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8TH CLRS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LAW, GOVERNANCE AND SOCIETY

Rights, Institutions and Public Policy in a Changing World

CALL FOR PAPERS

8TH EDITION

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24 JANUARY 2027

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LAST DATE FOR ABSTRACTS
13 December 2026

FULL PAPER
17 January 2027

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Edited book with ISBN, DOI and Google Scholar

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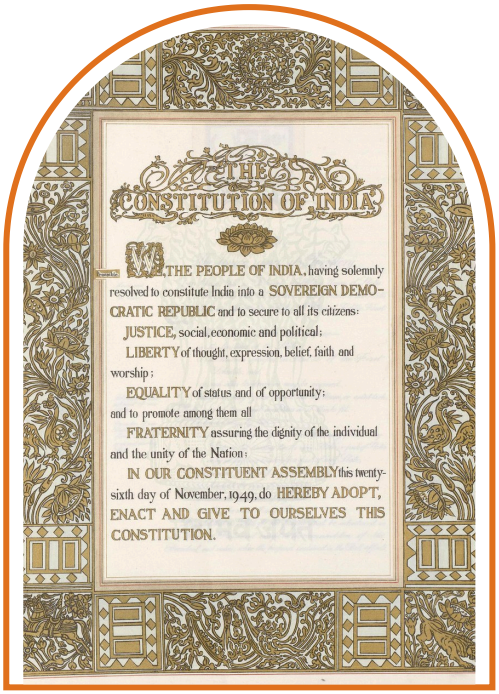
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The conference is held on the Sunday before Republic Day, when the Constitution of India completes seventy-seven years in force. In those years the country has replaced its criminal codes, written new law on insolvency, data protection and consumer rights, and taken questions of environment, gender and livelihood to its courts again and again. Other countries have been through changes of their own, and many of the questions are shared.

This conference asks where the law stands on these questions today, and what those who study and practise it have learnt. It is open to papers from every branch of law, and equally to work from management, commerce, public policy, education and the social sciences that bears on how institutions are run and how people are governed. Doctrinal, empirical, comparative and critical work is welcome alike. What we look for is a clear question and an argument grounded in the sources.

This is the eighth conference in the Centre's numbered series. The last one, on law in the digital decade, was held online on 13 September 2026 in six sessions, and its papers were published in two edited volumes bearing ISBN.


THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:
JUSTICE, social, economic and political;
LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;
EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;
and to promote among them all
FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the Nation;
IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

THE PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Centre For Legal Research And Studies

The Centre for Legal Research and Studies, VidhiAagaz, is a Crossref member organisation and has worked in law and social science research, as well as academic publishing, since 2017. Its authors come from more than fifty countries, and its research is distributed through HeinOnline, Manupatra and Google Scholar, and is held in more than 1,000 libraries around the globe.

VidhiAagaz®

VidhiAagaz is an independent legal publishing house, founded in 2017. It publishes three peer-reviewed journals: the International Journal of Law Management & Humanities, the International Journal of Legal Science and Innovation and the CLRS Journal of Global Justice & Governance, along with edited books bearing ISBN.

THEME

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LAW, GOVERNANCE AND SOCIETY

Rights, Institutions and Public Policy in a Changing World

The tracks below show the fields from which papers are invited. The sessions for the day are formed after submissions close, around the papers actually received. A paper on any contemporary question of law, governance or society is welcome, including work that does not sit neatly under one heading. Comparative and international perspectives are encouraged.

CORE TRACKS

01 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Fundamental rights and their limits, federalism, judicial review, legal aid, pendency and the working of courts and tribunals.

02 CRIMINAL LAW AND THE NEW CRIMINAL CODES

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Sakshya Adhiniyam in practice; policing, bail, sentencing, victims and prisons.

03 CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL LAW

Company law and governance, insolvency, securities, banking, competition, taxation, arbitration and commercial disputes.

04 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDIA AND INFORMATION LAW

Patents, copyright, trade marks and designs; press, broadcasting and online speech; data protection and the right to information.

05 FAMILY, GENDER AND CHILD RIGHTS

Marriage, succession and personal laws, violence against women, workplace equality, juvenile justice, adoption and the rights of the elderly.

06 ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND CLIMATE

Pollution control, forests and wildlife, land and water, climate obligations, renewable energy and environmental litigation.

07 INTERNATIONAL LAW, TRADE AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Treaties and their enforcement, trade and investment, migration and refugees, humanitarian law and the role of international institutions.

08 PUBLIC POLICY, MANAGEMENT AND SOCIETY

Public administration, education, health, labour and welfare policy, business management, corporate responsibility and social change.

Papers on any other contemporary question of law, governance or society are equally welcome.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SELECTED PAPERS MAY BE PUBLISHED IN A SCOPUS-INDEXED PUBLICATION

ABSTRACT DEADLINE
Sunday, 13 December 2026

FULL PAPER DEADLINE
Sunday, 17 January 2027

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- **Faculty members and academicians**
- **Research scholars and Ph.D. candidates**
- **Postgraduate and undergraduate students**
- **Judicial officers and legal practitioners**
- **Professionals in management and policy**
- **Independent researchers, in India and abroad**

A paper may be written by up to two authors. A single registration and a single publication charge cover both of them, and each author receives a certificate.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT
- 250 to 300 words, with up to five keywords, stating the question, the sources or method, and the argument. Abstracts are reviewed as they come in, and the decision is sent within five to seven days of submission.

FULL PAPER
- 2,500 to 3,000 words, excluding references, submitted once the abstract is accepted. Peer reviewed before it is accepted for the conference and the book.

FORMATTING
- Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing; footnotes in size 10. APA referencing with in-text citations; papers in law follow OSCOLA.

FILE TYPE
- Submitted as a Word document (.doc or .docx). PDF files are not accepted, since the paper is edited for the book.

ORIGINALITY
- The work must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. Similarity must stay below 10 percent, text generated by AI tools is not accepted, and the paper must contain nothing defamatory.

ANONYMITY
- The file submitted for review must not carry the author's name or affiliation, so that both rounds of review are blind.

HOW PAPERS ARE REVIEWED

The abstract is read by the editorial committee. The full paper is read by subject reviewers in a double-blind process, and is accepted for the conference and the book only on their recommendation. Payment of the registration or the publication charge does not, on its own, secure acceptance of a paper.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Publication is optional, and is offered in two ways. Each carries its own charge, separate from registration.

Scopus-indexed publication SELECTED PAPERS

Selected papers may be published in a Scopus-indexed publication. The Centre is in talks with international publishers for this, and the outlet will be announced on the conference page once it is settled. Papers are selected on the reviewers' recommendation and are subject to the publisher's own review and policies.

Fee for the Scopus-indexed publication

A separate fee of **USD 100** applies to a paper selected for it. Such publication runs on the publisher's own schedule and may take several months.

Edited book with ISBN OTHER ACCEPTED PAPERS

The other accepted papers are published in an edited book bearing an ISBN, with a Crossref DOI for each chapter and indexing in Google Scholar.

Charge for the book

A separate charge of **₹1,500** applies, the same for everyone, together with a signed copyright form. It includes a printed copy of the book and a hard copy of the certificate, posted to the author. There is no separate per-page or processing fee.

CERTIFICATES

- E-certificate of presentation for each presenting author
- Printed certificate, posted with the book, for published authors
- Best paper certificate for the best paper of each session
- E-certificate of participation for attendees

FROM OUR LAST CONFERENCE

The papers of the September 2026 conference were published on 2 October 2026 in two edited volumes: **Law in the Digital Decade: Rights, Regulation and Accountability** (ISBN 978-81-947620-6-5) and **Law in the Digital Decade: Evidence, Intellectual Property and Markets** (ISBN 978-81-181981-0-9). Forty-one chapters, each with its own Crossref DOI.

IMPORTANT DATES

1

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Decision within five to seven days of submission

13 DECEMBER 2026

2

REGISTRATION

Presentation slots are limited

WITHIN 5 DAYS OF ACCEPTANCE

3

FULL PAPER

For registered presenters

17 JANUARY 2027

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CONFERENCE

Online, from 9.15 am IST

24 JANUARY 2027

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REVIEW AND PUBLICATION

Timelines are shared with the authors

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION FEE

Students (UG and PG), presenting	**₹1,000**
Research scholars, presenting	**₹1,500**
Academicians, professionals and practitioners, presenting	**₹2,000**
Foreign delegates, presenting	**USD 50**
Attendees, not presenting	**₹500**

BENEFITS

- E-certificate of presentation for every author
- Best paper certificate in each session
- Selected papers may be published in a Scopus-indexed publication
- Edited book with ISBN, Crossref DOI and Google Scholar
- Printed copy of the book, posted to the author
- Live presentation before a Chair and a Co-Chair
- Take part from anywhere; no travel or stay

PLEASE NOTE

Registration is charged once the abstract is accepted, and is paid online on the conference page at academyclrs.org. A paper may have up to two authors, and a single registration covers both. Where the two authors belong to different categories, the fee of the higher category applies. Presenter registration may close early if the sessions are filled. Publication is optional and is charged separately.

PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

9.15 am	**INAUGURAL SESSION** Welcome, address by the Guest of Honour, and an introduction to the conference
10.00 am to 1.00 pm	**TECHNICAL SESSIONS I** Parallel sessions, track by track, each with a Chair and a Co-Chair
1.00 pm to 1.30 pm	**LUNCH BREAK** Sessions resume at 1.30 pm
1.30 pm to 4.00 pm	**TECHNICAL SESSIONS II** Parallel sessions, track by track, each with a Chair and a Co-Chair
4.00 pm	**VALEDICTORY SESSION** Best papers of the sessions, concluding remarks and vote of thanks

All timings are in Indian Standard Time. Each paper is presented live and is followed by questions from the Chair.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION

STEP 1

Abstract submission

Open the conference page on **academyclrs.org**, or scan the QR code, and choose **Submit an abstract**. Enter the title, the abstract of 250 to 300 words, the keywords and the track.

STEP 2

Decision

The decision reaches you by e-mail within five to seven days of submission. An accepted abstract is given an **Abstract ID**.

STEP 3

Registration

With the Abstract ID, register as a presenter on the same page and pay the fee online, within five days of acceptance. Presentation slots are limited.

STEP 4

Full paper

Upload the full paper as a Word file on the same page by Sunday, 17 January 2027.

STEP 5

Joining link

The running order of your session and the joining link reach you by e-mail before the conference.

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QUESTIONS

Questions about submission, registration or publication may be sent to **conference@academyclrs.org**.

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IN OUR TWO MOST RECENT EVENTS

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CONFERENCES OF THE CENTRE

APR 2023	International Conference on Human Rights and Constitutional Law
AUG 2023	International Conference on Contemporary Legal Issues
JUN 2024	4th International Conference on Human Rights and Constitutional Law
OCT 2024	National Conference on Cyber Security Concerns and Use of Artificial Intelligence
MAR 2025	5th CLRS Conference on Contemporary Legal Issues
NOV 2025	6th CLRS Conference on Law in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
APR 2026	7th CLRS Conference on Contemporary Legal Issues
MAY 2026	1st CLRS-SSSLCW Conference on Human Rights and Constitutional Law
SEP 2026	CLRS International Conference on Law in the Digital Decade

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