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1 ABOUT THE CEERA ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Annual International Conference on ‘Environmental Law, Policy and Practice’ is organized by the Centre for Environmental Education, Research and Advocacy, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru to embark upon the journey to celebrate the World Environment Day through intricate and concerted action of intellectually stimulating and socially relevant discourse on identified themes. The International Conference gains its relevance in light that, for India and other countries, with Climate Emergency being critically acclaimed worldwide, the need for a structured discourse on comparative environmental law, policy and practice is overdue.

This International Conference would *inter alia*, seek to deliberate on the pressing issues that concern the environment, delving into comparative legal framework on environmental protection, the interface between environment and businesses, activities that foster development, Energy security, Climate Change and Biodiversity Protection while taking into consideration the development of international framework vis-à-vis national issues and concerns pertaining to the environment.

The primary focus of the Conference shall be to further the environmental law, policy and practice in the areas of climate change, biodiversity conservation, forests, wildlife and pollution, serving as a forum for discussion on critical and contemporary issues. Lastly, this conference shall facilitate an effective framework in response to increasing public awareness and concern stemming from the high-profile environmental disasters.

The ever-evolving Environmental Law is a synthesis consisting of principles, concepts and norms interwoven with other scientific disciplines. The international environmental framework is simply the reflection of the world’s concerted effort in mitigating and reversing environmental deterioration in addition to decelerating our progress towards the Anthropocene era. Therefore, its objectives are two-fold – one, to tackle the environmental challenges and second, to conserve the environment for the future generation, thereby establishing its foundation on the concept of sustainable development.

The aspect on global environmental framework owes its existence to its principal source – the Common Law. The common law environmental principles – the parents of environmental laws guide environmental governance and judicial pronouncements in environmental matters. The environmental challenges confronting India in various spheres of pollution, wildlife and forest and bio-diversity, are also guided by these common Principles of Environmental Law. Additionally, the Environmental Rule of Law having its genesis in the United Nations Environment Programme’s Governing Council Decision 27/9 offers a mechanism that translates environmental aspirations into effective actions, keeping in view the difficulty in the enforcement of environmental legislations.

For India and other G20 Countries, there are several reasons to shift to green energy including the need to attain carbon neutrality, as affirmed in the COP26 in 2021. Transition to any technology requires capital infusion, and path-breaking technologies require an increased investment outlay. Invention spurs

development and technological competency. The International Conference would thus deliberate on the need to encourage the 3As (Availability, Accessibility and Affordability), by envisioning the principles of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” towards fostering a common concerted growth. The conference will further deliberate on the intricate aspects of role of Special Purpose Vehicles, Private Equity Investment, Venture Capital Firms, Banks and Financial Institutions, spanning across industries including the energy sector, manufacturing enterprises, construction industry, transportation industry, etc.

Lastly, since environmental challenges are not bounded by international boundaries and showcase the characteristic of creeping into the international dimensions, the modern concept of the environmental law though imposition of obligations based on the principles of *Common but Differentiated Responsibility* and *International Cooperation* would be reiterated.

The select papers from the International Conference will be featured in CEERA’s flagship journal - the Journal on Environmental Law, Policy and Development, listed with UGC-CARE.

1.1 WHO MAY ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

- Lawyers, Legal Professionals, Policy Makers and Green Advocates.
- Academicians, Students, Research Scholars from the disciplines of Law, Environmental Sciences, Management and Ethics, Environmental Engineering, or Environmental Health.
- Regulatory agencies, Officers from Pollution Control Board, Forest and Wildlife, Biodiversity Authority.
- Industry professionals, EHS managers, Compliance Personnel, Environmental Auditors, Engineers.

1.2 THEMATIC AREAS FOR PAPER PRESENTATION

I. HEALTH, ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- Impact of Climate Change on Vulnerable Communities
- Human action, Health, Climate, and Environmental change
- Climate Negotiation, Clean Energy and Energy Conservation
- Innovation in Cleaner Technology and green energy
- Energy Security and Legal Framework on Renewable Energy

II. BUSINESSES, BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION

- Sustainability in doing Business: Over-exploitation of Environment
- Land Use, Bio-diversity Loss and Impact on the Ecosystem
- Biological Diversity Protection and principles of access and benefit sharing: Issues and Challenges
- Food security and Biodiversity Conservation
- Indigenous practices in conservation of Biodiversity

III. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES, FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND WILDLIFE

- Dilution of Mens Rea in Environmental Crimes

- Environmental Courts and Access to justice
- Encroachment into the wild: Tribals, natural habitat, eco-tourism and poaching
- Indigenous Communities and Right to free, prior and informed consent for access to forest resources

IV. ABATEMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT & POLLUTION

- Challenges to implementation of hazardous waste management
- Prosecution of Crimes under Pollution Control Laws
- Contemporary perspective on Waste Governance – Laws, Regulations and Policies.
- Industrial Accidents, Environmental Safeguards and Pinning of Liability

