

## **WINTER SCHOOL - LAW, JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*Organised by Centre for Law, Justice and Development, National Law University, Delhi in collaboration with University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium under the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration, Government of India*

### **INTRODUCTION**

Varied conceptions of all the three constitutive elements of the theme of the winter school, viz., law, justice and development prevail. As a result, the interface among these elements produces a kaleidoscopic horizon of possibilities offering multiple perspectives for re-imagining their relationship. The driving force behind this re-imagination is the injustices that prevail in the society – at the national and at the international level.

To have a meaningful engagement with the existing injustices:

- It is necessary to have adequate knowledge, understanding and insight into the variable conceptions of law, justice and development and their cross-sections; and
- It also requires the ability to challenge the dominant and well accepted connotations of these terms, to comprehend the discourses that have developed over the years and to dismantle the existing structures of power and domination.

It is with this purpose of effectively unravelling these three strands, i.e., law, justice and sustainable development and their inter-linkages that a winter school is being organised by the Centre for Law, Justice and Development, National Law University, Delhi from 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The school is intended to offer an unparalleled opportunity to academics, researchers and students desirous of delving deep in this area.

### **SALIENT FEATURES OF THE WINTER SCHOOL:**

Grounding in the dominant connotations of law, justice and development, historical processes of evolution of these connotations, debates pertaining to the same, their interface with each other and implications for justice constitute core aspects of the winter school. Peculiar position of sustainable development within the development discourse, position that is occupied within international law and the implications it holds for international relations are intended to be delved into. Further, the relationship between law and justice, varied conceptions of justice and their interface with development discourse form an integral part of the course. The course takes account of the dominant approach to development in India and its implications with respect to structures of power and domination. Within the broad domain of sustainable development, sustainable development Goals 4 and 5 will constitute the thematic focus of deeper discussions on law, justice and sustainable development. Domination based on gender mediated through intersections of religion, class, caste, race etc. will be engaged with. Initiatives prevailing in India and other parts of the world geared towards addressing gender based but intersectional discrimination will be engaged with.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The course is aimed at building capacities of the participants by offering them a sound theoretical grounding as well as honing their ability to use legal theory while engaging with

the abovementioned issues and thus, enabling them to apply theory into practice. Specific practitioners' view points and concerns will also be highlighted and discussed. Exercise sessions pertaining to different aspects of the course are expected to further hone the skills of the participants. With this vision in mind the training programme is planned envisioning the following objectives:

- To build an in depth understanding of the conception of development, its evolution through history and its interface with law;
- To engage with the idea of sustainable development, its distinct features and varied methods of operationalisation of the same;
- To build the capacity of participants to engage with law in multiple ways, including the study of law as part of social totality;
- To offer a strong foundation to the participants with respect to various approaches to justice and their interface with law and sustainable development;
- To enhance their capacity to discern the approach to development that has been in vogue in India, its implications and concerns.

#### PROGRAMME DETAILS:

- The winter school on Law, Justice and Sustainable Development is a two-week long programme, divided into 3-4 sessions each day. Every session will be of two hour to two and a half hour duration. This will provide adequate time for engaging with not only basic but also advanced questions on the themes of discussion. It will also offer adequate time for discussions and deliberations by the participants over and above the general participatory nature of the sessions;
- Comprehensive study material will be shared with the participants, before and during the programme;
- It will introduce the participants an alternative way to read, understand and engage with law;
- Apart from enlarging the knowledge base of the participants, this programme is also envisioned as an exercise in 'learning by doing.' Accordingly, exercise/reflection sessions have been included wherein the participants would be expected to engage in interactive exercises as a group. The exercises would be provided during the course of the programme;
- The faculty for the winter school is drawn both from India and abroad.

#### LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION:

15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

#### VENUE OF THE PROGRAMME:

National Law University, Delhi, Delhi

#### DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME:

January 15, 2020 – January 30, 2020

WHO ALL CAN APPLY:

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year Law Students of 5-year LL.B. Course;
- Students of 3-yr LL.B. Course;
- LL.M. Students;
- Research Scholars;
- Faculty Members;
- Activists

REGISTRATION FEE:

- 6,000 INR – If accommodation is not required
- 8,000 INR – If accommodation is required (including breakfast)
- 10,000 INR – If accommodation is required (including breakfast and dinner)

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for the programme, please make the payment here  
(<https://www.digialm.com/EForms/configuredHtml/511/50084/application.html>)

And fill the form available here  
([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMTtSbUSQGm4FKla3jYNE - pKea5jHHVMK6H116Y0lbL8Xyw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMTtSbUSQGm4FKla3jYNE-pKea5jHHVMK6H116Y0lbL8Xyw/viewform?usp=sf_link) )