The Concept Note

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is committed to encouraging academically rigorous legal research on cutting edge issues in the legal and policy framework from an interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional perspective. This aim is actuated substantially by the desire to take a stand against the scarcity of academic and critical inquiry into many of India's leading legal and policy issues. Simultaneously, the University's focus on legal research is motivated by the need for new, more globally considered, perspectives on these same leading legal and policy issues.

The Research Colloquium will provide visibility for student research that critically analyzes the formation and functioning of the Indian legal system (ILS) over the last six decades. This Colloquium will proffer students a forum to present and discuss their research and seek comments on the same from distinguished panelists and fellow participants. We believe this will facilitate collaboration, publication and further dissemination of this crucial research on contemporary issues. This will serve as a fruitful pedagogical tool for the students and inculcate research and scholarship among students. Confronting questions relating to their research from the distinguished panelists and their peer group will compel students to re-examine and evolve their views and formulate answers to vexed questions in the legal and policy framework. We have organized two research colloquia at an intra-college level earlier and we believe the experience has resulted in academically rigorous, insightful and socially relevant papers by students on current issues. The JGU National Student Research Colloquium (‘SRC’) has, since its inception in 2010, become a unique avenue for nurturing graduate and undergraduate legal scholarship. The SRC’s focus on academic rigor, creativity and interdisciplinary research is reflective of JGU’s commitment to research of the highest quality. Following the unprecedented success of the National Student Research Colloquium in 2013, we extend this concept note for the SRC 2014-2015 in collaboration with the Faculty and Research Centers at JGU.

The SRC 2014-2015 within the theme of Critical Inquiries into Law and Social Transformation. This theme is inspired by recent transitions within Indian legal academia that emphasize a textured understanding of the social concerns that inform law and the legal concerns that inform society. This increasing commitment to uncovering the depth of law in society has been ‘critical’ in the three most fundamental senses of the word: urgent, vital and analytical. Critical engagements with judicial decisions, statutory enactments, legal policy and the rights discourse aimed at propelling social change will be welcomed at the SRC 2014-2015. We welcome papers, presentations, and posters that articulate the not just what the law is, but more importantly, how the law must be understood in the context of a changing society.

This interdisciplinary conference will explore a wide-range of areas in the field of law as well as welcome epistemological approaches from other fields such as sociology, anthropology, history, political science and public policy. As the law does not exist in a vacuum, the Colloquium seeks to create dialogue on how these legal spaces lead to social transformations and social justice.

The Colloquium aims to engage with novel and unique perspectives on health law, sexuality, gender, technology family law, intellectual property law, postcolonial studies, theory of literature, and the Economics of Law, Law, Polity and Statecraft, International Law and Empire, Criminal Justice Reforms, Gender, the Body and
Law, The WTO and India and the changing legal and social paradigms in which these topic areas are constructed and deconstructed.

Details

This is open to students of B.A. LL.B., LL.B. and LL.M.

Please submit your abstract of 500 words to this email address: src@jgu.edu.in and chlet@jgu.edu.in before 1st February, 2014. Please send the abstract along with a cover letter and proof of your affiliation with a University.

Papers selected will be intimated by 10th February, 2014.

Full papers selected for participation are due no later than 5th March, 2014.

JGLS is committed to keeping the Colloquium as cost-free as possible for admitted applicants, including travel, meals and lodging.

The best paper will be published in Jindal Law Journal, 2015 and other awards/certificates will be presented to the participants at the colloquium for originality and creativity. The papers will be judged by renowned National and International Academics.

Highlights

Participation on all three days is mandatory. An Intensive Research and Methodology Workshop and a symposium titled Body through Law and Philosophy: A Critical Inquiry will be hosted by Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Technology, JGLS as a part of the Colloquium.

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