



Gujarat National Law University



9th International Conference on Law and Economics (Empirical & Applied Law and Economics of Governance and Inclusive Public Policy)

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Research in Law and Interdisciplinary Studies

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GNLU Centre for Disability Studies

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About GNLU

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is a statutory university established by the Government of Gujarat under Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003. The university holds recognition from the Bar Council of India (BCI) & the University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is affiliated with several prestigious organizations, including the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), & the International Association of Law Schools (IALS). GNLU offers interdisciplinary legal courses in five faculties namely, BA LLB, BCOM LLB, BSC LLB, BSW LLB, BBA LLB; post-graduate programs namely, LLM as well as doctoral programs in law & interdisciplinary fields. GNLU also offers PhD in Economics. This course is offered with an interdisciplinary study of law.

About GNLU Conference on Law and Economics, 2026

The 9th International Conference on Law and Economics - Empirical and Applied law & Economics of Governance and Inclusive Public Policy is scheduled for January 2026. This edition of the conference aims to explore how empirical and applied economic analysis can inform legal reforms, strengthen governance frameworks, and advance inclusive public policy. Submissions are invited across a wide range of substantive areas within law and economics—including but not limited to property law, torts, criminal justice, disability and inclusivity, gender justice, business and finance, market regulation, environmental governance, and social equity.

GNLU Centre for Law and Economics

The GNLU Centre for Law & Economics (GCLE) is a center of excellence dedicated to research and training in the field of Law & Economics, also known as the Economic Analysis of Law. The Centre values rigorous scholarship and aims to promote awareness and research in this discipline. It conducts courses and conferences for scholars, practitioners, and students, in addition to publishing work on the economic analysis of contemporary legal issues. The Centre's goal is to produce high-quality recommendations for legislators, regulators, and government departments while providing clear explanations and guidance for businesses and ordinary citizens alike.

GNLU Centre for Empirical & Applied Research in Law and Interdisciplinary Studies

The Centre is dedicated to exploring the dynamic interplay between legal frameworks and various disciplines, fostering empirical and applied research that informs policy and practice. Its mission is to support and promote empirical and applied legal research, as well as interdisciplinary studies, enabling a scientific analysis of the underlying assumptions of the law, its application, and the impact of the legal system in real-world contexts. The Centre aims to advance empirical scholarship that enhances the theoretical understanding of legal systems while providing practical solutions to contemporary legal challenges. By collaborating with scholars, data analysts, practitioners, and community stakeholders, it seeks to address pressing legal issues and promote empirical solutions that contribute to the welfare of society.

GNLU Centre for Disability Studies

The GNLU Centre for Disability Studies was established on 02nd October 2019 with an aim to work for disability rights and social justice through promotion of teaching and research in the interdisciplinary areas of sociology, social work, law and policy. Through curriculum development, research projects and disability studies, the Centre would attempt at doing meaningful contribution in the areas of disability and human rights, disability and society, accessibility and reasonable accommodations, inclusive education, gender and disability, amongst others. The Centre intents to create an environment ensuring mainstreaming and equal participation of students with disabilities in the University. The Centre would bring together academicians, researchers, scholars, lawyers, practitioners, activists, students and other stakeholders to foster dialogue on the increasing relevance of disability studies and research.

THEMES:

Empirical and Applied Law & Economics of Governance and Inclusive Public Policy

The subject of 'law and economics' or 'economic analysis of law' is concerned with the intersection between the subjects of law & economics. It permits the greater use of economic tools & concepts to examine & understand the law in addition to recognizing the importance of law to the analysis of the economy. Today, the field of law & economics has expanded & transformed subjects such as property, contracts, torts, criminal law & procedure, constitutional law, administrative law, environmental law, family law, etc. The inherent advantage of this field is that its objective nature permits the legal system to function rationally & more efficiently. Besides, it provides a useful normative standard for evaluating law & policy. Law & economics is a cutting-edge, interdisciplinary field that applies tools from microeconomic theory to legal rules & structures so as to explain their functioning, evaluate their performance & prescribe alternative rules & structures so as to create optimum social outcomes. Law & economics has seen prolific development in various jurisdictions & has elicited startling results that have changed the way we look at & run our legal systems, winning scholars a number of accolades, notably including the Nobel Prize in economics.

