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NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR ON

“QUESTING THE HORIZON OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND NEW WORLD
ORDER: JURISPRUDENTIAL ASPECTS, CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES,
AND EMERGING PERSPECTIVES”

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DILS offers 5-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and 3-year LL.B. (Hons.) programmes that are structured to provide a comprehensive and rigorous understanding of law. The academic framework is designed to integrate doctrinal learning with practical exposure, enabling students to develop critical thinking, analytical ability, and professional competence.

The institute maintains a strong emphasis on quality teaching and holistic development, supported by the committed faculties and an academic environment conducive to learning and research. Through a blend of curricular and co-curricular initiatives, DILS seeks to prepare students for diverse career pathways within the legal profession and allied fields.

With its focus on academic integrity, skill development, and professional orientation, Durgapur Institute of Legal Studies continues to contribute meaningfully to the evolving landscape of legal education.

CONCEPT NOTE

International law, as a dynamic and evolving discipline, continues to shape and respond to the changing contours of the global order. In recent decades, the world has witnessed significant geopolitical transformations, shifting power dynamics, and the growing influence of international institutions and non-state actors. These developments have contributed to the emergence of what is often described as a “new world order,” wherein traditional notions of sovereignty, territoriality, and legal authority are being redefined. Against this backdrop, it becomes imperative to revisit and critically engage with the jurisprudential foundations of international law to assess its relevance, adaptability, and normative strength in addressing contemporary global realities.

The quest for understanding the evolving horizon of international law necessitates a deeper exploration of its theoretical underpinnings alongside its practical applications. Jurisprudential debates surrounding the nature and sources of international law, the legitimacy of international institutions, and the interplay between law and power have gained renewed prominence in an increasingly interconnected yet fragmented world. The tension between state sovereignty and global governance, as well as the role of emerging actors in shaping international norms, raises important questions about the future trajectory of the international legal system. These concerns underscore the need for critical scholarly engagement with both classical doctrines and modern interpretations of international law.

At the same time, international law is confronted with a range of contemporary challenges that test its efficacy and resilience. Issues such as armed conflicts, human rights violations, transnational terrorism, climate change, global health crises, and cyber threats have exposed gaps in existing legal frameworks and enforcement mechanisms. The uneven application of international norms and the crisis of compliance further complicate the legitimacy of the international legal order. In this context, examining how international law can respond to these multifaceted challenges while maintaining its foundational principles of justice, equity, and cooperation is of paramount importance.

Emerging perspectives in international law offer new avenues for understanding and reforming the global legal order. Interdisciplinary approaches, critical legal theories, and contributions from the Global South have begun to challenge traditional Eurocentric narratives and broaden the scope of international legal discourse. Developments in technology, environmental governance, and economic regulation are also reshaping the landscape of international law, calling for innovative and inclusive frameworks that can address complex, cross-border issues. These evolving perspectives not only expand the ambit of international law but also contribute to its progressive development in line with contemporary needs.

In light of these considerations, the present seminar seeks to provide a platform for meaningful academic dialogue and critical reflection on the changing horizons of international law within the framework of the new world order. By bringing together scholars, practitioners, and students, the seminar aims to foster engagement with jurisprudential debates, examine pressing global challenges, and explore emerging trends that will shape the future of international law. Through such deliberations, it aspires to contribute to a deeper understanding of the role of law in promoting global peace, justice, and sustainable cooperation in an increasingly complex and interdependent world.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The contemporary global order is undergoing a significant transformation, marked by shifting geopolitical dynamics, evolving governance structures, and emerging legal challenges. In this context, the role of law, both at the international and domestic levels, has become increasingly complex and critical. This seminar seeks to explore the changing horizons of legal systems in light of jurisprudential developments, contemporary challenges, and emerging perspectives shaping the new world order.

The seminar aims to provide a platform for academicians, practitioners, researchers, and students to engage in meaningful discussions and contribute to the evolving discourse on law and governance in a rapidly transforming world.

