



SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KERALA

In association with

JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL, O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY,
HARYANA

Organizing Two Day International Seminar on

CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION: SEVEN DECADES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

On 05th & 06th March, 2020

ABOUT THE SEMINAR:

“History could not be any clearer: Rights given by fad and fashion are just as easily taken away. The Constitution matters”— **A .E. Samaan**

Constitutions guide nations from their past through their present to the future. This, in fact, is the spirit of constitutional transformation. Constitutional transformation urges people to change by comprehending the historical, social, and cultural transformations of the nation. Constitutional transformation is both a concept and a phenomenon. Broadly, it is understood as the conceptual shift in the way constitutions are perceived and applied.

When at 70, only Constitutions, tortoises, and whales are dubbed “young.” Although similarly young, the Constitution of India has undergone incredible changes over its seven decades of existence. Starting with 395 Articles and 8 Schedules, the Constitution now

stands colossal with over 450 Articles and 12 Schedules thanks to the 104 amendments. These amendments have changed the fabric of the nation for the good by re-imagining fundamental rights, federalism, democratic participation, and judicial review. Each transformative moment is a revolution in legislative process. Each transformation has the nation advancing towards the highest peaks of democracy. Having thus traversed many phases in the evolution of India, the Constitution today stands in all its glory as the collective consciousness of the masses—as it intrigues and amuses the scholar, it assures the masses supreme justice, the bliss of democracy.

It is motivated by this supremeness of the Constitution of India that the School of Legal Studies in association with Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University is organizing this international seminar to revisit the constitutional transformations that have India coming-to-consciousness.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES

One of the oldest law schools in India, School of Legal Studies was established in the year 1962 as a part of Kerala University offering post graduate courses and research in law. The Law School joined the folds of University of Cochin, in the year 1971, which was later reorganized and renamed as Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1986 for the promotion of graduate, post graduate studies and advanced research in various fields.

Over the decades since its inception, the Law School has blossomed in to one of the top institutions among law schools engaged in teaching and research in India. Perhaps the best testimony to the success of this experiment is the presence of SLS alumni as professors and academicians in top law schools in India and as advocates at the various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. The versatility and quality of the skills of SLS graduates are evident from having its graduates at helm of Indian judiciary as Justices of various High Courts in India. Having groomed teachers and scholars apart from lawyers and judges for four decades, SLS has entered into yet another era of producing skilled and versatile graduates working with corporate houses, consulting firms, Public Sector Undertakings, SEBI, other Government bodies, NGOs and judicial offices. The School is in a constant

attempt to improve itself and as a result engages in a plethora of knowledge generating activities making it one of the most sought after institutions in the country.

ABOUT O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is a non-profit global university established by the Government of Haryana and recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC). JGU was established as a philanthropic initiative of its Founding Chancellor, Mr. Naveen Jindal in memory of his father, Mr. O.P. Jindal. JGU is one of the few universities in Asia that maintains a 1:9 faculty-student ratio and appoints faculty members from India and different parts of the world with outstanding academic qualifications and experience. JGU is a research intensive university, which is deeply committed to its core institutional values of interdisciplinary and innovative pedagogy; pluralism and rigorous scholarship; and globalism and international engagement.

JGU has established eight schools: Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), Jindal Global Business School (JGBS); Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA); Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP); Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities (JSLH); Jindal School of Journalism & Communication (JSJC); Jindal School of Art & Architecture (JSAA) and Jindal School of Banking & Finance (JSBF). JGU has been granted with "Autonomy" by the University Grants Commission and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, for receiving the "A" Grade from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This makes JGU the only private university in the state of Haryana and one of the only two private universities in India to be given the status of autonomy.

JGU has made history by breaking into the QS World University Rankings 2020. We are also the only Indian private university in the top 150 'young' universities in the world (under 50 years of age) in the QS Young University Rankings 2020. JGU is the youngest University in the world to feature in both these rankings.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Research papers are invited from the academicians, researchers, practitioners, social workers and students on the broad themes given below.

THEMES:

The themes for discussion are classified based on constitutional transformation from 1950 till 2020. The themes provided below are not exhaustive and participants are free to choose relevant topics under themes which fall within the broader scope of this framework.

- **Sub Themes:**

1. Historical Moments in the Evolution of the Constitution of India
2. Shifting Imaginations of Justice under the Constitution
3. Indian Judiciary and Transformative Justice
4. Public Rights and Transformative Constitutionalism

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

- Abstract and Full papers must be submitted electronically via email to marchseminar.sls20@gmail.com
- The abstract and full paper must be submitted only in Microsoft WORD format
- An abstract containing not more than 350 words.
- The abstract must also contain the following details such as Title of the Paper, Theme of the Paper, Name of the Author, University/ Institution/ Organization, Email Address and Mobile Number.
- The full paper should be between 3000 - 4000 words (excluding the footnotes)
- The main text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and spacing of 1.5.
- All references must be in the form of footnotes. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single spacing. The authors should follow OSCOLA standard of footnoting.

- Co-authorship is allowed only up to two authors.
- All entries must be original and unpublished work of the author(s) and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form. Any sort of plagiarism will not be entertained.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:

The organizers propose to publish selected best papers of the Seminar as an edited book with ISBN.

REGISTRATION FEES:

For students and research scholars: Rs. 1000

For all others: Rs. 1500

IMPORTANT DATES:

☐ Last Date of Sending Full Paper & Abstract: **February 23rd, 2020**

☐ Intimation regarding Selection of Paper: **February 24th, 2020**

☐ Seminar Dates: **05th & 06th March, 2020**

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION:

- No TA/DA will be provided by the host institution.
- The participants are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation. However, accommodation may be arranged for outstation participants subject to availability of rooms in guest house on first come first serve basis.

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