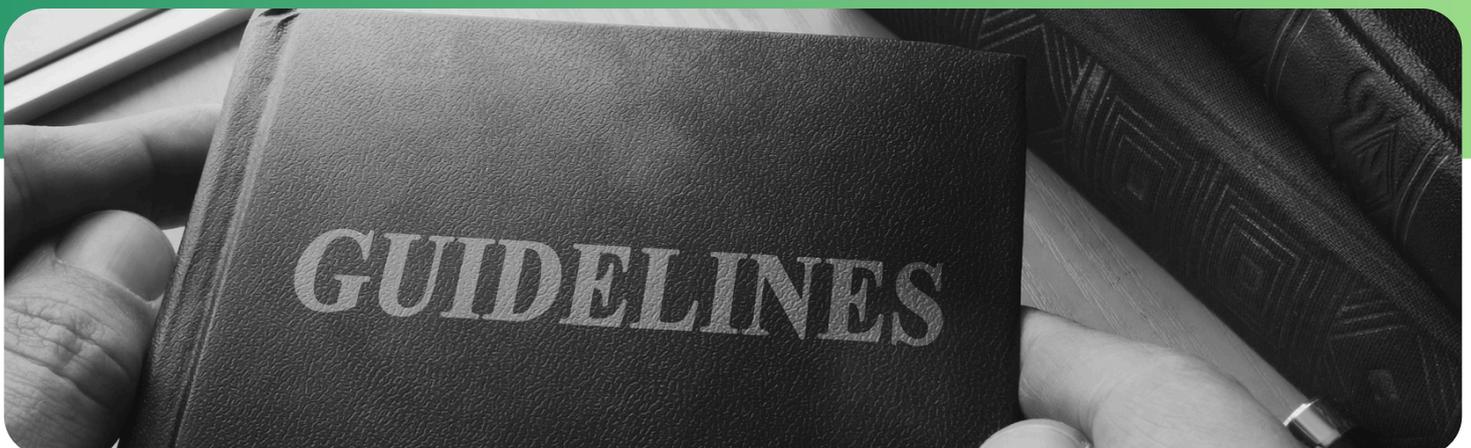
- Last Date for Payment & Registration:
18 January 2026

- Conference Dates
20 - 22 January 2026



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All Submissions are to be made in electronic form only and are to be sent through the GOOGLE FORM LINK:- <https://forms.gle/ZhhJz7cinqRECayq6>
- Submissions sent to any other mail or address other the given google form will not be considered for conference.
- The paper shall be in English.
- The word limit, excluding footnotes, shall not be less than 3,000 words and shall not exceed 6,000 words.
- The paper shall be accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words.
- The keywords are restricted to 04 (Four), and the same will not count towards the word limit.
- Co-authorship is permitted with the Research Supervisor in the case of candidates who are pursuing a Ph.D or Post Doctoral Research and PG Dissertation Supervisor in the case of candidates who are pursuing a Master's Degree & Final Year Student of Undergraduate in Law (LLB).
- The cover page shall include the title of the paper, name, designation, address, e-mail ID, contact number, and the name of the college/firm/ University, along with the address of the authors.
- A brief profile of the author/s not exceeding 250 words should be attached to the abstract.
- Neither part of the submission should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication or a contest elsewhere.
- All contributions must represent original ideas and interpretations coupled with critical evaluation and assessment.
- Any form of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- Selected papers will be notified, and only those authors can make their presentation after payment of the registration fee.
- The selected papers will be published in a special edition of the University's Law Journal (CULJ) or as a conference proceedings volume, in the form of a book with an ISBN.





CERTIFICATE

Certificates will be awarded to all the Presenters. In case of Co-Authorship certificates will be given to both authors, both can present.

PUBLICATION

- All papers submitted will be reviewed by the editorial board.
- Selected papers after final review alone will be published in a special edition of the University's Law Journal (CULJ) or as a conference proceedings volume, in the form of a book with an ISBN.
- **CHRIST University Law Journal (CULJ) as a special edition in 2026 (CULJ is formerly indexed in UGC CARE List; double-blind, peer-reviewed).**
- For detailed information regarding submission guidelines, formatting requirements, and citation style, contributors are kindly requested to refer to the official website of the Christ University Law Journal (CULJ) at:
(<https://journals.christuniversity.in/index.php/culj/index>)
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