



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT CROSSROADS: EMERGING ISSUES AND RESPONSES



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**THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE**  
**IN ASSOCIATION WITH**  
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**&**  
**ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW PROFESSORS**



**CONFERENCE DATE : 21 & 22 MAY 2026**  
**VENUE : THE KATHMANDU SCHOOL OF LAW, NEPAL**

## ABOUT THE KERALA LAW ACADEMY LAW COLLEGE

The Kerala Law Academy Law College is one of India's premier institutions for legal education, established with the objectives of promoting excellence in the study and practice of law. Located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, KLA is affiliated to the University of Kerala and is renowned for its strong academic tradition, experienced faculty, and commitment to professional legal training.

The Academy places special emphasis on advocacy skills, legal research, ethics, and social justice, and regularly organizes national and international moot court competitions, seminars, conferences, and legal aid activities. With a legacy of producing distinguished legal professionals, judges, academicians, and public servants, KLA continues to play a vital role in shaping the legal landscape of India.



## **ABOUT THE KATHMANDU SCHOOL OF LAW, NEPAL**

Kathmandu School of Law, established in the year 2000 is an affiliate of Purbanchal University. It is a community-based, non-profit academic institution that upholds its unrestrained commitment for a pragmatic, research-based and community responsive legal education in Nepal. In its 25 years of establishment, it has not just shaped legal education in the nation with its innovative courses and teaching pedagogies but also widened the scope of law developing quality legal professionals.



## **ABOUT ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW PROFESSORS**

The Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP) is a not-for-profit consortium of Asian Law Professors and Law Institutions worldwide connected to Asia. This has been a regular and grand forum to connect Law Professors teaching in Asia and Asians teaching law worldwide.

The association's mission is to develop greater partnership and deeper relations among the law schools in Asia. As an academic general platform, this association expects to work towards the development of legal scholarship and greater interaction of legal scholars and institutions to enhance growing working partnership. Further to be a central platform of law and justice for law schools, scholars, and academicians to come together, collaborate collectively and learn from each other with a sense of interdependence for promoting justice, addressing contemporary issues and enhancing respect and implementation of international law.

## SUB THEMES

### I. CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

1. Protection of Fundamental Freedoms
2. Freedom of Expression and Access to Information
3. Police Accountability and Use of Force
4. Rights of Detainees and Prisoners
5. Electoral Rights and Democratic Governance
6. Human Rights of Elderly Persons

### II. TECHNOLOGY, PRIVACY, AND DIGITAL RIGHTS

7. Privacy and Data Protection Frameworks
8. Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence
9. Cybersecurity Laws and Rights Protection
10. Regulation of Online Hate Speech and Abuse
11. Digital Divide and Access to Digital Resources 1
12. Combating Digital Forced Labour in the Age of Generative AI

### III. VULNERABLE AND MARGINALISED GROUPS

13. Rights of Women and Gender Equality
14. Protection of Children's Rights
15. Rights of Persons with Disabilities
16. LGBTQ+ Rights and Legal Recognition
17. Rights of Indigenous and Tribal Communities
18. Human Rights of Elderly Persons in Vulnerable Situations

## SUB THEMES

### **IV. Migration, Conflict, and Humanitarian Concerns**

19. Refugee Protection and Cross-Border Challenges
20. Human Rights in Armed Conflict Situations
21. Protection of Civilians in Crisis Zones
22. Statelessness and Legal Identity
23. Human Trafficking and Exploitation
24. Global Threats and Human Rights – Terrorism, Cyber Warfare, and Espionage

### **V. Social, Economic, and Environmental Rights**

25. Economic Inequality and Basic Rights
26. Health Rights and Public Health Obligations
27. Environmental Rights and Climate Impacts
28. Access to Education and Social Development
29. Labour Rights and Workplace Protections
30. Social Protection and Welfare of Elderly Persons

