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THE 5TH ALL INDIA LEGAL HISTORY CONGRESS

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Organised by

Centre for Studies in Legal History
The West Bengal National University of Juridical
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About The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata



WBNUJS was established under the National University of Juridical Sciences Act of 1999 to promote legal education and research in India. It officially started functioning in 2000. The WBNUJS remains one of the only three national law schools in India which have the honourable Chief Justice of India as the Chancellor who is also the Chairman of the General Council, the supreme policy-making body of the University. This set-up provides an aura of exclusivity and rare stature to this premier law school of India. Prof. (Dr.) Nirmal Kanti Chakrabarti is the Vice Chancellor of the University. The University boasts of a highly qualified and experienced faculty, many of whom are leading experts in their respective fields of law and social sciences. Their expertise contributes significantly to the quality of legal education provided at this University.

The WBNUJS is considered one of the best amongst the elite national law schools in India built on the five-year law degree model proposed and implemented by the Bar Council of India.

The campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including modern classrooms, a well-stocked library, research centres and moot courtrooms. These facilities enhance the learning experience for students. The University encourages research in various legal areas. It has several research centres and institutes dedicated to specific branches of law and the social sciences. The University also publishes various journals and publications, contributing to legal scholarship.

The WBNUJS collaborates with various national and international institutions to facilitate academic exchange, research, and collaboration. It stands as a beacon of legal education and research in India, producing skilled professionals who are well-equipped to excel in the legal profession, academia, and public service and to assist the Criminal Justice System.

About The Centre for Studies in Legal History



The Centre works on the digitization of Ancient Indian legal sources, such as relevant portions of the *Vedas*, the *Dharmasastra*, the *Arthasastra*, the *Puranas*, the *Mimansha* School of Hindu Law and even plays such as the *Mrichchakatika*. It is currently engaged in the publication of a volume compiling legal principles gleaned from Ancient Indian Texts to provide a holistic view of the legal systems prevalent in Ancient India. It also aims to digitize relevant High Court judgments and other sources for the use of legal researchers and honourable members of the Bar and the Bench. In December 2023, the Centre collaborated with the GGSIPU to hold the 4th All India Legal History Congress at the University School of Law there. On behalf of this centre, Professor Rupendra Kumar Chattopadhyay presented a paper on Ancient Indian Legal Systems at the Legal History Congress. The Centre also aims to hold regular seminars, conferences and workshops on issues related to the origin and development of Indian legal systems.



About the Conference

The 5th ALL INDIA LEGAL HISTORY CONGRESS is being hosted by the Centre for Studies in Legal History, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata. It aims to explore the interface between law and history to generate critical insights into the interdisciplinary connections between the two fields, with special focus on the rising trends in law, ethics, historiography, and the associated arenas in humanities and social sciences. The Congress will focus on four primary themes: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Law and History, Rethinking Law and Legal History, Law, Community, and Sustainability, and Law and the Issue of Representation. The conference intends to explore interdisciplinary approaches to Law by exploring evidence-based research and sustainable research in legal history. The Congress will prove to be a vibrant summit of scholars and enthusiasts throwing new light on the intertwined branches of law and history. It will provide a grand opportunity to the participants for intellectual exchanges, promotion of interdisciplinary dialogues, and strengthening of historical understanding through its diverse range of keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interactive sessions and thereby break the conventional barriers of knowledge.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE BROAD THEMES

- **INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO LAW AND HISTORY**
- **RETHINKING LAW AND LEGAL HISTORY**
- **LAW, COMMUNITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**
- **LAW AND THE ISSUE OF REPRESENTATION**

