



**TWO DAY**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**ON**

**“EVOLVING JURISPRUDENCE OF FREEDOM  
AS A RIGHT IN THE MODERN ERA”**

(HYBRID MODE)



**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**VENUE:**  
**SEMINAR HALL, SCHOOL OF INDIAN  
LEGAL THOUGHT, KOTTAYAM,  
KERALA, INDIA - 686 006**

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**KERALA, INDIA**



## ABOUT SCHOOL OF INDIAN LEGAL THOUGHT

School of Indian Legal Thought at Mahatma Gandhi University was founded in 1989 to offer comprehensive legal education through distinctive programs designed for undergraduate, postgraduate, and research levels. The key aim of the School is to conduct systematic research and analysis of law with a dynamic syllabus that continues to evolve, as well as to engage in innovative interdisciplinary research. Thereby the School is equipping the young minds with knowledge of law, teach them the nuances of legal profession and make them succeed and sustain in the profession.

The School is widely recognized as the premier academic department in the state to introduce the highly coveted BBA.LL.B (Hons.) program. Not only does the School offer a comprehensive legal education at the undergraduate level, but it also provides a good quality Post Graduate courses in various specialized subjects and facilitates Research Programmes both by full time and part time. The Journal of Indian Legal Thought, a double – blind peer reviewed journal published annually by the School, which is also a UGC care-listed one, is one more feather to its cap which bears testimony to the fact of its commitment for the cause of legal research. Also there is an excellent community of professionals, academicians, research scholars, alumni etc. to support the entire activities of the School as well as the students.

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

*“Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of human spirit and human dignity” - Herbert Hoover*

The life of every human is gratified if he/ she is filled up with the truest colour shades of freedom, only then the canvas of life can be portrayed admirably. Thus, undoubtedly, we can say that the concept of freedom is imperative. Freedom as a right and as a basic right has assimilated to the mainstream of life through various Human Rights Charters and Constitutions of the world. The history of freedom as an abstract of human life can be identified from the epoch when ‘Nomos’ is opposed with ‘Physis’. This triggered an abstract view that freedom begins with inner freedom of an individual, which implies absence of any constraint. However, the role of state to ensure freedom is pertinent. As we know the world is dynamic, the concept of freedom as a right also evolved and developed from time to time. Making an introspective approach in the contemporary era, one can definitely say that the right to freedom is one such right which is imbuing the ideals and aspect of the world.



In contemporary world, the idea of freedom is not limited to single aspect. The colours of freedom have been constantly spreading across the different frontiers of law. The primacy and essentiality of right to freedom has been appreciated quintessentially in various international as well as national documents. The role played by the judiciary has been instrumental in moulding the right particularly for those countries where the contours and contents were undefined. The struggles and the resistance of people to fight back violations of freedom defined contemporaneity of freedom of right discourses all over the world. The changing nature of the state and its apparatuses redefined the legal discourses in right to freedom. Thus, the convergence of different ideals has shaped and moulded the right to freedom which is still in an evolving state.

In this context, the School of Indian Legal Thought is organising an International Conference on the topic '**Evolving Jurisprudence of Freedom as a Right in the Modern Era**'. This seminar seeks to provide a platform for sharing and exchanging ideas, thoughts, perspectives stimulating an intellectual, revitalised and knowledge-based discussion of the theme.

### **SELECTED THEME FOR THE CONFERENCE**

### **“EVOLVING JURISPRUDENCE OF FREEDOM AS A RIGHT IN THE MODERN ERA”**

#### **SUB THEMES:**

1. Jurisprudence of Right vs. Freedom
2. State - Whether a Protector or Destroyer of Freedom?
3. Democracy and Freedom
4. Freedom in Family System
5. Gender Identity
6. Artistic Freedom
7. Religion and Freedom
8. Women and Reproductive Choice
9. Freedom as a Right in the Digital Era
10. Privacy vs. Freedom
11. Press Freedom
12. Freedom & Choice of Labour
13. Free Trade in Globalised World
14. Freedom of marginalized and disadvantageous
15. Freedom of minors

**The above sub themes are not exhaustive; the author(s) may select any other relevant issue which is connected with the Theme of the Conference.**



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### ABSTRACT:

- The participants shall submit their abstract on or before 25th June 2023 through the mail **siltinternationalseminar@gmail.com**. The abstract shall not exceed 300 words including 3-5 keywords.
- Abstract should include personal details of the author(s) in the order: Title of the paper, Name of author(s) with Designation, Name of the Institution/ University/ College/ Organization, Contact Number, Email Address.
- All abstracts will be peer reviewed and evaluated on the basis of originality, relevance to the conference, etc.
- Acceptance of the abstract will be communicated through email on June 30, 2023.

### FULL PAPER SUBMISSION:

- Upon the selection of the abstract, the participants shall submit their full paper after payment of registration fees to **siltinternationalseminar@gmail.com** with the subject line “Full Paper – International Conference” on or before 25th July 2023.
- The length of the full paper including Footnotes shall not be less than 3000 words and shall not exceed 5000 words.
- The paper should be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font with 1.5 line spacing. The Footnotes shall be typed in Times New Roman 10 point font with 1 line spacing.
- Footnoting should be done according to Bluebook 20th Edition.
- Any plagiarised work shall be rejected.

### RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

- No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission.
- Registration with the payment of the required fee is mandatory on confirmation of the acceptance of abstract. Only those registered participants who paid the required registration fee will be allowed to take part in the International Conference.
- No refund will be allowed after the payment.
- All the registered participants will be provided with Participation Certificate.
- The Conference will be conducted in hybrid mode. Online paper presenters can join through Google Meet (the link will be provided to the presenters later). In the event of offline mode, the participants will be responsible for the arrangement of their travel & accommodation. However, the organizers will suggest accommodation if required.
- Co-authorship is allowed for up to two authors only, including the main author.
- No in – absentia presentations will be allowed. At least one author must be present for the presentation.

## PUBLICATION

Full papers submitted on or before the last date of submission shall be considered for publication in the form of a book with ISBN Number . All papers submitted will be primarily reviewed by the editorial board and selected papers will be submitted for the next level. Publication of the paper will only be done after this final review.

## PERKS

- Publication
- Merit certificate will be awarded for the best paper in each technical session.

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Selected Participants shall register for the conference individually by filling the Registration Link / Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nRoM8UQhy5uHbqK1xdhOBEahogNtWvYKw01Hn-yHCeo/edit?sharingaction=ownershiptransfer&ts=64797620#settings>

### Registration Fee;

**Each participant has to pay registration fees separately.**

- UG & PG Students : 600 (INR) or 8 (USD)
- Research Scholars : 800 (INR) or 10 (USD)
- Others (Academicians/Experts/Lawyers/Judicial Officers) : 1000 (INR) or 12 (USD)

### Payment Details:

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Last Date for Submission of abstracts** : 25th June 2023  
**Intimation of Acceptance of abstracts** : 30th June 2023  
**Submission of Full Paper & Registration** : 25th July 2023  
**Date of Conference** : 9th & 10th August 2023

**The participants are requested to send their abstracts and Full Papers to:**

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