### **VI. Governance, Accountability, and Global Frameworks**

31. Corporate Responsibility in Human Rights Compliance
32. Strengthening International Human Rights Institutions
33. Role of Civil Society and Human Rights Defenders
34. Access to Justice and Legal Aid Mechanisms
35. National Human Rights Policies and Implementation Gaps

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### **VIII. Secularism and Human Rights**

36. History and Development of Secularism
37. Secularism and Respect for Religion
38. Secularism and Human Rights
39. Secularism in the Modern World
40. The Crisis of Secularism
41. Secularism and Non-Religion
42. Secularism and Religious Extremism
43. Secularism, Religion, and Humanitarianism
44. State Secularism and Secular Society
45. Secular Ethics and Organizations
46. Secularism and the International Bill of Human Rights.

### **IX. Human Rights and Intellectual Property Rights**

47. Right to Health vs. Patent Protection
  - Access to medicines and compulsory licensing
  - Public health emergencies and IP flexibilities

## SUB THEMES

### 48. Intellectual Property and the Right to Education

- Copyright limitations and exceptions
- Access to academic materials in developing countries

### 49. Freedom of Expression and Copyright Law

- Fair use/fair dealing
- Censorship concerns in digital platforms

### 50. Indigenous Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions and Human Rights

- Protection of folklore
- Biopiracy and community rights

### 51. Right to Food and Agricultural Patents

- Seed patents and farmers' rights
- Plant variety protection and food security

## **X. Access to Knowledge (A2K) Movement and Human Rights Framework**

### 53. Intellectual Property and Cultural Rights

- Protection of heritage
- Moral rights of authors

### 54. Digital Divide, Technology Transfer and Human Rights

- Global inequality in technology access
- TRIPS and development concerns

## SUB THEMES

### **XI. Human Rights Perspective on Artificial Intelligence and IP**

- Ownership of AI-generated works
- Ethical and human dignity considerations

#### 56. Balancing Innovation Incentives with Social Justice

- Public interest doctrine
- Proportionality in IP enforcement

#### 57. Compulsory Licensing as a Human Rights Tool

### **XII. The Role of International Instruments**

- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) and TRIPS Agreement
- United Nations human rights mechanisms

## PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Good research articles received would be published in Proceedings with ISBN.

# SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

## Guidelines for Paper Submission

- Kindly confine yourself to the areas identifiable with the theme of the seminar.
- The papers must be in Times New Roman, Font Size: Heading-14, Text-12 in A4 format, single line spacing, in justify not exceeding 2500 -6000 words including Title, details of the Author/s, and Footnotes.
- Authors are encouraged to use OSCOLA citation format and for footnoting it should be in Times New Roman Font 10 size. Further, speaking footnotes are discouraged.
- An Abstract not exceeding 250 words shall be submitted for consideration.
- The Abstract shall contain the Synopsis of the Paper, Subtitles, Reference materials, and conclusion indicating the author's perspective.
- The Submission should be in WORD FORMAT.
- References need not be mentioned at the end of a paper and must be included within footnotes.
- Precedents may be in Italics but not bold.

- All subheadings must be left aligned, in bold.
- The Papers shall be screened by a Committee. The Full Papers (2500 words – 6000 word) approved by the Committee shall be accepted for presentation in the Seminar. The intimation of selection will be made through E-mail.
- The final paper should contain a cover page that includes Name, Designation, Relevant Discipline and Year of Study, Address, e-mail ID, and Contact number. Authors are to give details in the Full Paper.
- Abstracts and papers should be written in English, the working language of the Seminar will be English, and presentations shall be done in English.
- Submissions should be made by the author who will attend the Seminar.
- Co-Authorship for online is allowed but limited to two Co-Authors only.
- No part of the paper should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication. Any form of Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- The Organizers will take an earnest effort to publish the best articles selected from among those received, subject to their acceptance by reputed journals as per their criteria.
- Publishing Charges if any demanded for the journal to be paid by the author.

