

Call for Papers

International Journal of Transparency and Accountability in Governance

The **Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Governance, National Law University Delhi** welcomes contribution for the Second edition of the International Journal of Transparency and Accountability in Governance (Refereed Journal) from students, academicians, activists, professionals and other stake holders involved in fight for the freedom of information across the globe.

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The objective of launching this journal is to function as a forum for reflective writings on the theory and practice of good governance models by keeping abreast with research being done by scholars in this field. The focus would be to provide high level commentary on issues applicable to improving governance measures in India. The journal would concentrate on creating academic discourse by delivering top quality articles written by experts. The IJTAG would appear annually, providing insights useful to legal professionals, researchers, students and academicians. The Publication Committee of the CTAG, under the guidance of the editor and referral board consisting of some celebrated names, is responsible for editing and bringing out this journal.

Categories for submission

The Publication Committee of CTAG is inviting quality research papers from professionals, researchers, students, NGOs, Civil Societies, academicians and other stake holders involved in good governance for the 2016 Edition of the 'International Journal of Transparency and Accountability in Governance'. *Research paper should apply research skills and use of appropriate research methodology.* Research paper should be thematic and identification of sub-themes is highly appreciated. It should have proper research questions and should also reflect the findings. The submission can be sent under the following category:

1. **Research papers:** Between 7000 and 10000 words, inclusive of footnotes. Papers in this category are expected to engage with the theme comprehensively, examine literature comprehensively, and offer an innovative reassessment of the current understanding of that theme. It is advisable, though not necessary, to choose a theme that is of contemporary importance. Purely theoretical pieces are also welcomed.
2. **Notes/Comments:** Between 3000 and 5000 words, inclusive of footnotes. This section should include a thought provoking and innovative piece consisting chiefly of personal opinions and analysis.

3. **Case/Report Comments:** In between 2500- 3000 words, inclusive of footnotes. This part should entail an analysis of contemporary Indian or International judicial pronouncements relevant to the themes. It must identify and examine the line of cases in which the decision in question came about, and comment on implications for the evolution of that branch of law.

4. **Book/Reports Review:** Word limit is 2000- 3000 for review of a book relevant to the themes. The review should identify the relevant arguments put forth by the author and present a comprehensive analysis of the same.

Theme of the Year-2016: Empowerment of the Freedom of Information (FOI) endeavours

- 1) Role of International Bodies/institutions in promoting Freedom of Information endeavours
- 2) Fundamentals of Freedom of Information laws across the world
- 3) UN Convention On Freedom Of Information: 1966
- 4) UN Model Freedom Of Information Law
- 5) Commonwealth Model Freedom Of Information Law
- 6) Critical Comparative analysis of FOIs across the World
 - a. US Freedom Of Information Act, 1966
 - b. UK Freedom Of Information Act, 2000
 - c. Indian Right To Information Law, 2005
 - d. Swedish, German, French and others Freedom of Information Laws
- 7) Feasibility of the Global Model Freedom Of Information Law
- 8) Right to services and Freedom of Information endeavours
- 9) Freedom of Information and corruption control
- 10) Freedom of Information and transparency and accountability in governance
- 11) Protection to Freedom of Information Activists/practitioners
- 12) Accountability of the States in promoting and protecting FOIs
- 13) Research, sensitization, training, etc for the promotion of FOI endeavours
- 14) Comparative analysis of FOIs under, Codes, Drafts or Models on FOIs
- 15) Private Institutions/bodies performing public functions under FIOs
- 16) Role of Judiciary in promoting or diluting FOIs
- 17) Appointment, empowerment, commitments and Independence of Information Commissions under FOIs
- 18) Effectiveness of Information Commissions for promoting FOIs
- 19) Speedy and economical access to information
- 20) Pro-active or suo motto endeavours in promoting access to information
- 21) Constitutional Paradigm of FOIs.
- 22) Any other topic directly or indirectly related to the freedom of Information/Right to Information endeavours across the globe.

Guidelines for Submissions:

- Submissions should be in Times New Roman font of size 12 with 1.5 line spacing, justified text and 1 inch margins on all sides of an A4 sheet. (page number)
- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman font of size 10 with 1.0 line spacing. Endnotes are not allowed.
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- **Headings should follow the following standard:**
 - **1. LEVEL 1 HEADING:** All Capitals & **Bold**;
 - **1.1. LEVEL 2 SUB-HEADING** First Letter CAPITAL & **BOLD**;
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 - **1.1.1.1. Level 4 Sub-Sub-Sub-Heading:** Normal
- All manuscripts must be accompanied by an abstract of about **250- 300 words** stating the theme of the paper precisely along with keywords.
- Authors shall be required to submit an author profile, post submission of 200 words before their contribution can be considered for publication.
- The submission must be the original work of the authors. Any form of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
- Submitted entries must not have been sent for consideration at any other place for presentation or publication.
- Co-authorship is allowed. Maximum number of Co-author for a submission shall only be one.
- Authors should provide their contact details, designation and institutional affiliation in the covering letter for the submission.
- Footnotes must conform to the **BLUE BOOK**, Rules of legal citation (Latest edition)
- Copyright of all entries shall exclusively vest with NLU Delhi. The submission would imply that the author has assigned such rights to NLU Delhi.
- Submissions must be emailed to **ctag@nludelhi.ac.in** or **ictag@yahoo.in** with the subject heading 'IJTAG – Submission (Volume 2)'.

Important Date: The Last date for the submission: **31st July 2015**

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