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EKLAVYA 2.0
RESEARCH AND WRITING PROGRAMME
TWO-DAY RESEARCH WRITING WORKSHOP

31st May- 1st June 2025

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The National Law University Delhi launched the Eklavya Research Affiliation Programme (ERAP) in 2023, with the objective of engaging in interdisciplinary research and to evolve quality publications through collaborative learning.

As a step forward, NLUD now proposes 'Eklavya 2.0', i.e., Eklavya Research and Writing Programme (ERWP) to develop multidisciplinary academic engagement between scholars in law and social sciences. This provides an opportunity for NLUD to invite interested scholars outside the University to interact, exchange and learn from legal academia and share their valuable scholarship to create integrated knowledge for wider dissemination in the form of publications.

Why Eklavya 2.0

The interdisciplinary integration of law and social sciences has attained a focus in legal research. The critical interdisciplinary research in law has contributed to understanding legal institutions, social behavior, and policy effectiveness. Legal realism movement in the early 20th century has emphasized the relationship between law and social sciences. Jurists like Oliver Wendell Holmes (1897) articulated that "the life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience", indicating the need to understand law's social context. This perspective laid the groundwork for modern interdisciplinary legal scholarship. The attempt in the Eklavya 2.0 is to promote interdisciplinary scholarship to evolve holistic knowledge of law and society. As part of ERWP, NLUD aims to interact with the wider scholarly community and explore new methodologies and approaches to learning. Most importantly, the scholarship that derives out of this interactive learning would be disseminated to society, in the form of publications.

Thematic Areas

Under ERWP, NLUD invites interested contributors to submit their proposals under the following broader themes (these are only indicative):

- State and Non-State Legal Orders
- Pluralism, Normative Diversity and (Legal) Consciousness
- Gender, Culture and Law
- Law, technology and Challenges of Change
- Law and (In)equalities
- Sentencing, philosophy and practice
- Movements and Law
- Rethinking politics and freedom in the Anthropocene
- The Politics of Migration and Displacement as a form of Life
- De-Growth and Law
- Law, Business and Governance
- Just transitions and policy measures
- Theoretical and Methodological approaches to liberal education
- Digital spaces and emerging forms of normative ordering

Process of ERWP

Interested contributors should first submit a research proposal (max. 2500 words) online no later than 25th April 2025. The proposal should clearly outline the research question or purpose of the proposed paper, as well as how the paper contributes to current understanding in the identified research area. The proposal should also include a brief description of the empirical analysis used and/or an illustration of the theoretical/conceptual model to be developed. More details about the research proposal is given under heading 3 (ii).

Out of the submitted proposals, 25 scholars will be invited to an in-person two-day workshop on 31st May- 1st June 2025. The scholars will present their proposal before an expert panel. This two-day workshop, designed to deliver constructive feedback to the scholars. There will be research, reading, writing and methodology based exercises during the workshop.

The exact details of the format of the workshop will be communicated to the selected applicants at a later date.

Eligibility and Selection Process

Submitted proposals will be assessed to shortlist scholars for the workshop based on the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be a graduate in law or in any other field but should be willing to work on topics that have an interface with the law.
2. Applicants must have quality research and writing skills. To this end they must submit a sample publication in a quality journal or a writing sample.
3. To be selected for the Eklavya 2.0 Workshop applicants must complete an online application form and also upload the documents mentioned below:
 - i. Expression of Interest for participating in the workshop. (max. 300 words).
 - ii. A publication proposal with the following contents:
 - a. Tentative research title of the proposed manuscript.
 - b. Literature Review: Survey of scholarly knowledge on the topic shall be mapped in not more than 750 words. There has to be an engagement with the literature to construct/de-construct the prevailing narrative and add contribution to the existing knowledge system.
 - c. Research statement and relevance: Tentative research statement of not more than 500 words demonstrating experience with issues that have a significant interface with the law and its relevance for the proposed research.

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d. Research Questions and Scope of Research: The research questions shall be identified to bring forth specific knowledge in the thematic area. A statement of not more than 750 words explaining scope of the proposed research, including limitations of the current research, if any.

e. Feasibility and Justification: A statement of no more than 500 words explaining the manner in which the applicant intends to complete the research paper based on the proposal alongside existing commitments highlighting their availability. The feasibility of publication of such a paper in a year's time if NLUD offers a fellowship to complete the paper shall be made clear. Generic justifications will not suffice and there must be a demonstrable feasibility contained in the statement.

4. Applicants will also have to upload their CV and academic transcripts.

5. Applications for this cycle must be submitted only by using the online form available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO_P9G0XQgksT80B6QNm39YPRqx4XE4YWtQ-5WLlezG4qeOA/viewform?usp=sharing

6. Registrations as per the details provided above must be submitted latest by 5.00 PM on 25th April 2025.

7. For all queries, please contact eklavya@nludelhi.ac.in

Certificate

- Workshop certificates will be given to all the candidates participating in the workshop.

Honorarium

- A participating grant of Rs.5000/- would be paid to selected candidates to facilitate participation in the two-day workshop.
- Accommodation will not be provided.
- An appropriate honorarium, as may be decided by the University, is also proposed after the completion and publication of the assignment.