CONFERENCE SUB THEMES

- **INTELLECTUAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN LEGAL SYSTEM**
- **DECOLONIZING THE INDIAN LEGAL SYSTEM**
- **TOWARDS A BHARATIYA LEGAL SYSTEM: RETHINKING LAWS FOR A CIVILIZATIONAL NATION**
- **CONTRIBUTION OF HETERODOX/NASTIKA TRADITIONS OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BUDDHISM AND JAINISM, IN THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LEGAL HERITAGE.**
- **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DHARMA, LAW, AND ETHICS**
- **VULNERABLE TRIBES AND LAWS**
- **LAW AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA**
- **FROM REACTIVE TO PROACTIVE LAWS**
- **LEGAL SYSTEM FOR A VIKSHIT BHARAT**
- **CUSTOMARY LAWS IN INDIA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**
- **LAW AND EDUCATION: REVISITING AND RETHINKING LEGAL PEDAGOGY**
- **LAW AND THE WOMEN'S QUESTION**
- **MARGINAL COMMUNITIES AND LEGAL SYSTEMS: REPRESENTATION AND REFORMS**
- **LEGAL REFORMS IN THE AGRARIAN SECTOR: TAXATION AND REVENUE SYSTEMS**
- **PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF LAW AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS**
- **LAW, MEDIA, AND POPULAR CULTURE**
- **LAW, LITERATURE, TEXTUALITY, AND HISTORY**
- **NEW RESEARCH IN JURIDICAL SCIENCES AND LEGAL HISTORIOGRAPHY**
- **PSYCHOLOGY, LANGUAGE, SOCIETY, AND LAW**
- **LEGAL TECHNOLOGY AND HISTORY**
- **SUPERHEROES AND LEGAL JUSTICE**
- **LAW AND CENSORSHIP: A HISTORICAL APPRAISAL**

ELIGIBILITY

The Conference invites research papers from historians, academicians, legal practitioners, independent researchers and researchers from all disciplines of humanities and social sciences, specifically law students pursuing B.A, LL.B. /LL.M./Ph.D. from any recognized university.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT:

- The participants are required to submit their abstracts, adhering to the Submission Guidelines, no later than **15th January 2025** to the following email address: 5thlegalhistorycongress@nujs.edu with their names, designation, permanent/corresponding address, contact details, and email ID.
- The abstract/proposal should contain 300 to 500 words with 3-5 keywords in doc. format, clearly summarizing the arguments and should be titled as: **Abstract (Name of the Article)**.
- Selected abstracts will be notified through email by **25th January 2025**.

FILLING THE REGISTRATION FORM

- After the selection of the abstract, the authors/co-authors will be required to fulfil the registration process by filling **Google Form** with necessary details by **20th February 2025** available on the university website and paying the registration fees.

REGISTRATION FEES*

- Faculty and Research Scholars: INR 4000/-
- Students: INR 1500/-

** Registration Fees include GST.*

***Any fees paid are Non-Refundable.*

SUBMISSION OF REGISTRATION FEES

- In order to complete the payment process, the applicants will have to pay it through SBI Collect link.
- All participants are requested to follow the following instructions for making the payment:
- Access **<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>**
 - Select Type of Category as 'Educational Institutions'
 - Select the Institutions Name as 'The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences'
 - Select the Payment Category as 'All India Legal History Congress'.
- The above link will be live as per details mentioned below:
 - **01-09-2024 to 20-02-2025**
- Please don't use any special character during filling the information, kindly note the SBI Collect Reference Number.
- After paying the registration fees, each applicant must upload a screenshot of the Transaction ID or the Reference Number on the Google Form link for registration.

The last date of registering online and payment of registration fees is **20th February 2025**.

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

- After the acceptance of the abstract, a full paper of length 5,000-6,000 words (excluding footnotes) in 12-15 pages should be sent to the following email address: **5thlegalhistorycongress@nujs.edu**. Adherence to primary sources of data for writing the papers will be encouraged.
- The last date of submission of full paper is **1st March 2025**.

FORMAT

- The paper must be written in British English, typed using Times New Roman (Normal style, Font size 12) and in MS-Word. Page size should be A4, single column with 2.5 cm (1 inch) margin on all sides with single line spacing. All pages of the manuscript (including Tables and Figures) must be numbered. Name of the author, designation, permanent/corresponding address, contact details, and email id should be written under the title of the paper.

CITATION STYLE

- OSCOLA (Oxford Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities) is the prescribed citation style. Citation of sources should appear in both the body of the text (as in-text citation) and at the end of the work (as a reference list).

CO-AUTHORSHIP

- The option of co-authorship is available for up to two authors.
- The submission must be the original work of the authors. Any form of plagiarism will lead to direct rejection. The decision of the organizers in case of conflict of interest shall be final.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- **LAST DATE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:** **15TH JANUARY 2025**
- **ACCEPTANCE OF ABSTRACT:** **25TH JANUARY 2025**
- **LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION:** **20TH FEBRUARY 2025**
- **LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER:** **1ST MARCH 2025**
- **DATES OF THE CONFERENCE:** **22ND, 23RD AND 24TH MARCH, 2025**

ACCOMMODATION

The university will be unable to provide accommodation to all participants due to space constraints at the campus. However, free accommodation (university hostel) will be provided to the student and/or scholar as author and/or co-author (maximum 10 in number) whose papers are selected for presentation.

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