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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
on
LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS

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*Under the aegis of Professor Theodore
Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal
Research,
The Centre for Criminology & Victimology,
National Law University, Delhi
&
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)*

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The logo of National Law University, Delhi is composed of 3 elements: n(N), L(L) and U(U) which are interlinked by the second element (L or Law). In its totality it represents the harmonious confluence of disparate elements (disciplines) and levels : a rule that law and its executive, the judicial system, also performs. Individually, the "N" and "U" are downward-and upward-facing respectively, symbolizing polar (and complementary) outlooks through which law threads its way. The extension of 'L' or Law to the last level (or layer) attempts to encapsulate the concerns of social justice. The emphasis is on the rule of Law (represented by the 'L') in promoting social justice, particularly targeting those below baseline standards. Its columnar arrangement suggests an upholding of justice, equality, fraternity and human rights in all their facets in a secular democracy.

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International workshop on Legal research methodology

Empirical & Doctrinal legal scholarship is arguably gaining considerable attention. Despite the promise and potential of empirical and doctrinal legal research, the progress on this front world over has not been very noteworthy. Professor Schuck's observation that the two main forms of legal scholarship—theoretical and doctrinal—account for “almost the entire corpus of legal scholarship” remains disturbingly accurate even today (in ‘Why Don't Law Professors Do More Empirical Research?’, 39 J. LEGAL EDUC. 323 1989).

The National Law University, Delhi (NLUD) places considerable emphasis on Empirical Legal Research (ELR) – Doctrinal Legal Research (DLR) and aspires to be identified as a world class research university. This initiative at NLUD is the result of the realization that legal research is generally a neglected territory even in the best of law schools in the Asian region. Even the creation of the chain of elite law schools all around is largely unable to foster the culture of research in law discipline. The lack of skill and competence in legal research has contributed to the decay in quality legal research. Legal research therefore could not become a source for considering and influencing policy matters, judicial reforms and judicial administration. The grim situation of legal research was the result of various factors. Primarily, the scholars pursuing law courses often do not have enough opportunity to train themselves in advanced methods of research as the curriculum of law courses have very limited coverage of research methodology and that too is available at only courses at masters level. Resultantly, a large number of law students who join various assignments realize that the formulating or writing research proposal, collecting, compiling and analyzing data and subsequently the preparation of report are the tasks requiring special skills not possessed by them.

In view of this, NLUD has taken upon itself a task to launch a capacity building initiative in ELR & DLR through the *Professor Theodore Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal Research & The Centre for Criminology & Victimology*, both centers established at NLUD that has already organized a series of training programs for law teachers in different streams.

National Law University, Delhi has organized the following Workshops on Research Methodology:

- ❖ International workshop on Empirical Legal Research in association with Cornell University (2-7 February, 2013)
- ❖ National Workshop on Research Method and Data Analysis (2-4 May, 2013)
- ❖ The Second International Workshop on Empirical Legal Research in association with Cornell University (10-14 February, 2014)
- ❖ The Second National Workshop on Research Methods and Data Analysis (08-10 May, 2014)
- ❖ Third International Workshop on Empirical Legal Research under the auspices of National Academy for Law Teachers (NALT) & ‘Professor Theodore Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal Research’ from November 16-22, 2015 organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, National Law University, Delhi
- ❖ ‘National Workshop on Doctrinal Legal Research’ from August 08 -10, 2016 under the auspices of Professor Theodore Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal Research.

The International Workshops were organized with active collaboration of Cornell University & Prof. Theodore Eisenberg was a key resource person in both of these Workshops.

The untimely demise of Prof. Theodore Eisenberg took place in February, 2014. Recognizing the exemplary services of Prof. Theodore Eisenberg, the University has established a center as ‘Professor Theodore Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal Research.’ The proposed workshop is being organized as a tribute to Prof. Eisenberg at NLU Delhi.

Objectives:

The present workshop would be highly useful for not only to the fresh researchers and teachers in the university/colleges but also for those senior faculty members who did not have this type of exposure in their times of growing. The core objective of the workshop would be to developing skills of the participants in the areas of construction and applications of empirical and doctrinal legal research and data analysis. The workshop would effectively cover ELR & DLR steps like formulation of research problems, research design, sampling, hypothesis building, analysis frame etc.

Themes for the Workshop:

The workshop would focus on a range of subjects relating to ELR & DLR. Some illustrative areas are indicated below:

- ❖ Basics of Empirical Legal Research.
- ❖ Empirical Legal Research approach to the selected issues relating to judicial administration and judicial reforms (like research on arrest, bail, review & revision, delay & pendency, etc.).
- ❖ Judicial Impact assessment Methodology.
- ❖ Developing research design for Empirical & Doctrinal Legal Research.
- ❖ Developing research proposal for Empirical & Doctrinal Legal Research.
- ❖ Training in tool construction for data collection in ELR.
- ❖ Training in data analysis techniques.
- ❖ Reporting of research findings.

Participation:

Members of faculty and researchers in the law schools who have inclination and some experience in the application of Empirical Legal Research are invited to participate in the Workshop.

The intake of participants will be up to 40 participants, which includes a maximum of 30 participants from India and 10 participants from Asian & other region. Each participant is expected to bring a personal computer to the workshop.

Registration request:

Due to anticipated oversubscription of the Workshop, participation therein will be strictly subject to selection. Prospective participants may send the registration request electronically to intworkshop@nludelhi.ac.in indicating their qualifications, affiliation, present post and reason for applying the workshop. This should reach to us on or before April 30, 2017. The participants shall submit the registration fee along with the prescribed form of registration only after getting confirmation of selection.

Participation Fee

Participant	fee	Mode of payment	Last date of payment
Foreign Delegate	300USD with accommodation	Bank transfer	Will be updated soon
Indian Delegate	Rs. 5,000/- without accommodation Rs. 7,000/- with dormitory accommodation Rs. 10,000/- with guesthouse accommodation*	Bank Transfer	Will be updated soon

*Accommodation in guesthouse will be given only in exceptional cases.

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Transport:

The confirmed participants are required to report at National Law University Delhi latest **by 8.30 a.m. on May 22, 2017**. There are enough options of transport available at the Railway Station and Airport in Delhi round the clock and therefore, the participants are advised to take appropriate transport on their own to reach NLUD Campus. Transport advisory will be communicated to the participants confirmed for the workshop in due course.

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