



**TWO DAYS NATIONAL SEMINAR
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ABOUT PANJAB UNIVERSITY

Panjab University is one of the oldest Universities in India. The roots of the present day Panjab University can be traced to the University of Punjab, established in the year 1882 at Lahore (now in Punjab, Pakistan). The university is ranked number one amongst Universities in India and in the bracket 276-300 internationally in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2014-2015 powered by Thomson Reuters. Panjab University has achieved various milestones by establishing connections with Universities and Institutions of national and international repute.



Signifying the spirit of modern intellect, the Panjab University ushered in the dawn of a new future with the main campus at the city beautiful, Chandigarh spread over 550 acres in Sectors 14 and 25. Its chequerboard masterplan, a brainchild of Swiss French Architect Pierre Jeanneret, was a pace setter and role model for campus design in India. To cater students for more than 135 years, the University is striving to provide access, expansion and excellence in higher education. With the vision of pursuing excellence in teaching and research in Social Sciences, Science and Technology, Humanities and performing Arts and Sports, the University shines to be a source of inspiration for the present generation of faculty members and students.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF LAWS

Justice imparting system is the foundation of every civilized nation. The Department of Laws, originally established at Lahore in 1889, was re-established at Shimla in 1948, shifted to Jalandhar in 1950 and finally re-located at the University Campus at Chandigarh in 1959. Department of Laws, formerly known as University Law College is committed to play an important role in the legal system of this University. Stature of this department is as big as its strength. Law graduates from this department are serving



all over the country in the lower courts, High Courts and Supreme Court. The Department is the pride alma mater of three Chief Justices of India, a large number of Chief Justices of the High Courts, members of subordinate judiciary, civil servants, law officers and a large number of members of the legal profession.

The Department is always in action to create new opportunities for its students by virtue of its MoUs signed with institutions of national and international repute. It has created a practical

training platform by conducting moots and special lectures by eminent Academicians, Judges and Senior Advocates as a part of curriculum beneficial to LL.B. and LL.M students. Also, the students of the department visit the Supreme Court of India/Parliament as a part of the practical training programme. As a part of Extra- Curricular activities, every year department conducts a Blood Donation Camp to encourage the students to donate blood and save lives.



THEME OF THE SEMINAR

Every person including legislator, minister, judge, lawyer, journalist, Non-Government Organization working for human rights, non-state actor performing public functions, private individual, etc. is under the obligation to interpret the Constitution of India in its true spirit, whose purpose is to ensure social, economic and political justice. Similarly, ensuring justice in applying every law into the society is the prime responsibility of all these interpreters. The individuals routinely assess political institutions from the standpoint of justice and injustice. For instance, when they complain that the tax burdens imposed by the government are unjust, or that a small subset of the citizenry unjustly enjoys far better opportunities than the rest, or when they approvingly observe that a new pension scheme or labour law is more just than what they previously had; the list could continue almost indefinitely.

Justice became the main topic for discussions in social ethics and political philosophy in the 1970s mainly due to the publication of John Rawls's 'A Theory of Justice'. John Rawls' "difference principle" where "social and economic inequalities are to be arranged so that they are to the greatest benefit of the least advantaged" is especially relevant to the Indian context. Be it the socially and educationally backward citizens, freedom of speech, rights of the LGBT persons, Muslim women struggling against the practice of triple talaq and the larger quest for the Uniform Civil Code, the freedom to claim autonomy for oneself (Privacy rights for an individual), or the India's responsibility on Climate Change, everybody deserves answer in the form of justice to all.

The law, which is acceptable and advantageous to all, has the potential to increase states' enforcement of human rights for their own citizens; the standing or capacity of civil society actors to claim rights vis-a-vis their own states; global understanding on Climate Change. The goal of the present Seminar is to create cross-disciplinary debate on how to solve these contemporary problems to a much satisfactory level.

SUB-THEMES

The sub-themes would include:

- Access to Justice
- Freedom of Speech and Expression
- LGBT rights
- Obscenity Laws
- Right to privacy
- Uniform Civil Code
- Climate Change
- Role of New Media



Call for papers: Contributors are requested to submit the papers for the seminar.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Manuscripts maximum of 3000 words with proper footnoting and acknowledgements, 12 font size in Times New Roman, line spacing 1.5 with one inch margin on all four sides in MSWord format will be accepted.
2. Provide your full name/s, address, designation, email and contact numbers.
3. Authors must submit an abstract (250-300 words along with 5 keywords) describing the research paper/ article and its significance and email to seminarlaw@pu.ac.in.
4. Tables, if any should be numbered consecutively. Title of the table should appear above the table and sources at the bottom.
5. The Author is required to take note of (i) originality of the theme (checked on Turnitin software) (ii) novelty of the subject (iii) clarity of the idea (iv) presentation of subject systematically and (v) linkage of conclusion with the contents.
6. Footnotes and citations of research works are to be given as per the format of Indian Law Institute available at www.ili.ac.in, in single space.
7. Only Research papers/articles which have not been earlier published or accepted for publication elsewhere will be entertained.
8. Manuscript submitted after the due date will not be considered.
9. Participants are required to register themselves by filling up the registration forms latest by 4 February, 2018.
10. The participants must also bring a copy of the registration form which has been attached with the brochure (subject to the condition that their abstracts have been accepted) at the time of depositing their registration fees. The registration fees will be taken on the spot, i.e., 15th February, 2018 latest by 10:30am either in demand draft form or cash.
11. In case of payment through Demand Draft, it should be made in favor of Chairperson, Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh, payable at Chandigarh.
The registration fees can also be deposited on the spot (on the day of paper presentation) only in cash.
12. No T.A./D.A. will be provided.

Submission Deadlines:

- Abstract submission: **February 4, 2018**
Full paper submission: **February 12, 2018**

Registration Fee:

Teachers: **Rs. 1000/-**, Reaserch Scholars: **Rs. 500/-** Students : **Rs. 200/-**

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