



**SCHOOL OF LAW  
CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)  
PRESENTS**



**11TH NATIONAL E - CONFERENCE  
ON  
CONTEMPORARY LEGAL  
ISSUES AND REFLECTIONS  
AMIDST THE PANDEMIC**

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**2020-21**

## **ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW**

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School of Law, is a part of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. The parent University, a premier educational institution, is an academic fraternity dedicated to the motto of 'Excellence and Service' and has an already proven history of success in the field of education. CHRIST, formerly Christ College, has the rare distinction of being the first institution in Karnataka to be accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), UGC, and currently has an A grade as accredited in 2016 for quality education. Located in a beautiful expansive campus of CHRIST, Bangalore, School of Law is an institute imparting world class legal education not only to students from various parts of the country but also from the Middle East and Mauritius. The courses are approved by the Bar Council of India.

## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

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The National Conference Committee is a scholar guided, student run committee which is entering its 11th glorious year and has been the host for 10 successful national conferences. The committee organises various workshops and seminars every year. This year to add to its glory the committee members propose to host webinars, online workshops, virtual research assistance programmes and the flagship icon event, National Conference. For this academic year the committee shall work with various sub-teams (i.e., research team, tech team, creative crew, public relations) the members of which shall be specialised in the same. This academic year the committee strives to issue an E-Journal consisting of thoroughly researched articles and papers contributed by our research-oriented peers from varied prestigious institutions and associations. The virtual platform has provided an opportunity to the committee to broaden its threshold and deliver an experience that has never been witnessed before.

## CONCEPT NOTE

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The world has been caught in the grip of various virulent diseases throughout the history of humanity, however the ongoing global pandemic is distinct due to its enormity both in terms of scale and effect. The pandemic, termed as COVID-19 by the World Health Organisation, is a highly infectious disease that is caused by the novel coronavirus. Being one of the most destructive crisis mankind has faced collectively since the World Wars, this pandemic is not solely limited as a health crisis, but has also taken over the socio-economic spectrum where it is causing rampant mayhem. In each and every country it has touched so far, a sense of fear and uncertainty has been instilled in the minds of people, making it extremely difficult for a return to normalcy. In the light of this predicament, School of Law, CHRIST proposes its 11th National Conference which aims at addressing some of the most crucial and imperative concerns that the world is grappling with.

Human rights have always played a pivotal role in legal administration and are an indispensable parameter on which innumerable issues are analyzed. Especially in these unprecedented times, human rights violations have been on the rise, posing a challenge on the justice delivery mechanism. The upcoming lateral shift to an unconventional resort to online alternate dispute resolution has created an arena that requires comprehensive regulation. There exists a compelling need to draw a parity between human rights and issues such as prison overcrowding and absence of access to open court. Addressing such concerns is of foremost priority to human rights organisations, international forums as well as governing bodies of various countries.

The impact that the COVID-19 outbreak has had on the constitutional debates is substantial, be it determining the legitimacy of e-pharmacies or the conduct of clinical trials in the course of vaccine discovery. The model of governance adopted in

combating the pandemic has raised questions on apportionment of power in the federal structure. Further, the apprehensions regarding privacy in contact tracing apps and accountability of the recently launched PM CARES Fund are matters that are to be deliberated bearing in mind the constitutional ideals.

The effect of the pandemic on the environment has witnessed contrasting views, while some opine that it has been advantageous to restore the environment to its former glory, some also argue that it continues to have detrimental effects on the environment. There is a surge in the requirement for scrutiny concerning regulation of genomic editing of viruses and prohibition of inhumane treatment of animals. The emerging issues of legal importance such as fixation of state responsibility and effective bio medical waste management remain unresolved. Thus, the crisis has its talons clasped on the subject of environmental policies.

