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JGLS NATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM ON CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES OF LAW IN INDIA

JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL, SONIPAT, INDIA

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Concept Note

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is committed to encouraging academically rigorous legal research on cutting edge issues in the legal and policy framework from an interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional perspective. This aim is actuated substantially by the desire to take a stand against the scarcity of academic and critical inquiry into many of India's leading legal and policy issues. Simultaneously, the University's focus on legal research is motivated by the need for new, more globally considered, perspectives on these same leading legal and policy issues.

The Research Colloquium will provide visibility for student research that critically analyzes the formation and functioning of the Indian legal system (ILS) over the last six decades.

This Colloquium will proffer students a forum to present and discuss their research and seek comments on the same from distinguished panelists and fellow participants. We believe this will facilitate collaboration, publication and further dissemination of this crucial research on contemporary issues. This will serve as a fruitful pedagogical tool for the students and inculcate research and scholarship among students. Confronting questions relating to their research from the distinguished panelists and their peer group will compel students to re-examine and evolve their views and formulate answers to vexed questions in the legal and policy framework. We have organized two research colloquia at an intra-college level earlier and we believe the experience has resulted in academically rigorous, insightful and socially relevant papers by students on current issues.

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Call for Papers

We welcome papers from law students that critically analyze the formation and functioning of the Indian legal system (ILS) over the last six decades. The Indian legal system is confronted by multiple challenges. These challenges can be categorized as horizontal and vertical. Globalization poses a vertical challenge in terms of influencing the development of a number of fields of law which were previously driven by national factors. These specifically include banking, financing and trade laws that are heavily influenced by international legal regimes. On the other hand, *sui generis* developments within the ILS have also provided instances of state practice and played important and influential roles in the design and content of international legal regimes.

Horizontally the Indian legal system has expanded in three ways. First, the growth of the private sector and the concomitant need to address negative externalities of the market through regulation has spurred a rapid expansion in the regulatory capacity of the state. Competition, biotechnology, environment, insurance, biodiversity are examples of such sectors. Second, immense expansion of private law issues characterized by the judicial recognition of the diversity of identities that are embedded within the Indian milieu. These include rights of sexual minorities, political reservation for women, uniform civil code, etc. Third, the rapid expansion of the distributive role of the government through the introduction of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, the Right to Education and the soon to be instituted Right to Food Bill, have also provided a chance to reopen discussions on the nature, scale and duration of legal guarantees to resources.

Therefore, the purview of the research colloquium has been kept deliberately large. Papers from both private and public law as well as those on sectoral dynamics are welcome.

This is open to students of B.A. LL.B., LL.B. and LL.M.

Please submit your abstract of 500 words to this email address: src@jgu.edu.in and djain@jgu.edu.in before **15 December 2012**. Please send the abstract along with a cover letter and proof of your affiliation with a University. Papers selected will be intimated by **5 January 2012**. The papers will be judged by renowned national and international academics. Full papers selected for participation are due no later than **25 February 2013**.

JGLS is committed to keeping the Colloquium as cost-free as possible for admitted applicants, including travel, meals and lodging.

The best paper will be published in the Jindal Law Journal and other awards/certificates will be presented to the participants at the colloquium for originality and creativity. The papers will be judged by renowned National and International Academics.

23rd March will be dedicated to an intensive research and methodology workshop by renowned academics. All selected participants will be required to attend the residential workshop.