



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LAW & POLICY:
A DEVICE FOR
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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**The National Law Institute University
Bhopal, India**

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1. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

We live in a world with an unequal distribution of intellectual property ('IP') between countries. While research and development is touted as a common justification for IP laws, there remains a sharp divide between IP poor and IP rich countries. The objective of this Conference is to examine the perennial question - whether IP laws and policies help or hinder the economic and technological advancement of nations? Corollary to this question is what can be done to make the existing IP regimes, domestic and international, fair and equitable.

Besides an opportunity to present a research paper, this Conference provides a platform for IP scholars to – (i) meet and develop ideas and strategies for supporting IP research, and (ii) identify and deliberate on emerging areas of IP law.

2. CALL FOR PAPERS

Original and unpublished research papers are invited from academics, researchers, students, lawyers and professionals on the provided theme and subthemes.

2.1 THEME & SUBTHEMES FOR THE CONFERENCE

The main issue that the Conference seeks to address is whether IP law and policies, and laws and policies related to IP law – such as corporate law, are more enabling or disabling to research and development. Hence, the theme of the Conference is “*Intellectual Property Law and Policy: A Device for Research and Development.*”

This theme has three subthemes -

- I. Whether domestic and international laws relating to (i) copyright, (ii) patents, (iii) trademark, (iv) geographical indications of goods, (v) protection of plant varieties and farmers' rights, (vi) industrial design, (vii) layout design of semiconductor integrated circuits, (viii) trade secret, and (ix) any other areas of IP law (emerging or otherwise), and related laws help or hinder research and development.
- II. What can be done to make the existing IP regime, i.e., IP law and policy more fair and equitable?
- III. What are the moral, philosophical, legal, social, and/or ethical consequences of existing laws?

Papers may be contributed on: (i) main theme, (ii) any of the nine areas of first subtheme, (iii) second theme, or (iv) the third theme. The paper must make a new, non-obvious, and useful claim.

2.2 ABSTRACT

An abstract of the paper, in not more than 500 words, clearly elucidating the “original, new, non-obvious, and useful idea”, should be submitted on or before 11:59 pm IST on August 15, 2017. The abstract, along with a document containing a brief profile of the author indicating his/her name, designation, email ID, contact number and official address, must be sent in MS Word format (.doc/.docx), to iciplawpolicy@gmail.com. The subject of the e-mail must be “Abstract for IP Conference”.

All submitted abstracts will undergo a blind review. The Conference Organizing Committee will communicate about the abstract selection by August 25, 2017.

2.3 REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. The participants are mandated to fill the online registration form and pay the registration fees, vide Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), upon the receipt of the acceptance mail, in response to their abstracts submissions.
2. The deadline to receive the completed online registration form, along with the EFT, is 11:59 pm on September 30, 2017. For EFT details, please see www.nliu.ac.in.
3. All Registration fees are to be paid in INR. The fee details are as follows:

PARTICIPANTS	FEE
Academicians/ Practitioners/ Others (Indian)	INR 5000/-
Academicians/ Practitioners/ Others (Foreign)	USD 100/- (INR 6500/-)
Students (Indian)	INR 3000/-
Students (NLIU)	INR 1000/-
Members of Faculty (NLIU and Western Sydney University)	NIL

2.4 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPER

All the registered participants must submit the full paper on or before 11:59 pm IST on October 25, 2017.

The paper must begin with the subject matter of study, provide an exhaustive literature review, state the problem and hypothesis, examine the hypothesis and provide conclusions and suggestions.

Word Limit: 6000-10,000 words.

Prescribed Format: The text of the manuscript should be in Times New Roman, font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 and in single line spacing. The writings must conform with the Bluebook style of citation, 19th edition. The manuscripts must be sent in MS Word format (.doc/.docx) to **iciplawpolicy@gmail.com**. The subject of the e-mail must be "Submission for IP Conference".

3. FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

In addition to the inaugural and valedictory sessions, there will be four sessions earmarked for each of the subthemes. In the afternoon session of day three, the panelists of each of the twelve sessions will form a group and discuss all the papers presented in their respective session. The discussion will be aimed at identifying strengths and weaknesses of every paper presented, and shall seek to make suggestions for improvements in the paper. Every group will then select its group leader. On day four, the group leaders will present the outcome of the group deliberation. Day five has been earmarked for sight-seeing.

4. TRAVEL

Bhopal is well connected to other major cities of the country via air, rail and road. There are regular flights from other major cities of the country to Bhopal. The Raja Bhoj Airport 22 km from the NLIU campus. The railway stations, Bhopal junction and Habibganj, are around 15 km each, from the campus. Participants can avail taxi or auto services to reach NLIU from the airport or the railway stations. The participants must bear their own travel expenses; no reimbursement shall be made by the organizers.

5. PARTICIPANTS

In addition to the persons presenting the papers, academics, judges, lawyers and other professionals, persons from industry and students may also attend the Conference, subject to the registration process as specified in § 2.3.

6. BOARD AND LODGE

The National Law Institute University, Bhopal will host the participants on breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tea and snacks will be served during the break in between the sessions. Limited accommodation is available on the campus and may be allotted to the participants, subject advance booking and payment of prescribed charges.

There are many hotels/ accommodations available in the vicinity of the campus. Some of them are:

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| <p>1. <i>Noor-Us-Sabah Palace</i>
V.I.P. Road, Koh-E-Fiza, Bhopal
Tel: +91-755-4223333, 4239996
(15 km from NLIU)</p> | <p>3. <i>Hotel Lake View Ashok</i>
Shyamala Hills, Lake View Road, Bhopal,
Tel: +91-755-2660090
(9.1 km from NLIU)</p> |
| <p>2. <i>Jehan Numa Palace Hotel</i>
157 Shyamala Hills, Bhopal
Tel : +91-755-2661100, 4235100
(9.2 km from NLIU)</p> | <p>4. <i>Courtyard by Marriot</i>
DB City, Arera Hills, Bhopal
Tel: +91-755-3096444, +91-755-309 6240
(12.4 km from NLIU)</p> |

7. IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date for Abstract Submission	August 15, 2017
Confirmation of Abstract	August 25, 2017
Last Date of Online Registration	September 30, 2017
Last Date for Paper Submission	October 25, 2017
Date of Conference	November 26 – 30, 2017

ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS

THE NATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY (NLIU)



NLIU was established by Act No. 41 of 1997 of the Madhya Pradesh Legislature for imparting legal education through multidisciplinary teaching. The University launched its first academic programme for five-year B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) course on September 1, 1998. Presently, NLIU offers B.A.LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCLIS and Ph.D. courses to over 700 students every year.

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Western Sydney University is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research. The University is building on its reputation for resilience and flexibility to cement a student-centred and research-led culture at the core of its next phase of development. The University is located in Australia's third largest economic region. It draws students from more than 160 ethnic backgrounds, the great majority of whom are the first in their family to attend university.

The School of Law was established in 1995, and has quickly grown in stature as an institution preparing world class legal professionals. Law is taught on two campuses, Parramatta and Campbell town, instate of the art facilities. There are over 1,750 law students enrolled in undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Western Sydney University Law was ranked in the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA).