



## **SOUTH ASIAN POSTGRADUATE LAW CONFERENCE 2022 (SAPLawC'22) 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka  
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**Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Faculty of Law, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi, India, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai and Jindal Global Law School, OPJGU, Sonipat** are pleased to announce the first South Asian Postgraduate Law Conference 2022 (SAPLawC'22), which is to be held **virtually** on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The SAPLawC'22 aims to bring together research scholars working in the area of legal issues that are of concern within the South Asian countries. The purpose of the Conference is to encourage the young research scholars to present their research before a panel of academic experts and to receive valuable feedback for further research. Furthermore, this Conference seeks to build fruitful research collaborations among legal institutions across South Asia.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Conference welcomes submissions by **postgraduate law students, who currently follow LL.M., M.Phil. and Ph.D. research degree programmes affiliated to institutions within South Asia.** The thematic areas of the Conference will be centred around legal issues of relevance to South Asia. The acceptance of abstracts will depend on the relevance of the issues raised by the conference panels and the originality of research after being screened by a panel of reviewers. The abstracts selected by the reviewers will be invited for a full paper presentation at the Conference. The selected authors at the Conference will be offered the possibility to publish their paper in a special issue of the Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, subject to a careful selection following editorial and peer reviews.

## THEMATIC AREAS FOR SUBMISSIONS

- Commercial, Trade and Intellectual Property Law
- Constitutional and Administrative Law
- Environmental Law and Governance
- Family and Tort Law
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Private International Law
- Public International Law

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of topics. You are welcome to submit abstracts on any legal topic of your interest as long as it falls within an area of concern within the South Asian Countries.

## RELEVANT DATES

- **Last date for the submission of abstract:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022
- **Announcement of accepted abstracts:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- **Last date for the submission of full paper:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022
- **Final Conference date:** 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. Authors shall register and submit their abstracts at the following link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y9FeHsMSioi1M3fQ9dIHTWGXJo9x4VV\\_uYSTgiE5AtY/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y9FeHsMSioi1M3fQ9dIHTWGXJo9x4VV_uYSTgiE5AtY/)
2. In the case of more than one author, only the corresponding author must initiate the registration process.
3. Co-authorship is allowed up to a **maximum of two authors** for one paper.
4. Authors shall fill in all their particulars and upload their abstracts on the given link to complete the registration and submission.
5. Authors shall make all the submissions only in **.doc** format.
6. On the successful registration and submission of the abstract, authors will receive a confirmation email. In case you encounter any issue during the entire process, kindly contact the organizing team at [saplawc@gmail.com](mailto:saplawc@gmail.com)
7. Participation in the Conference is **free of cost**.

## GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

1. Authors should write an **abstract of 300 words** relating to the theme of the Conference.
2. The abstract should include a suitable title for the paper, the name of the author(s), and their affiliation.
3. The abstract should be coherent and free of grammatical errors.
4. Selected abstracts may be published for the conference proceedings.

## GUIDELINES FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

1. The main text of the full paper should be written in Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and footnotes in Times New Roman font size 10, with line spacing 1.0.
2. All the headings should be numbered and written in 12-points. Each main heading (first level) should be capitalised, bold, and centre-aligned. The second-level heading should be in title case, bold, and left-aligned. The third level heading should be in title case and left-aligned.
3. Authors should follow the OSCOLA mode of citation throughout the paper.
4. The word limit for the full papers should remain **between 5000-6000 words**, including footnotes.
5. All the authors shall give an undertaking that the plagiarism of the paper is below the permissible limit of 15%.
6. Research should be an original work of the author and must not have been submitted or accepted for publication.
7. Authors should strictly adhere to the following formatting guidelines:
  - ❖ Do not use abbreviations without prior explaining the terms.
  - ❖ Do not use bold and underline to highlight the text.
  - ❖ Use single quotes to emphasise a word or phrase.
  - ❖ Quotations of more than three lines should be centre-aligned and written separately from the paragraph within double quotes.
  - ❖ Tables and charts should be centre-aligned if used.

## CERTIFICATION

- E-certificates will be provided to all the author(s) who present their papers at the Conference.
- Best paper presentations will be awarded in all the themes at the Conference.

## **ORGANISERS**

### **Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

The Faculty of Law is the oldest faculty that offers legal education under the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. The faculty offers a four-year LL.B. programme for the undergraduates, one year LL.M. for the Master level students and M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes for the research scholars. It has a wide range of subject options and is well equipped with a highly qualified academic staff who are well recognised and widely published locally and internationally. The faculty has three departments, specialised in Commercial Law, Private and Comparative Law and Public and International Law. Each department offers a diverse range of courses that disseminate knowledge to the general public who enter certificate and diploma level courses. The faculty has two centres; Centre for the Study of Human Rights and the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy. It also has the Legal Research Unit, Curriculum Development Unit and the Legal Aid Unit facilitating broader research and policy requirements and legal aid for needy public respectively. Faculty publishes highly regarded two academic journals, namely, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law (SLJIL) and Colombo Law Review (CLR). The Centre for Environmental Law and Policy publishes the South Asian Journal of Environmental Law and Policy (SAJELP).

### **Faculty of Law, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan**

The Faculty of Law is one of the oldest Faculties of the Punjab University. It comprises of a Postgraduate School of Legal Studies, a University Law College: a constituent college of the University, Departments of Law in Gujranwala and Jehlum Campuses and 60 Private Law Colleges affiliated with the University. The Faculty, headed by the Dean, provides a strong link between the University and the Law Colleges. The Faculty of Law is producing well-trained law graduates, capable of taking up responsibilities in the judiciary, government, politics and the legal profession. They provide protection under the Rule of Law to the citizens against public and private excesses. The Faculty has produced a number of great lawyers and judges who have rendered valuable services to the nation. The Faculty has always been striving for better standards of legal education and research. It has played a pioneering role in higher legal education by introducing Diploma classes in Taxation, Labour Law, Intellectual Property and Environmental Law. The LL.M. and Ph.D. programs offered at the University are comparable with those of prestigious universities in developed countries.

### **Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi, India**

South Asian University (SAU) is an international university established by the eight-member nations of South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) to promote regional understanding. The study of law at South Asian University aims at operationalising these core objectives of South Asian University. Towards this end, the Faculty of Legal Studies has introduced the LL.M and Ph.D. programme with an emphasis on International Law. (<http://www.sau.int/fls-home.html>) It is believed that the countries of the South Asian region would be able to explore new areas of cooperation if the study of their common legal problems is pursued with greater commitment. With a vibrant community of scholars and students from all over South Asia, the Faculty strives to emerge as a major center of higher learning in this region.

### **Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**

Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai is one of the premier National Law Universities in India. MNLU Mumbai was established in Maharashtra to impart advanced legal education and promote society-oriented research in legal studies for the advancement of the societal life of the people in the country. The prime goal of the University is to disseminate advanced legal knowledge and processes of law amongst the students and impart in them the skills of advocacy, legal services, law reforms and make them aware and capable to utilize these instruments for social transformation and development. The University offers B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) five years integrated program, one year LL.M. programs, Ph.D., Certificate and Diploma courses in different fields of law. MNLU Mumbai believes in the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution viz. Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Secularism, Humanism etc. and makes all out efforts to inculcate them amongst its students, staff, and others to make this institution as not only center of legal knowledge but also an inclusive center of humanity.

### **Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana, India**

In 2009, Jindal Global University began its first academic session with the establishment of India's first global law school. Jindal Global Law School (JGLS) is committed to providing global legal education to its students. The curriculum and pedagogy is designed to give extensive exposure to students to domestic, international and comparative law courses. The Law School is recognized by the Bar Council of India and offers a 3-year LL.B. Programme, a 5-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), a 5-year B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), a 5-year B.Com. LL.B. (Hons.) Programme, and a 3-year B.A. (Hons.) In Legal Studies, along with 1-year LL.M. Programmes in the regular, online and blended modes and both full-time and part-time Ph.D Programmes. JGLS has 23 specialised research centers in fields like Human Rights Studies; Global Governance and Policy; Health Law, Ethics, and Technology; Environment and Climate Change Studies; and South Asian Legal Studies. JGLS has regular active academic collaborations with leading law schools like Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Cornell Law School, and the University of Sydney Law School, for student-mobility, dual-degree programmes, joint conferences and research projects. The Centre for Environment and Climate Change aims to provide a platform for research on pertinent and contemporary issues of environmental law and policy. The topics explored under the aegis of the Centre include but are not limited to natural resources law, climate change, and the interplay between domestic and international environmental law.

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## **PLATFORM**

The Conference will be held on a **virtual** platform.

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