



1ST DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM

EMBEDDING RESEARCH IN LEGAL CONTEXTS AND BEYOND

20th – 26th June, 2024

Organised by

*The West Bengal National University of Juridical
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Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar &

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WBNUJS CAMPUS, KOLKATA



The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata (WBNUJS), Gujrat National Law University, Gandhinagar (GNLU), Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai (MNLU), in association with the Consortium of National Law Universities, takes great pleasure in announcing the inaugural edition of Doctoral Colloquium: Embedding Research in Legal Contexts and Beyond.

A first of its kind, this initiative is a seminal forum dedicated to elucidating and analyzing diverse research techniques and practices in training the research scholars of various National Law Universities, which are members of the Consortium of National Law Universities (CNLU) towards producing quality research works contributing valuable legal literature in India.

This Doctoral Colloquium shall be organized in three editions by the three institutions WBNUJS, GNLU and MNLU, respectively. The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (WBNUJS) is organizing the first edition Doctoral Colloquium from 20th June 2024 to 26th June 2024 at WBNUJS Campus, Kolkata.

This first edition of the NLU's Doctoral Research Workshop & Colloquium, hosted by WBNUJS, shall have lectures, training and workshops on Research Methodology and legal Analysis", "Research Publications," and "Fellowship and Scholarships" by International and National experts. Furthermore, the presentation session for the Doctoral Scholars shall be dedicated to the below-mentioned broad specializations:

- 1. Corporate and Financial Regulations**
- 2. Criminal Law and Criminology**
- 3. Intellectual Property Rights,**
- 4. Law and Technology (Including Usage of AI)**

With a steadfast commitment to fostering erudite exchange and scholarly rigour, this Colloquium extends an invitation to registered PhD candidates from various National Law Universities. We cordially invite the scholarly fraternity to partake in this collaborative effort of intellectual inquiry as we embark on a collective expedition to unravel the intricacies of law and its operation in the present social, economic, technological and global context. Scholars participating in this Colloquium are expected to reflect on their research background, identify lacunas and further discuss the social, legal, economic, organizational, and ethical assumptions based on which the research questions are framed, methodologies tailored and literature reviewed.





ABOUT WBNUJS

The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) was established under the WBNUJS Act, 1999 (West Bengal Act IX of 1999). The University is recognised under sub-section 2 (f) and section 12(b) by the University Grant Commission: the BA LL.B(Hons.) and BSc. LL.B (Hons.) are affiliated by the Bar Council of India. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India is the Chancellor of the University and Chairman of its highest governing body - the General Council. In its relatively short existence, NUJS has firmly established itself as one of India's premier national law universities. NUJS ranked 4th in NIRF India Ranking 2023 under the Law category. The University received the prestigious SILF-MILAT INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2015 for its excellence in Legal Studies. NUJS was also awarded the "Shiksha Sanman Award" by ABP Ananda as the Best Innovative Institution in West Bengal

WBNUJS inculcates an academic community committed to pursuing knowledge, wisdom, discovery, and creativity. Its mission is to provide student-centric education, foster personal and intellectual growth, and prepare students for productive careers, meaningful lives, and responsible citizenship in a global society. The University seeks to incubate innovative approaches to legal education and profession to prepare students and researchers for leadership roles in the legal profession and in a wide range of social institutions, including civil service, governance, politics, and business. WBNUJS, through its various research centres, continues to contribute substantially to the myriad area's critical legal issues and philosophy of law.



COURSE STRUCTURE

The quintessence of the forthcoming seven-day Colloquium is its aspiration to convene PhD scholars engaged in scholarly pursuits encompassing the expansive domain of law and its contiguous spheres. This edition will focus, besides basic or foundation of legal research, on the following four specialized legal areas:

1. Corporate and Financial Regulations
2. Criminal Law & Criminology
3. Intellectual Property Law
4. Technology Law, including AI

Central to its mission, the Colloquium will provide a platform wherein participants can engage in the significant exchange of ideas and forge meaningful professional connections with peers and established experts. Moreover, cognizant of the burgeoning trend towards multidisciplinary inquiry, the Colloquium extends an earnest invitation to legal research scholars whose research endeavors are predominantly focused from a multidisciplinary vantage point, thereby fostering a diverse intellectual discourse.

To provide participants with a rich learning experience, the workshop will host lectures and training sessions by International and National professors on “Research Methodology and legal Analysis”, “Research Publications”, and “Fellowship and Scholarships”.

Along with the workshop and lectures, individual presentation sessions will occur during the program, where scholars can present their research proposals and progress and engage in enriching feedback and discussion with panel of experts and peers.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND APPLICATION

There is a limited number of seats for the Doctoral Colloquium. Therefore, the selection shall be highly competitive and wholly based on merit. Preference shall be given to those in the early stage of research and those whose proposals align with the above-mentioned area of specialization.

Interested applications are required to fill the **Google Form** with the necessary details by 30th May 2024 (23.59 Hrs).

The Applicants must upload –

1. Current CV,
2. Research Proposal (within 3,000 words)
3. Letter of Recommendation/ Nomination from the respective Vice Chancellor, where the PhD scholar is enrolled.

The selected applicants shall be notified by 31st May 2024.

The Participants will have to register by 10th June 2024 (A separate link shall be emailed to the selected applicants for the registration procedure)

REGISTRATION FEES

Rs. 3,000 + 18 % GST (Registration Fees include Materials, Lunch and Refreshment. Does not include accommodation)

Anyone who wants WBNUJS Hostel accommodation will have to pay Rs.13,000 + 18 % GST (Includes Registration fees, accommodation and meals). Hostel Accommodation is on a first come- first serve basis.

Registration fees are to be paid after the applicant receives a selection email from the organisers. Any fees paid are Non-Refundable

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

There are few hostel accommodations available, which are on a twin-sharing basis, in the WBNUJS Hostel. It shall be available only for outstation candidates, which may be availed on paying the accommodation fees. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

While filling out the Google Form, the choice of availing accommodation/non-accommodation has to be strictly specified. Any alteration/ moderation of such choice shall not be accommodated.

All participants will be expected to bear their transport costs.

VENUE

The colloquium will take place at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences from the 20th – 26th June 2024. The Doctoral Workshop and Colloquium is held in person; no request for online/hybrid mode will be accommodated.



IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline	30th May, 2024
Intimation of Selection	31st May, 2024
Last Date of Registration	10th June, 2024
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