## Submission Procedure

Kindly send the abstract on or before 10th March, 2026 by e-mail to “conferencekla@gmail.com”

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of Abstracts: 10th March 2026
- Communication of Abstract: 11th March 2026
- Submission of Full paper: 30th March 2026
- Intimation of Full Paper Acceptance: 31st March 2026.
- Date of payment of Registration fee: 05th April 2026
- International Conference: 21st and 22nd May 2026

## REGISTRATION FEE AND PAYMENT DETAILS

- ❖ Indian Authors (Offline)– INR 10,000/-
- ❖ Indian Authors (Online)– INR 7000/-
- ❖ Co – Authorship (Online only) – INR 9000/ (For 2 Persons)
- ❖ Authors From Nepal (Offline)- NPR 13,500/-
- ❖ Other Nationalities (Offline)- 120 USD
- ❖ Other Nationalities (Online)- 60 USD
- ❖ SAARC Countries Delegates (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Srilanka) – (Offline) – 100 USD
- ❖ SAARC Countries Delegates (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Srilanka)- (Online) – 50 USD

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All the Participants registered for Presentation (Online & Offline) will be awarded with certificates.

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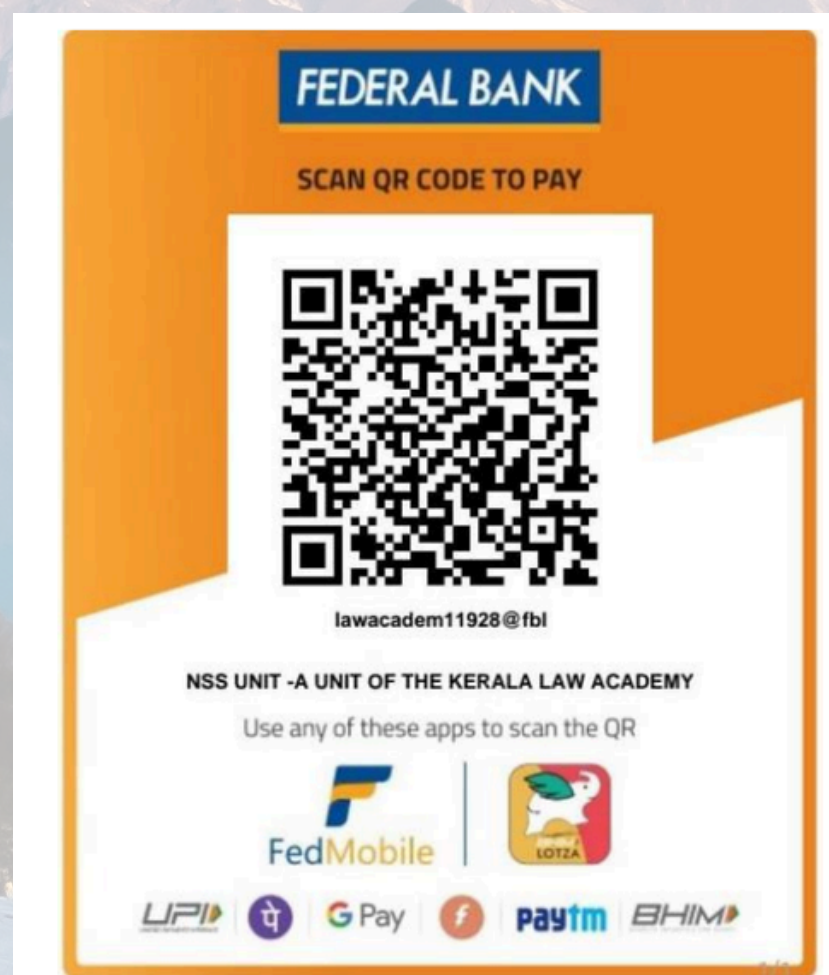
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