1.3 SUBMISSIONS - DETAILS AND GUIDELINES:

- ☐ **Participants may register for the conference as an Author or Delegate/Observer.**
- ☐ Abstracts of not more than 500 words (excluding key words), on the above- mentioned themes are invited, submitted as Word (.doc/.docx) documents, with a covering letter containing the name, e-mail id, and designation of the author(s).
- ☐ All abstracts shall contain between 4-5 keywords.
- ☐ All Abstracts to be sent via e-mail to ceera@nls.ac.in with the subject line “Three-day International Conference” on or before April 26th 2023. In addition, the Organizing Committee shall share a Google form link to submit the abstracts, kindly submit it through the link also (mandatory requirement).
- ☐ There shall be a maximum of only two Authors for each Article / Essay, and all participants are permitted to enjoin as co-author to a maximum of one Article/ Essay only.
- ☐ Potential contributors are required to adhere to a uniform mode of citation (21st edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation).
- ☐ Submissions accepted:
 - Essays: 2000 - 4000 words (exclusive of footnotes)
 - Articles: 3000 - 6000 words (exclusive of footnotes)
- ☐ Authors may be expected to revise their abstracts and full essay/article submission based on reviews and comments received from the organizing team.
- ☐ **Contributors who are unable to travel to India would be accommodated through video-conferencing.**

***After peer review, ONLY shortlisted articles and essays will be published in the Journal on Environmental Law, Policy and Development, (JELPD) listed under UGC CARE with ISSN (O) 2348-7046.**

2 ABOUT NLSIU

The National Law School of India University, the Nation's premier law university, came into existence through a Notification under the National Law School of India University Act (Karnataka Act 22 of 1986). It signified the culmination of efforts by the Judiciary, the Bar Council of India, the Karnataka Bar Council, the Bangalore University and the Government of Karnataka to reform legal education and to establish a centre of excellence for legal education and research in India.



The Law School has undertaken many research projects funded by the UGC, the Government of India, the Government of Karnataka, the Department of Women and Child Development, UN agencies, the World Bank, HIVOS etc. The Projects have served to strengthen research and teaching at the Law School. The National Law School of India University since its inception has taken proactive steps in organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, refresher courses and certificate courses to update academicians, law teachers, students, industry personnel in different subject areas.

3 ABOUT CEERA



The Centre for Environmental Law, Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA), established in 1997 is a benefactor of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of Karnataka, the Bar, and the Bench in India and abroad. Building an environmental law database, effectively networking among all stakeholders, building up an environmental law community, and policy research in the area of the environment are CEERA's main objectives. To achieve the aforesaid, CEERA has incessantly and successfully been able to build functional and professional linkages with government agencies and non-governmental organisations in India, the south-Asian region and at international levels.

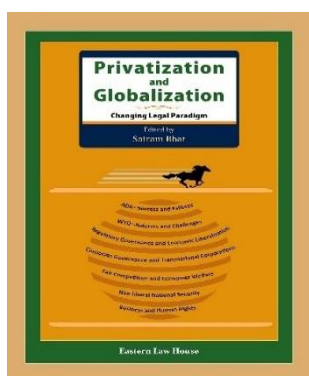
Identified as the Key Resource Centre under the aegis of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, CEERA has been regularly engaged in capacity building and training of practitioners, government servants, academicians, and scholars on various legal areas. CEERA has been partnering with Central Pollution Control Board in organizing Training programs for the officers of various State Pollution Control Boards and other industry professionals for over 12 years. One of the first in India, to successfully be granted a World Bank project and thereafter world bank's steady choice for the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, CEERA has been entrusted with research projects and workshops to impart training to Forest Officers, Revenue Officers, Officers of the Central Pollution Control Board and also of the Government of Karnataka.





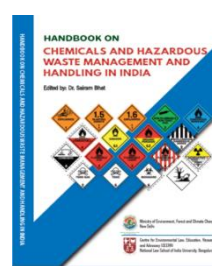
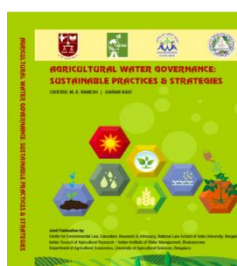
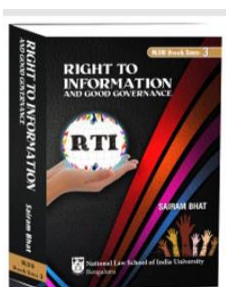
CEERA is proud to have completed a two-year Research Project granted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) under the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and as one of the deliverables, organized, convened, and conducted over twenty workshops at Institutions of national repute creating awareness on the Biodiversity Law and Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in less than 2 years. Two research publications on the scanty research area of biodiversity laws were also the outcome of this project.

In 2018, CEERA was granted a Research Project by the Ministry of Law and Justice to conduct research on ‘Strengthening Legal Provisions for the Enforcement of Contracts’. This Project had explored all the possible avenues of reformation in the Contractual and Commercial Law to uplift the dire situation of contractual enforcement in India. As one of the deliverables under this project, National Seminar was conducted over the course of two days where 251 participants from various parts of the country had shown enthusiasm and interest.