THEMES FOR PAPER PRESENTATION (INDICATIVE AND NOT EXHAUSTIVE):

- Evolving Legal Orders in a Changing Global and Domestic Landscape.
- Law, Governance, and the Crisis of Legitimacy in Contemporary Societies.
- Sovereignty, Federalism, and Decentralised Governance.
- Justice Systems in Transition: Courts, Tribunals, and ADR.
- Human Rights, Social Justice, and Constitutional Values.
- Law and Public Policy: Bridging Theory and Practice.
- Economic Regulation, Trade, and Developmental Challenges.
- Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development.
- Technology, Digital Regulation, and Emerging Legal Challenges.
- Crime, Security, and Accountability in Modern Legal Systems.
- Maritime Law, Space Law, and Emerging Global Commons.
- Gender Justice and Intersectionality in Legal Systems.

The seminar invites Paper submissions from: **Academicians and Faculty Members; Legal Practitioners and Professionals; Research Scholars and Students; Policy Experts and Interdisciplinary Researchers.**

The themes are indicative and not exhaustive. Authors are encouraged to explore interdisciplinary and contemporary issues related to the broader theme of the seminar.

Submission & Registration Guidelines

Abstract Submission:

Authors are required to submit an abstract of **300 words**.
The abstract must include **5–6** keywords.
Submissions should be in **MS Word format (.doc/.docx)**.

References:

Must be properly cited and included in the manuscript.
All submissions must strictly follow the **APA 7th Edition** citation style.

Plagiarism Policy:

Authors must submit a plagiarism report along with the full paper.
A maximum of **10% similarity is permissible** (excluding references and properly cited quotations).

Registration Guidelines

Participants must **complete registration & submit Abstract** on or before **16th May 2026**.
Spot registration is permissible, subject to availability.

Submission Details:

Submissions must include:
Name of Author(s), Institutional Affiliation
Contact Details (Email & Phone Number)

Full Paper Submission:

The full length paper should be a **minimum of 5,000 words**, inclusive of references.
Submissions should be in **MS Word format (.doc/.docx)**.

Formatting Requirements:

Font: Times New Roman
Font Size: 12 (Main Text)
Line Spacing: 1.5
Footnote Size: 10

Originality & Authorship:

Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.

A maximum of two authors is permitted per paper.

Authors are encouraged to submit the full paper after the seminar, incorporating feedback received during presentation.

Presentation & Publication:

Only authors of accepted abstracts will be permitted to present at the seminar.

Only papers presented during the seminar will be considered for publication, subject to peer review.

REGISTRATION

Registration is mandatory for the participants to participate in the seminar. The participants have to register themselves by filling up the registration form through the Registration link attached herewith within the dates mentioned in the “Important Dates” section. The registration fee as mentioned below shall be paid through online mode in the below mentioned Bank Account or UPI ID.

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Registration Fess

Paper Presentation	Fees
Academicians and Professionals	₹1500/-
Research Scholars and Students (Except DILS Students)	₹1000/-
All the above Categories in Virtual/Online Mode	₹800/-

Participants only	Fees
Physical Participants (Offline)	₹800/-
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DILS current Students and Alumni (Virtual/Online)	₹250/-

Important Dates

Categories	Dates
Commencement of Registration Procedure:	25th April 2026
Last Date for Abstract Submission & Registration	16th May 2026
Last Date for Registration (Participation only, without Paper Presentation):	20th May 2026
Notification of Acceptance:	18th May 2026
Dates of Seminar:	21st & 22nd May 2026
Last Date for Full Paper Submission	10th June 2026

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Start Point B	DGR Station	Durgapur Railway Station. Main entry for train travelers.
Mid-Point	Gandhi More	Major landmark. Head toward City Centre, Phase II.
The Route	Surya Sen Sarani	The final stretch leading to the campus.
Destination	DILS Campus	Durgapur Institute of Legal Studies (DILS). Your seminar venue.



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