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National Symposium on Strengthening the Rule of Law through Principled Criminalisation



19th - 20th April, 2025



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ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The symposium aims to critically analyze the principles of criminalisation and their application in both substantive and procedural law. It will explore the frameworks that define criminal conduct, the authority to create penal laws, and the balance between justice and procedural efficiency. The discussions will highlight the evolving landscape of criminal law under the new legal framework, focusing on the tensions between crime control and due process, the role of victim justice, and the broader implications of extra-legal influences.

Furthermore, the symposium will examine the re-alignment of justice agencies' powers, the push for speedy justice delivery, and the integration of science and technology in criminal law enforcement. By fostering an in-depth dialogue among legal experts, policymakers, and academics, this event seeks to contribute to a more principled and effective criminal justice system.

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SESSION PLAN

DAY 1 - 19TH APRIL

SESSION 1: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

The Idea and Concept of Principled Criminalisation

- Models of Principled Criminalisation
- Over- criminalization, Re-criminalization, and De-criminalization
- Alternatives to Principled criminalization
 - Constitutionalism
 - Authoritarianism

TEA: 11:30 AM – 11: 45 AM

SESSION 2: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Principled Criminalization in Substantive Law

- Authority to create penal laws.
- Criminalization of conduct
- Punishment and sentencing

LUNCH: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

SESSION 3: 2:00 PM – 3: 30 PM

Locating Principled criminalization in the BNS

- Reclassification and prioritisation of crimes against women and children.
- Scaling up punishments and rigidity in the scale of punishment
- Over-emphasis on crimes against public authorities and the State

TEA: 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

SESSION PLAN

DAY 1 - 19TH APRIL

SESSION 4: 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Principled Criminalization and Procedural Law

- Crime Control Model versus Due Process Model.
- Victim justice as an emerging concern versus procedural efficiency.
- Procedural law for regulating the powers of justice agencies or for the controls of criminal?

SESSION PLAN

DAY 2 - 20TH APRIL

SESSION 5: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Reflections on Principled criminalization in the BNSS

- Re-alignment of powers of agencies
- Push for speedy justice delivery
- Infusing science and technology orientation to criminal justice.

TEA: 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

SESSION 6: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Principled interpretation of the New Criminal Laws

- Balancing the executive and the judicial powers in reading principles in the new laws
- Extra-legal influences in the application of the principles
- Trends of breakdown of the rule of law and the constitutional order

ABOUT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

National Law University Delhi, established in 2008 by Act No. 1 of 2008 of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, stands as one of India's premier legal education institutions. Formed through the initiative of the Delhi High Court, the university offers a modern, well-equipped campus in Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi, featuring state-of-the-art infrastructure, including a moot court hall, an auditorium, academic blocks, and a library. The university library is home to over 37,500 books, bound journals, and subscriptions to various newspapers and online databases, making it an invaluable resource for both academic research and professional development.

NLU Delhi provides undergraduate and postgraduate law courses, adhering to the five-year integrated law program structure established by the Bar Council of India. At the helm of the institution are esteemed judicial leaders: the Chief Justice of India serves as the University's Visitor, while the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court functions as its Chancellor.

Guided by a commitment to evolving and imparting a rigorous, interdisciplinary legal education that aligns with societal needs, NLU Delhi prioritizes instilling legal and ethical values, promoting the rule of law, and advancing the goals embedded in the Indian Constitution. The university dedicates itself to disseminating legal knowledge with a focus on national development, cultivating critical analysis and discourse on contemporary issues, and fostering legal awareness within the community. By doing so, the institution contributes to the advancement of political, social, and economic justice in India.

Since the economic liberalization of the early 1990s, India has witnessed transformative growth across multiple sectors, positioning itself assertively on the global stage. However, this progress brings with it notable challenges, particularly in ensuring equitable participation across India's diverse social spectrum. Genuine advancement requires a legal system that champions the marginalized, upholds fairness, and refrains from using the law as a mechanism for oppression.

NLU Delhi strives to make legal education a pathway to justice and social change, with each individual associated with the university dedicated to the cause of social justice. NLU Delhi's graduates are nurtured not only as agents of transformation for India's developmental aspirations but as custodians of the Constitution, equipped to address the complex challenges of the new millennium.

ABOUT CENTRE FOR CRIMINOLOGY & VICTIMOLOGY

The Centre has been set up by the University for advanced research training, policy analysis and consultancy in the broader fields of criminal law, criminal justice, criminology and victimology. This includes conducting specific research projects, devising training programs for various components of the criminal justice system, including those related to juvenile justice. Additionally, the Centre aims to critically analyse laws, policies, and programs concerning victim protection, rehabilitation, participation, and justice. It also strives to integrate victimology into legal education at both undergraduate and graduate levels. The Centre actively engages in student-focused initiatives such as victim advocacy, legal clinics, and outreach programs to expand support services for victims. Furthermore, it collaborates with national and international agencies involved in the broader fields of victimology and criminology.

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