In addition to the afore-mentioned pandemic induced impediments, there is a wide array of contemporary issues that plague the nation and demands attention. The extant legal developments such as enactment of Farmer Acts and incidents involving suppression of right to dissent have led to an outcry mandating remedies. Dilution of labour rights and devisal of defence such as Act of God to justify reduced GST compensation to States necessitates an examination of legality in such measures. Owing to such subsisting desideratum, "Contemporary Legal Issues & Reflections Amidst the Pandemic" intends at achieving plausible solutions on various legal, social, economic and environmental issues that we face as a global community in current times.

# **THEMES AND SUB-THEMES**

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## **Theme I: Challenges to Justice Administration vis-a-vis Human Rights**

- The Rising Gender Based Violence during Lockdown
- Impact Of COVID-19 on the Criminal Trial Procedure
- Resort to ODR in Resolving Commercial Disputes
- Balancing between Parole and Prison during COVID 19

## **Theme II: Impending Constitutional Debates and Discussions**

- E-Pharmacies, Clinical Trials - Contravention of Health Rights?
- Centralised Control of COVID 19 and Federalism
- PM CARES Fund : Transparency and Accountability Analysis
- Imposition of Contact Tracing Apps : A Privacy Perspective

## **Theme III: Environmental Law and Policy Framework**

- Control and Management of Bio-Medical Waste
- Regulation of Contagious Virus Genome Editing: An International Perspective
- Obviating Inhumane Treatment of Animals: A Necessity
- COVID 19 and the International State Responsibility

## **Theme IV: Contemporary Legal Predicaments and Developments**

- Farm Acts: A Strike on Socialistic Ideals?
- Permissibility of "Act of God" excuse to reduce GST Compensation
- Right to Dissent v. National Security: Freedom of Speech and Expression
- Examining the impact of Dilution in Labour Laws

# **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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**The abstract should not exceed 300 words, and must be accompanied with a cover page stating:**

- Sub-theme
- Title of the Paper
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**All submissions of the abstracts for the E-Conference must be electronically submitted using the following google form link:**

**<https://forms.gle/CQLUP4TEKB9iw7wK9>**

**The word limit of the full paper shall be 3000 - 4000 words (excluding footnotes/annexure/reports etc.) and 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), Title and Theme of the Paper, with Postal Address, Email Address and Contact Number.
- Registration form & Payment - The details of the same shall be intimated to the participants whose abstracts get selected.

# **FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS**

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- The main text of the full paper and the abstract should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and line spacing of 1.5.
- The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with spacing of 1.0 (Endnotes are not permitted)
- One inch margins should be maintained on all four sides of the pages.
- Citation Style: Bluebook, 20th edition.
- The abstract and full paper have to mandatorily be submitted in .pdf format only.

## **NOTE**

- Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of two authors and at least one author must attend the E-Conference to present the paper.
- No Proxy presentations are allowed.
- The School of Law, CHRIST in keeping with its mandate of publishing original works only, adopts a stringent anti-plagiarism policy. Any paper containing any unattributed work is thus liable to be rejected.

## **Important dates**

<b>Abstract Submission</b>	<b>December 08, 2020</b>
<b>Communication of Acceptance of Abstract</b>	<b>On Rolling Basis</b>
<b>Last date for Registration and Payment</b>	<b>December 10, 2020</b>
<b>Submission of Full Papers</b>	<b>December 27, 2020</b>
<b>Date of the E - Conference</b>	<b>January 22 - 23, 2021</b>

## **Platform**

CISCO WebEx shall be used for paper presentation and conduct of National E-Conference. Further, details on the usage and registration to the platform will be shared to the participants at a later stage.

## **Registration fee and Payment details**

- **For Students:** INR 700/- for single authorship and INR 1000/- for co-authorship.
- **For Professionals and Academicians:** INR 900/- for single authorship and INR 1200/- for co-authorship.

## **Rewards**

- All participants will be provided an electronic certificate of participation
- One best paper presenter from each sub - theme will be given a certificate of merit and cash award
- The best paper presenters will also be provided with an internship opportunity and allied perks by Libertatem Magazine.
- Selected full papers will be published in an E-Journal with ISBN no. subject to the quality of the papers received.

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