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**ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR TRANSNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW**

The Centre for Transnational Commercial Law (“CTCL”) is a constituent unit and specialised research centre of the National Law University Delhi established in 2008 by Act No. 1 of 2008 of Delhi. Since its establishment in 2016, CTCL has actively undertaken various initiatives to promote research and scholarship in the area of commercial laws. This includes organising various symposiums, seminars, conferences, moot competitions and holding roundtables with various experts in the field of transnational commercial laws and insolvency laws. CTCL has also been actively involved with international organisations and universities to develop collective scholarship and research in the areas of commercial laws.

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In furtherance of its aim to be a national forum of scholarship and discussion for academics, practitioners and regulators working in private and government commercial laws, CTCL is proud to launch its flagship “Journal of Insolvency, Restructuring, Entrepreneurship Law and Policy (JIREP)” with the 1st edition of the Journal scheduled to be launched in April 2021.

### **ABOUT THE JOURNAL OF INSOLVENCY, RESTRUCTURING, ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAW AND POLICY (JIREP)**

The *Journal of Insolvency, Restructuring, Entrepreneurship Law and Policy* is aimed to be an annual online open access publication geared towards furthering the objective of promoting qualitative research and scholarship in the domain of insolvency, restructuring and entrepreneurship law and policy. The focus of the Journal will be on examining practical as well as theoretical aspects from the perspective of both domestic and international insolvency laws and will attempt to present practical and theoretical analysis on the contemporary issues keeping up with the times.

The central theme of the Journal would be insolvency and restructuring laws in light of the entrepreneurship environment in both India and abroad and to study the development of laws keeping in perspective the needs of the businesses. The Journal also aims to offer a platform for policy evaluation and reforms suggestion in tandem with the commercial interests of the economy. The Journal aims to put together both academic scholarship from the researchers in the field and practical experiences from the practitioners to develop a holistic understanding of the insolvency laws and entrepreneurship interests in the country.

### **SUGGESTED THEMES**

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly acted as a catalyst for changes in almost every sphere of life particularly the corporate world with businesses facing unprecedented brunt of receding trends in global markets. The governments all across the world have been making tremendous efforts in tackling the problems that have come to surface with an aim to keep the businesses afloat and potentially reduce the number of bad debts likely to arise due to the impact of COVID-19 induced lockdowns.

The first edition of the Journal is aiming to focus on the various changes that have been brought about in the insolvency laws and entrepreneurship trends in wake of COVID-19 pandemic all across the world. The aim is to study the developments in insolvency and restructuring laws across the world including in India to meet the unprecedented situation of rising bad debts and artificial demand creation and credit infusion by the economies. The objective is to analyse the impact of these short term measures on the working of insolvency laws and entrepreneurship in the country and the likely risks associated with the recovery measures being undertaken by the governments.

However, this theme is without prejudice to all other issues of importance in the field of insolvency and restructuring laws. The Journal is not restricted only to the scholarship of understanding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses and related laws. Scholarship and research on all aspects of insolvency, restructuring and entrepreneurship are welcome, including on domestic laws, foreign jurisdictions or comparative study that may include legal, socio-economic, or business analysis.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INVITED FROM:**

Academic & Professional - Law, Judges, Judicial officers, Government officials, Insolvency Practitioners, CA, CS, MBA, CMA, etc.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

#### **Author Guidelines**

Submissions are invited from students, researchers, academicians, domain experts, and practitioners for the 1st Edition of the Journal to be launched in April 2021. Submissions are invited from individual authors and co-authors (up to 2 persons) with active contribution from all co-authors.

#### **Contribution Guidelines**

Submissions are invited in the following categories –

##### **1. Articles (Between 5,000 - 8,000 words, excluding footnotes)**

Submissions in this category are expected to engage with the theme holistically, examine the relevant literature comprehensively, and offer an innovative assessment of the prevalent understanding of that theme alongwith suggesting necessary reforms, if so required.

##### **2. Essays (Between 3,000 - 5,000 words, excluding footnotes)**

Submissions in this category are expected to highlight a few important aspects of the chosen theme and present an innovative and thought-provoking analysis of the same as relevant to the prevailing trends.

##### **3. Case Notes/ Legislative Comments/ Book Reviews (Between 1,500 - 3,000 words)**

Case Notes and Legislative Comments should include an analysis of contemporary Indian or international judicial pronouncements related to the theme of the Journal with adequate focus on its relevance in the current times. It must identify and examine the entire existing jurisprudence on the chosen theme and comment on implications of such evolution of law in that field. Book Reviews

should comprehensively engage with a thematically relevant piece, identify the relevant arguments put forth by the author and present a comprehensive review of the existing literature on the same.

### **Formatting Guidelines**

- The language of the manuscript should be English. All the manuscripts should have a title and brief synopsis/Abstract of the chosen topic.
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- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman font of size 10 with 1.0 line spacing. Endnotes are not allowed
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### **Submission and Deadline**

Contributions to the Journal must be made in the electronic form only. The submissions to be considered for publications should be sent to the Editor with the subject 'Submission for Journal of Insolvency, Restructuring, Entrepreneurship Law and Policy Volume 1'. Two copies of the manuscript should be submitted, one in Word or doc., and the other in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) file format. Any submission and correspondence should be via email: [editor.ctcl@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:editor.ctcl@nludelhi.ac.in). Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, the timelines for submissions are 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for the 1<sup>st</sup> edition.

## **Conditions of Publication**

The manuscripts would be sent for double blind peer review before the manuscript is accepted for publication by the co-Editors.

Please note that manuscripts not conforming to these guidelines may be returned or rejected.

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The Journal employs a double-blind peer review process, where both reviewers and authors remain anonymous throughout the review process to avoid any prejudice.

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Manuscripts may be rejected at this stage if they are-

- a. insufficiently original,
- b. have serious theory flaws,
- c. have poor grammar or English language,
- d. or are outside the aims and scope of the Journal.

### **Role of Editors:**

The role of Editorial team is to evaluate the suitability of the submitted manuscripts for the journal, including:

- (a) the overall quality of the manuscript,
- (b) whether the manuscript meets the Scope of the journal, and
- (c) the authenticity of the manuscript

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- All publication decisions are made by the journal's Co-Editors, supported by the Editorial Team on the basis of the reviews provided.

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