

About the University:

The National Law University Delhi established in 2008 by Act No.1 of 2008 of National Capital Territory of Delhi and with the initiative of High Court of Delhi, is a premier Law University established in India. The vision of the University is to create a Global Legal Institution which will compete with the best ones outside India, and to prepare Lawyers towards a legal career that introduces them to wide range of opportunities in legal professions across the globe. Presently the University is offering a five year integrated B.A.LL.B.(Hons) degree programme, LL.M, Ph.D., and other Post Graduate programmes in specialised areas of Law. It has a vibrant academic community of eminent scholars' engaged in teaching, research, and advocacy. The exemplary performance of the University has again won us consecutively for two years the 2nd rank all over India in the Law Category, through the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) recognition for 2018 & 2019.

The Centre for Criminology and Victimology was set up to contribute to the fundamental and applied objectives dealing with Criminology and Victimology. The centre brings along important interdisciplinary Research and Learning strategies. The Centre, in the past has conducted numerous Training, Research workshops and Conferences especially in the area of Juvenile Justice, Gender Justice and Victimology.

K. L. Arora Chair in Criminal Law was set up at National Law University, Delhi to promote research, teaching and publication in the field of Criminal Law.

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International Conference on REFORMING PROSECUTION FOR VICTIM JUSTICE



Venue: NLU Delhi

Dates: June 21st - 22nd, 2019

Organised by

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About the Conference:

The role of prosecution vis-à-vis victims of crime has not been explored enough or even documented in India. The traditional understanding of the system of prosecution in India only suggests prosecution as an agency who would appear on behalf of the state to represent the case of a crime victim. Misplaced understanding that the prosecution mainly aims at seeking conviction has also done much harm in unrecognising the true role of the agency of prosecution. The principal role of the prosecution is to remain impartial and neutral in conducting trial against the accused and ensure justice to victims of crime. However, the political considerations also influence the prosecution leading to miscarriage of justice and violation of victim's rights. Moreover, the Indian criminal justice system focuses less on victims of crime and their rights; rather it is focused more on conducting trials and conviction of the offenders. How prosecution can realise the goals of victim justice? How the prosecution could help strengthening the rule of law? These questions remain unanswered, as the prosecution unlike police or courts, is not a part of mainstream discussion in Criminal Law. In the past few decades, the field of Victimology has witnessed a progression and also created a revolution in many countries, to deal with victims of crime. In 1992, the establishment of the Indian Society of Victimology (ISV), brought remarkable changes in providing justice to victims of crime, and also ensuring their rights during the prosecution. Various committees like Justice Malimath Committee, Justice Verma Committee, etc., have recommended the protection of victims' rights and their participation in the criminal justice

system. These reforms in the criminal justice system have generated a debate around the prosecution and especially to make the agency of prosecution a vehicle for victim justice.

This conference essentially revolves around these issues. Various discourses in the conference will bring forth ideas to strengthen prosecution system, from the perspective of crime victims.

Sub-themes of the Conference:

- Victimological critique of prosecution
- Prosecution services and protection of vulnerable groups (children, elderly, disabled, women, etc.)
- Prosecution and victims' rights
- Victim friendly prosecution
- Secondary victimisation and victim blaming in prosecution
- Strengthening prosecution for victim justice - structural and functional reforms
- Prosecution and victims of abuse of power
- Judicial activism and victims' justice
- Consideration in withdrawal of prosecution

Please note that this list is not meant to be exhaustive; therefore we hope to receive abstracts related to the conference's central proposition, even if the topic has not been specifically listed here.

Call for Abstract:

The Conference will be graced by dignitaries and academicians, who have expertise in the relevant and given fields. The speakers and panelists will focus on the flaws and complexities related to prosecution and victim's rights. The emphasis would be to explore, conceptualise, and strengthen victim's rights, role of prosecution, and legal assistance to victims.

The Conference is also open to paper presentations. Teachers, Researcher, Activists, and Lawyers etc. are invited to participate in the conference. Up to 50 presenters may present their papers during the conference.

We seek to invite papers that offer a critical analysis of the problem and possible solutions. The paper should also explore the alternatives and suggestions to improvise the prosecutorial process and rights of victims.

Abstract should be within 200-300 words, summarising the issues that will be addressed. Submissions must be word-processed and in Times New Roman font (the main text should be in font size 12 and footnotes in font size 10), with double spacing. All paragraphs must begin with a one-inch indent, and a one-line gap must be maintained between all paragraphs and headings. For footnotes, Harvard Blue Book (19th edition) citation style must be followed. Co-authorship is limited up to two authors. In case of co-authorship, each author will have to register separately in the event of participation in the conference.

Procedure for Submissions:

Those who are interested in presenting a paper on any of the themes as mentioned above or relevant to the main theme, must send an abstract of 200-300 words, on or before May 25th, 2019, on the email address provided below. Selection of abstract will be informed within one week after submission, on the NLUD's University website. Those selected would be thereafter required to send a full-length paper of 5000 - 7000 words, by June 15th, 2019.

No paper presentation will be allowed unless full paper is submitted by or before the last date. Please note that each presentation will be limited to 15 minutes.

Registration Details:

S. No	Registration Category	Early Bird (June 1 st , 2019)	Late Bird (June 12 th , 2019)
1.	Academics	2000 INR/-	2500 INR/-
2.	Foreign Participants	100 USD	200 USD
3.	Lawyers	2000 INR/-	2500 INR/-
4.	Activists	2000 INR/-	2500 INR/-
5.	Researcher	1500 INR/-	2000 INR/-
6.	Accommodation	4000 INR/-	4500 INR/-

If you are interested in participating, please send the abstract of the paper and fill in the registration form, after your paper gets selected for presentation at the conference.

Registration Form Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwOtsxBJFYXJT3gWru5vLTLKGPTgKtOeGtDe7OErZlnJ5FQ/viewform>

Online Payment: Participants should pay the registration fee through the link mentioned below.

LINK:

<https://www.digialm.com/EFForms/configuredHtm/511/50084/application.html#nogo>

Note: Authors should register and pay for the conference only after their respective paper is confirmed for the presentation at the conference.

Plagiarism Alert and Disclaimer:

Contributors are advised to be strict in following the academic ethics, with respect to acknowledgment of the original work taken from or referred to others. The conference team and editors will not be held responsible for any such lapse of the contributor, regarding plagiarism and unwarranted quotations in their manuscripts. All submissions should be original and must be accompanied by a declaration stating your research paper as an original work, and not been published anywhere else. It will be the author's sole responsibility for such lapses, if any, on legal bindings and ethical code of publication.

Publication:

All the accepted papers will be published in *Journal of Victimology and Victim Justice*, eISSN: 25166077 | ISSN: 25166069, SAGE Publishing.

General Information:

1. Accommodation will be subject to availability.
2. Registration and accommodation fees (if availed) should be paid separately.
3. Accommodation fee includes food and lodging (Check-in will be available from May 20th, 2019 – 5 P.M. onwards).
4. Co-author/s need to do the registration payment separately.
5. Accommodation will not be provided to people residing in Delhi/NCR region.
6. There is no "On the Spot Registration".
7. No TA/DA will be paid.

Important Dates:

1. Last date for abstract submission: May 25th, 2019.
2. Acceptance notification of paper: within one week after submission, on the University website.
3. Last date for full paper submission: June 15th, 2019.
4. Conference Dates: June 21st - 22nd, 2019.

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