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Governing Justice: The Case for Evidence-Based Policy in Indian Policing and the Justice Sector

A Masterclass by:

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Date: 30th June, 2026



Time: 11 AM – 02 PM



Venue: National Law University Delhi

About the Speaker

Sandip Sukhtankar is a Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Virginia, on the Board of Reviewing Editors at Science, a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a Fellow of the Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), and an affiliate and co-Scientific Director (South Asia, beginning Jul 1) of the Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

Prof. Sukhtankar's research focuses on political economy, development economics, and public policy, with significant contributions to the study of policing, gender, and institutional reform in India.



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About the Masterclass

The masterclass shall explore how rigorous empirical research informs/can inform policy-based reforms in policing and judicial administration in India. This has significant relevance to the fields of development studies and legal studies, especially in relation to policing and justice.

Drawing on evidence from studies on gender and policing, large-scale policing experiments, and court reform initiatives, Prof. Sandip Sukhtankar will examine how data-driven approaches can improve efficiency, fairness, accountability, and access to justice. The session will conclude with an interactive discussion on future directions for evidence-based justice sector reform in India.

The session will be conducted under the chief-patronship of Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai, Vice chancellor NLU Delhi.

The session will be moderated by Dr. Vineet Kapoor, Honourary Professor, NLUD and Research Advisor to the Centre.

Themes of Discussion:

- Evidence-based policy in the development and justice sector
- Evidence-based policing reforms
- Experimental research on policing
- Gender and policing in India
- Women's Help Desk programme evaluations
- Integration of women constables
- Judicial efficiency and court reforms
- Access to justice and procedural fairness
- Future directions for justice sector reform

Participation Relevance

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Understand how empirical evidence informs justice sector reforms.
- Understand how randomised controlled trials and other rigorous evaluation methods can inform evidence-based policymaking across governance, development, and justice institutions.
- Examine major studies on policing and gender-responsive interventions.
- Explore experimental methods used to evaluate police reforms.
- Assess evidence on judicial reform initiatives.
- Identify opportunities for future policy innovation in India.
- Engage with leading scholarship at the intersection of law, economics, and governance.

WHY ATTEND ?

Law Faculty & Researchers

Explore interdisciplinary research opportunities that directly influence criminal justice policy and institutional reform.

Legal Professionals & Police Officers

Learn evidence-based strategies for reducing case pendency, improving service delivery, and minimising institutional bias.

Policy Stakeholders

Understand how international data-driven frameworks can be adapted to the Indian justice system.

Event Information

- Date: 30th June 2026
- Time: 11 AM- 02 PM
- Venue: National Law University Delhi, Sector-14 Dwarka, New Delhi
- Mode: In-person and Online participation available
- For more information and queries, please contact us at: crgp@nludelhi.ac.in

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