



**National Conference on
“Exploring Critical Perspectives in Criminal law”**

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The operation of criminal law and its institutions is evoking a serious debate among various sections of the society. The main reason is that there is a general feeling that the limits of application of the criminal law are getting seriously compromised which is resulting into the indiscriminate use of criminal law provisions. There are many instances where the use of criminal law become coercive. The core idea of use of force of criminal law and balancing of individual's fundamental rights is increasingly coming into question. Many kinds of human acts are increasingly brought into purview of criminal law operation. And this is without following the fundamental principles of criminalisation.

In other words, criminalization is becoming pervasive. Due process considerations in criminal law are getting relegated to the background and being dominated by crime control options. The selective application of criminal law is detrimental to the future of democracy. The decision to criminalisation or decriminalisation of several social issues like adultery, suicide, triple talaq, marital rape etc. have thrown several critical questions requiring a serious debate. The instances of not following the crime registration process, penchant for arrest, unfair investigation, denial of bail, withdrawal from prosecution, reliance on custodial options by law enforcement agencies are some of the coercive and critical developments in criminal law to be sifted concertedly.

This conference attempts to explore the broad range of critical perspectives in criminal law and actors involved in the criminal justice system.

Themes:

In view of the above following core theme are to be debating in the conference:

1. Emergence of critical perspectives in criminal law
2. Critique of normative and institutional perspectives in criminal law
3. Social perspective in criminal law with a focus on stigmatization and wrongfulness of the process
4. Limits of criminal law and its present state
5. Informal and illegal arrest subversion of due process
6. Overcriminalization
7. Non Punitive option in Criminal Law
8. Positive Obligations in Criminal Law

Call for Abstract:

The Seminar will be graced by dignitaries and academicians, who have expertise in the given field. The speakers and panellists will focus on various aspects of critical criminal law. The emphasis would be to explore conceptualize the normative, institutional and social perspectives in critical criminal law.

The Conference is also open for paper presentations. Teachers, research scholars, lawyers, undergraduate and postgraduate students of law, are invited to participate in the Conference.

The abstract should be in 500-700 words, summarizing the issue that will be addressed. Submissions must be word-processed and in Times New Roman font (the main text should be in font size 12 and footnotes in font size 10) with double spacing. All paragraphs must begin with a one- inch indent, and a one-line gap must be maintained between all paragraphs and headings. For footnotes, Harvard Blue Book (20th edition) citation style must be followed. Co-authorship is limited up to two authors. In case of co-authorship, each author will have to register separately in the event of participation in the conference.

The Centres decision on selection of papers shall be final and binding.

Deadline for Submission:

Those who are interested in presenting a paper on any of the themes mentioned above must send an abstract of 500-700 words, on or **before 25th April, 2017** on the given email address. Selection of abstract will be informed within a week after submission on the university website. No paper presentation will be allowed unless full paper is submitted by or before the last date.

Registration:

If you are interested in participating, please send the abstract of the paper along with the registration form given below. The registration fee for Students/Researchers is Rs. 500/- and for Faculty Members is Rs. 1000/-.

Registration fee may be deposited through online payment. **Online Payment:** Participants should pay the registration fee through the link mentioned below.

[Online Payment](#)

Note: Registration fee shall not be refunded in the event of non-selection of paper. However, candidate may participate in the event. Apart from paper presentation all the sessions would be open for all registered candidates and participation certificates would be given for the same. Registration form and receipt of online payment should be emailed at intworkshop@nludelhi.ac.in

No accommodation would be provided for the conference.

For query please contact at the above email address:

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