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## GNLU organizes Two-day Training Course on “Babies crossing Borders – Surrogacy, Laws and Practice”

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) being a Research Based Teaching University with its commitment to provide world class legal education and all round development of the students, faculty and other professionals, offers various training programmes, workshops and courses in different areas of law and allied fields. Towards this initiative, GNLU Centre for Private International Law (GCPriL), in collaboration with Malhotra & Malhotra Associates (*International Lawyers*), in the light of the recent issue of Cabinet’s approval for introduction of the ‘Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016’ is organizing a training course on “***Babies crossing Borders – Surrogacy, Laws and Practice***” on 30 September – 01 October, 2016.

The Course has received an overwhelming response of 65 participants, 52 being external participants from institutes like IIT Bombay; Samarpan School of Law, Gandhinagar; Amity Law School, Delhi; R N Patel Ipcowala School of Law & Justice, Anand; Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal; Yashwantrao Chavan Law College, Pune; Faculty of Law, JLB School of Legal Studies, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan; Faculty of Law, M. S. University, Baroda to name a few.

The Resource Persons for this training course includes Mr. Anil Malhotra, from Malhotra & Malhotra Associates (*International Lawyers*), a practising Advocate in India since September 1983; Mr. Ranjit Malhotra, from Malhotra & Malhotra Associates (*International Lawyers*), the first Indian lawyer to be awarded the prestigious Felix Scholarship to read for the LLM Degree at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Dr. Nayna Patel, Medical Director, Akanksha Hospital and Research Institute;; and Ms. Heena Goswami, Assistant Professor of Science and Technology, GNLU.

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This course also provides an **internship opportunity** whereby the first rank holder among the students participants of the course shall get an opportunity to intern at Malhotra & Malhotra Associates (*International Lawyers*) provided the winner is either a **3rd year, 4th year** or a **5th year** student of the **Five Year LL.B.** programme or a **2nd year** or **3rd year** student of the **Three Year LL.B.** programme.

The aim of the course is to explore the interface between Private International Law and Surrogacy. Since surrogacy has become an increasingly popular method of reproductive technology. With no harmonized Private International Law regulation on surrogacy per se, the courts of any country deciding on the social legal issues connected with cross border surrogacy are posed with difficulty to ascertain the questions of which law governs various legal issues arising in connection with such cross-border relationship. The Private International Law issues surrounding the status of children, including issues arising from international surrogacy arrangements remains a source of worry for Courts and Legislatures.

This course examines Private International Law aspects of international surrogacy arrangements. The course also addresses ethical questions surrounding surrogacy. The course will focus on legal development and issues of Surrogacy in Indian Private International Law. The course adopts the comparative teaching methodology to discuss developments in various jurisdictions on Cross border Surrogacy. The Course will also discuss the recent Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016.

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