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School of Law
Presents

10th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'Traversing the Contours of Developments in Indian Constitutionalism'

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Indian Constitution is a magnificent document created by the Constituent Assembly. The text has been interpreted to address the contemporary socio-political challenges in consonance with constitutional principles. It has laid the foundation for the establishment and functioning of the three institutions that mark the Indian polity namely, Legislature, Executive and Judiciary. Alongside vesting powers, it is inevitable to ensure that these institutions do not surpass their constitutional limits ensuring fair and transparent governance. Considering the essence and importance, School of Law, CHRIST proposes its Tenth National Conference to take stock of events of the past year.

Institutional framework and their working mechanism play a pivotal role in achieving constitutional goals. The laws in the country are to be enacted with proper pre-legislative and post-legislative consultation keeping in mind the economic development, social development, environmental issues and the concerns relating to amendments in certain legislations. The speedy passage of Bills in the recent past is a matter of concern and needs to be evaluated.

In a democratic form of governance, elections form an integral part. However, certain concerns have emerged due to circumstances such as no-clear majority, formation of coalition, unnecessary interference into the working of Election Commission, and raising of funds for election campaigns in an opaque manner. The direction and control of elections are vested in the Election Commission to ensure of free and fair elections. Therefore, reforms in election process are required.

Good Governance is a vision statement of the Constitution which guarantees that the interests and rights of citizens are protected from governmental abuse by providing for checks and balances. The question of whether this ideal has been advanced through legislative enactments and judicial pronouncements is put to test through the recent amendments in The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967, The National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 and in the process of elevation and transfer of judges within the Judiciary.

The contemporary issues with respect to National Register of Citizens, refugee determination and arbitrary issuance of ordinances pose various constitutional challenges. Due to the absence of established related laws in India, the will of the people is under question and paves the way to whims and fancies of the Cabinet. Thus, "Traversing the Contours of Development in Indian Constitutionalism" showcases the emerging trends within the Constitutional Polity and calls for discussion.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference aims to provide an avenue for perceptions and solutions to the aforementioned ideas and therefore invites research papers and manuscripts on the following sub-themes:

Theme I: Institutions of the Government

- Expeditious Legislation: A Concern for Parliamentary procedure
- Institutional Efficiency in the light of RTI (Amendment) Act, 2019
- Revisiting Urbanisation and Right to Environment under Article 21 of the Constitution

Theme II: Electoral Reforms & the Indian Polls

- Assessing the Stability of Coalition Politics
- Autonomy of Election Commission: Functions and Powers
- Transparency in Political Campaign and Article 19 of the Constitution

Theme III: Constitutional Vision on Good Governance

- Power of National Investigative Agency and Effect of Changes in Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967
- Elevation and Transfer in the Indian Judiciary: An Assessment
- An Analysis of Reservation in the context of 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019 and Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019

Theme IV: Emerging Constitutional Deliberation in India

- Implementation of National Register of Citizens: Potential Roadblocks
- Status of Refugees in India: A Need for Legal Framework
- Unbridled Usage of Ordinances: A Threat to Parliamentary Democracy

PAYMENT DETAILS

The Selected Abstracts would be informed regarding the mode of payment .

Any queries should be addressed to:

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METHOD OF SUBMISSION

All submissions for the conference have to be electronically mailed with the Subject Column as "Submission of Abstract/ Submission of Full Paper", as the case may be and bearing the names(s) of the authors(s) as the file names, only at the following address:

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 03, 2019
November 05, 2019
November 10, 2019
December 10, 2019
December 27, 2019
January 23 - 24, 2020

Call for Papers
Submission of Abstracts
Communication of Selected Abstracts
Registration and Online Payment
Submission of Full Paper
National Conference

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT

The abstract should not exceed 300 words, and must be accompanied by a cover page, stating the following:

- Sub - Theme and Title of the Paper
- Name of the Author(s) and Name of the Institution
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PAPER

- Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of two authors. However, both authors need to register separately.
- In case of co-authorship at least one author must attend the conference to present the paper. No Proxy presentations are allowed.

The paper must be accompanied with the following details:

- A cover letter mentioning the Name of the Author(s), Course, Year of Study (if applicable), Name of the College/University (if applicable), Professional Position (if applicable), with Postal Address, Email Address and Contact Number.

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- One inch margins should be maintained on all four sides.
- Citation Style: Bluebook, 19th Edition.
- The maximum length of the paper shall not exceed 3500 words, (excluding footnotes/end notes/annexure/reports etc).
- All abstract submissions are to be made in Microsoft Word (.doc) 2007/2010 format. Full paper has to be submitted in pdf.

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