

CLEA REGIONAL CONFERENCE - 2016
ON
‘FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION’

LAW COMMISSION OF INDIA, COMMONWEALTH LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA) ASIA-INDIA and **LLOYD LAW COLLEGE** are organizing the prestigious **CLEA Regional Conference** on the topic ‘Freedom of Speech and Expression’ from 5th to 6th November, 2016 at Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida.

Freedom of speech and expression like the rights to life and liberty is an ever expanding circle. This very expansion brings with it challenges and concerns. The object of the conference is to provide an excellent opportunity for sharing of every possible understanding, ideas and views relating to freedom of speech and expression: to receive wisdom from all possible source and fuse them into our administration of justice.

Abstracts are invited for paper presentation for CLEA Regional Conference on “Freedom of Speech and Expression” scheduled from 5th to 6th November, 2016 at Lloyd Law College.

Abstract Submission:

Abstracts containing not more than 400 words (identifying your chosen Theme/Sub-Theme) may be submitted along with a short bio indicating your educational background, institution and contact details along with a copy of scanned passport sized Photograph to **cleaconference@lloydedu.in** on or before 20th September, 2016 latest by 11.59 p.m

Theme: “Freedom of Speech and Expression”

Sub-Themes:

(1) Laws Affecting Speech and Expression

- Scope of Article 19(1)(a) in the Constitutional Framework and Reasonable Restrictions
- Recording and Publishing Court Proceedings/Official Secrets/ Public Order

- Parliamentary Privileges
- Contempt of Court
- Comparative study on freedom of speech and expression

(2) Sedition

- Sedition and A.19(2) of the Constitution
- Tendency or the intention to create public disorder
- Dissent, Sloganeering, Incitement to violence, Free Speech and Sedition
- Post Kedar Nath Singh Case
- Comparative study on sedition

(3) Defamation

- Civil and Criminal Remedies
- Public Good and Truth
- Absolute and Qualified Privilege
- Mistake as a defense to defamation proceedings
- Critique of SC decision in Subramanian Swamy v. Union of India 2016
- Comparative study of the law of defamation

(4) Privacy, Individual Freedom and Media

- Government Surveillance of Social Media and Privacy
- Speech and Expression in the Social Media under IT Act
- Media Trial and Right to Privacy
- Comparative study on media law and right to privacy

(5) Right to Know v. Right against Information

- Banning Literature/Movies/Songs/Paintings/Plays/ Public Events
- Official Secrets and RTI
- Hate Speech and Public Order

- Obscenity and Freedom of Speech and Expression
- Offense to Religious Sentiments and Morality
- Comparative study

(6) Freedom of Expression in the Internet Age

- Right to be Informed and Harmful Ideas
- Media and the loss of their intermediary role
- Facts v. Opinions and the professional diligence of journalists
- The myth of public opinion and the obligation not to express one's own opinion
- Information as a commodity and the distinction between individual and corporate exercise of expression

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts: There is no streamlined format for the abstract. **Authors must identify their chosen sub-theme in their abstracts.** Co-authorship is allowed, subject to a maximum of two authors. One Co-Author only will be allowed to present the paper at the conference; however the other Co-Author's presence is essential during the paper presentation for certificate purposes.

Main Paper:

1. The length of the paper shall not exceed 4500 words, excluding footnotes and the abstract.
2. The submission shall be in MS-Word format (.doc or .docx) and must be typed in A4 paper with one inch margin on all the sides.
3. Font size shall be Times New Roman 12, with 1.5 spacing. Font size for the footnotes shall be Times New Roman 10, with 1 spacing.
4. **Bluebook 20th Edition** citation shall be followed.
5. Authors whose abstracts are selected after initial screening must confirm their participation by fulfilling registration requirements.

Assessment criteria for selection of Abstracts:

The following criteria will be followed in the selection of abstracts:

1. Relevance of the topic and the accompanying substance
2. Continuity of thought in presentation
3. Originality. Plagiarism in any form is not permitted.

Participants:

The event is open for contributions from Judicial Members and Policymakers, Lawyers, Academicians and Legal Research Scholars (Ph.D and LL.M./M.Phil) from India or abroad to investigate, appraise and review laws relating to the freedom of speech and expression to foster better understanding and insight of the law in their scope, operation, interpretation and application.

Registration:

Authors whose abstracts are selected after initial screening must get registration details from **Mr. Aakash Sharma, General Convener, CLEA Conference - 2016** and confirm their participation by sending in the duly filled in **Registration Form** to cleaconference@lloydedu.in by 17th October, 2016 latest by 11.59 p.m.

Paper Submission:

The authors submitting papers must attach a **Plagiarism Report** alongside their submission. All submissions shall be made to cleaconference@lloydedu.in on or before **17th October, 2016** latest by 11.59 p.m.

Publication & Award:

- Out of the papers presented at the conference, selected papers shall be published by the committee as an ISBN Book.

- Two superlative individual paper presentations at the conference shall be awarded with the CLEA Best Research Paper Award.

Accommodation, Hospitality & Conveyance

Participants interested in availing accommodation must inform their requirements to the Convenor by email to cleaconference@lloydedu.in at the time of paper submission to enable the organizers to make necessary arrangements. Participants shall be provided local hospitality during the conference. Travel and conveyance shall be borne by the participants themselves.

Important Dates:

1. Announcement of the conference: 24th August, 2016.
2. Abstract submission deadline: 20th September, 2016.
3. Intimation regarding abstract selection: 23th September, 2016.
4. Date of final paper submission: 17th October, 2016.
5. Date of conference: 5th & 6th November, 2016.

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