CEERA had also organized a three-day International Conference on ‘Liberalization and Globalization: Changing Legal Paradigm in 2016, with an objective to examine the impact of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization (LPG) in India - specifically on the various laws enacted and amended subsequent to Liberalization. It was attended by about 150 participants globally and had around 100 paper presentations as well. As an outcome of the conference, a book containing the best research papers, were published by CEERA in NLSIU Book Series-3, which was released to mark 25 Years of Economic Liberalization and Globalization.

CEERA has made several publications in the area of environmental law, the law, and public policy along with Newsletters, CEERA March of the Environmental Law, NLSIU’s first e-Journal – Journal on Environmental Law, Policy and Development and manages two websites viz., enlaw.nls.ac.in, wherein the law and policy on Environment is regularly updated, and abs.nls.ac.in, a dedicated portal wherein the law and policy on Biodiversity Access and Benefit Sharing is updated periodically. All our publications are duly updated on our online portal ceerapub.nls.ac.in which is open for subscription to all readers.



4 PATRONS OF THE CONFERENCE



Prof. Sairam Bhat
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Prof. Sudhir Krishnaswamy
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NLSIU



Prof. S. Shanthakumar
Director
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Prof. M K Ramesh
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Prof. Bharat Desai
Professor of Law
JNU

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for Registration: April 26, 2023
- Last date for Submission of Abstract: April 26, 2023
- Dates of the Conference: June 05 – 07, 2023
- Submission of Full-Length Essays/ Articles: July 01, 2023

5 REGISTRATION FORM & REGISTRATION FEES

Individuals interested in participating in the Conference may register by filling in the Google form link below by paying a registration fee of **INR 5,000/- non-residential fee (Rupees Five Thousand only)** for each **Delegate Participant or Author/Co-Author**.

For **Undergraduate students the registration fee is INR 3,000/ non-residential fee [Rupees three thousand only]** per participant **Delegate Participant or Author/Co-Author**.

Registration is invited in the form of (i) **Delegate Participant/Observer Participant** (access to all Plenary Sessions and Paper presentation sessions) and (ii) **Author/Co-Author** (access to all Plenary Sessions and opportunity for presentation of essays/articles)

5.1 REGISTRATION FORM LINK:

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REGISTRATION FEES	
Registration fee for each Delegate Participant, Observer Participant, Author/Co-Author	INR 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each. Non-residential fee
Registration fee for each Delegate Participant, Observer Participant, Author/Co-Author who is an Undergraduate student	INR 3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only) each. Non-residential fee
Accommodation will be provided to International Participants on a Twin-Sharing Basis without any accommodation fee.	

* All registered participants shall be provided with a certificate.

5.2 PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fees may be paid by NEFT/RTGS transfer, as per the bank details given below or vide Demand Draft drawn in favor of National Law School of India University and sent along with the Registration Form attached herewith.

- NEFT Transaction ID:
- NEFT Transaction Date:
- DD Number and Bank Details (if payment made by DD)

Kindly Note: The registration amount may also be paid via Google Pay, by making the payment through Bank Transaction/Transfer to the account details provided herein below. In addition to submission of the Google Form for registration, kindly send a screenshot or scanned copy of the transaction details including bank account details, phone number, and e-mail address along with the payment details to ceera@nls.ac.in and a carbon copy (marked as CC) of the same shall be sent to **Ms. Susheela Suresh** at **email id:** susheela@nls.ac.in

The **original document (hard copy)** of the Demand Draft, if opted shall be sent via courier/post to:

MS. SUSHEELA, PO BAG 7201, NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA
UNIVERSITY, NAGARBHAVI, BENGALURU 560 072

6 CODE OF CONDUCT & INSTRUCTIONS

Participants shall adhere to the code of conduct and instructions at all times which are as follows.

- ❖ Attendance to all the sessions shall be mandatory for the issue of certificate.
- ❖ Liquor, Cigarettes, or intoxicating substance in any form, are prohibited within the University campus.
- ❖ Participants, seeking accommodation at Venue are requested to refrain from accompanying with their spouse or family to the venue.
- ❖ The Organizers notify that any request for accommodation for non-Participants will not be entertained.
- ❖ Any request for sightseeing/local shopping will not be encouraged.
- ❖ Reading material shall be sent only in softcopy format. Presentations made by the speakers may be shared only if the speakers agree to the same.

Additional Information

Further particulars of the Conference will be communicated shortly.

The Organizers reserve their right to make such modifications, including additions and deletions, in connection with or incidental to the organization of this Three-Day International Conference.

Sd/-
PROF. DR. SAIRAM BHAT
Coordinator, CEERA
Professor of Law, NLSIU

7 BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

ELECTRONIC CLEARING SERVICE (CREDIT CLEARING) / REAL TIME GROSS SETTLEMENT (RTGS) FACILITY FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEE

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BANK NAME	UNION BANK OF INDIA
NAME OF ACCOUNT HOLDER	DIRECTOR NLSIU SCHEMES AND PROJECTS
COMPLETE CONTACT ADDRESS	NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY, P.B.NO.7201, NAGARBHAVI, BANGALORE - 560 072
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