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Call for Papers

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About CONTEMPORARY LAW REVIEW (CLR)

The Maharashtra National Law University Nagpur, CONTEMPORARY LAW REVIEW (CLR), is peer reviewed Journal published bi-annually by the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur. It is a faculty run bi-Annual Peer-reviewed Journal, followed by external review, whose primary objective is to serve an important academic forum for legal scholarship on any matter. The CLR, will promote reflective thinking by providing a socially relevant legal knowledge. The journal is an earnest attempt to provide an effective research tool by sparking scholastic conversation among a diverse group of academicians, judges, jurists, practitioners, students, activists, scholars and prominent thinkers.

The review will publish scholarly articles, comments on recent decisions by Courts, short notes, legislative analysis and reviews of latest books from renowned connoisseurs of law. All submissions will undergo a rigorous editorial process devised to hone and strengthen the same in tone and substance.

About the University

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU, Nagpur) was established by the Government of Maharashtra by way of enactment known as the Maharashtra National Law University Act (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014), which is a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal. Hon'ble Shri Justice S. A. Bobde, Judge, Supreme Court of India is the Chancellor of the University. It is a fully residential University engaged in teaching and promoting research in law and allied disciplines. MNLU, Nagpur is the nineteenth National Law University established in the country located in the Orange City of Nagpur.

The objectives of MNLU, Nagpur are manifold mainly to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge of law and legal processes and their role in national development; to develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility; to serve society in the field of law by developing skills in regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation, law reforms and the like; to organize lectures, seminars, symposia, conferences and capacity building programmes; to promote traditional, cultural, legal and ethical values with a view to promote and foster the rule of law and the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India; and to liaise with institutions of higher learning and research in India and abroad. The Core Committee of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) in its meeting held on September 30, 2016 has admitted MNLU, Nagpur as 18th NLU in its pool. Very recently the University has signed MoU with NLSIU, Bangalore and NLU Delhi for fostering Academic Collaboration between the two Universities.

Categories/Invitees for Submission

The Publication Committee of **CLR** is inviting quality research papers from:

- Academicians and professionals (inter-disciplinary with law);
- Judges and Advocates;
- Research Scholars;
- Students, if the editorial board deems it fit to be an extraordinary scholastic work

Research paper should be thematic and identification of sub-themes will be highly appreciated. It should have proper research questions and should also reflect the findings. The submission can be sent under the following categories:

1. Research papers: Between 7000 and 10000 words, inclusive of footnotes. Papers in this category are expected to engage with the theme comprehensively, examine literature accordingly and offer an innovative reassessment of the current understanding of that theme. It is advisable, though not necessary, to choose a theme that is of contemporary importance. Purely theoretical pieces are also welcome.

2. Notes/Comments: Between 3000 and 5000 words, inclusive of footnotes. This section should include a thought provoking and innovative piece consisting primarily of personal opinions and analysis.

3. Case/Report Comments: In between 2500-3000 words, inclusive of footnotes. This part should entail an analysis of contemporary Indian or International judicial pronouncements relevant to the contemporary legal world. It must identify and examine the line of cases in which the decision in question came about, and comment on implications for the evolution of that branch of law.

4. Book/Reports Review: Word limit is 2000- 3000 for review of a book relevant to the contemporary legal literature. The review should identify the relevant arguments put forth by the author and present a comprehensive analysis of the same.

Guidelines for Submissions:

- Submissions should be in Times New Roman, font of size 12 with 1.5 line spacing, justified text and 1 inch margins on all sides of A4 sheet. (page number)
- Footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font of size 10 with 1.0 line spacing. Endnotes are not allowed.
- Graphics, Charts, Tables, and Diagrams should be numbered consecutively and included in the body of the work. Submission must be compatible with Microsoft Word
- **Headings should follow the following standard:**
- **1. LEVEL 1 HEADING:** All Capitals & **Bold**;
- **1.1. LEVEL 2 SUB-HEADING** First Letter CAPITAL &**BOLD**;
- **1.1.1. Level 3 Sub-Sub-Heading:** First Letter CAPITAL &**BOLD** &*ITALIC*;
- 1.1.1.1. Level 4 Sub-Sub-Sub-Heading: Normal
- ❖ Submissions must be emailed at mlunagpur17clr@mnlun.edu.in or mlunagpur17clr@gmail.com (preferably in .docx format) along with a covering letter addressed to **Professor (Dr.) Naresh Kumar Vats (Editor-Contemporary Law Review (CLR) publication Committee**. The covering letter should include *the author's contact information and a short abstract (250-300 words) that outlines the main questions or themes addressed in the paper.*

- ❖ Authors shall be required to submit an author profile, post submission of 200 words before their contribution can be considered for publication.
- ❖ The submission must be the original work of the authors. Any form of plagiarism will lead to disqualification.
- ❖ Submitted entries must not have been sent for consideration at any other place for presentation or publication.
- ❖ Co-authorship is allowed. Maximum number of Co-author for a submission shall only be one.
- ❖ Authors should provide their contact details, designation and institutional affiliation in the covering letter for the submission.
- ❖ Footnotes must conform to the **Standard Indian Legal Citation Manual (SILC)**, Rules of legal citation (Latest edition attached)
- ❖ Copyright of all entries shall exclusively vest with MNLU, Nagpur The submission would imply that the author has assigned such rights to MNLU, Nagpur.

All submissions will go through an initial round of scrutiny and shortlisted contributors will be informed by February 20, 2017. We are exploring the possibility of organizing a writers' workshop if we receive a sufficient number of quality submissions. Please note that we will make the final selection of contributions on the basis of comments received from external reviewers. We will expect the selected contributors to incorporate this feedback. We aim to publish this issue in March 2017. A hard copy of this issue as well as a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to each contributor.

The Last date for submission: January 31, 2017

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