Building on this foundation, the 9th International Conference on Law and Economics focuses on how empirical and applied economic analysis can enhance governance and promote inclusive policy design. It encourages evaluations of regulatory accountability, institutional performance, and the distributional impact of programmes such as social safety nets, digital governance, fiscal mechanisms, and environmental regulations. Centering governance and inclusion, the conference aims to advance evidence-based reforms that make laws more efficient, fair, and responsive to diverse communities.

Manuscripts may be in any of the substantive areas of law & economics, including but not limited to the following:

- **Basic Areas of Law & Economics:** Property, contract, tort law & product liability, forensic economics, criminal law, civil law, common law, constitutional & election law.
- **Disability and Inclusivity:** Legal and economic analysis of rights-based frameworks, access to education and employment, reasonable accommodation, disability pensions, inclusive infrastructure, and anti-discrimination measures.
- **Economic Analysis of Litigations:** Causes of delays/pendency in judicial administration, costs of delays, out-of-court settlements, judicial reforms, legal procedures, the legal system & illegal behaviour, enforcement of law.
- **International Law (Public & Private):** International Trade and Investment Law & development, Environmental Law, Human Rights Law.
- **Macroeconomics & Law:** Use of economic tools in public policy analysis.
- **Economic Rationale of Industrial Policy:** Externalities, Market Failures, and State Intervention
- **Business Law & Finance:** Financial sector reforms in India, formation of monetary policy, cyber-crimes, stock market regulations, sovereign bonds, corporate & banking law, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, tax evasion, black money, Basel & financial stability board norms, WTO & financial services.
- Market Regulators: Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, Securities & Exchange Board of India, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority, Competition Commission of India, Consumer Protection Authority, Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission.
- Gender: Erosion of reproductive rights, same-sex marriage, surrogacy laws, rights of the LGBTQ community, affirmative action, marital rape, gender and AI.
- Environment Law: Environmental social governance, corporate social responsibility, carbon pricing, green finance, waste management, renewable energy
- Economic Analysis of Contemporary Legal Developments: For instance, regulation of digital media, regulation of pornography, policy of one nation-one election, sub-classification in reservations, electoral bonds, private property as community resources under Article 39(b) of the Constitution, Uniform Civil Code
- Social Equity, Inclusiveness and International Trade: Cooperation in Sustainable Development, Social Cohesion, and Good Governance
- Other Substantive Areas of Law & Economics: labour, energy, health & safety, international tax, family & personal laws, immigration.

The above areas of law are only indicative, and not exhaustive. We invite research papers from other allied areas of law & economics as well. In case the authors require some guidance for writing and research in the field of Law and Economics, the GNLU Journal of Law & Economics can be accessed: <https://gjle.in/>

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GNLU, through its Centre for Law & Economics has been working towards the creation of interest & awareness of using economic tools for studying the law. Apart from that, GNLU also offers a PhD degree course in Economics. Pursuing this aim, the current edition of the 9th International Conference on Law and Economics - Empirical and Applied law & Economics of Governance and Inclusive Public Policy aims to promote scholars & researchers having an avid interest in the field of Law & Economics. GNLU Centre for Law & Economics has always tried to reach out to bright minds who have a keen interest in employing economic tools & theories for legal analysis.

In order to promote such minds, the Centre invites submissions from the following:

- Students/Research Scholars pursuing M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D Discipline in Economics & Management.
- Students/Research Scholars pursuing M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D Discipline in Statistics.
- Students/Research Scholars pursuing M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D Discipline in Public policy.
- Students/Research Scholars pursuing M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D Discipline in Development Studies.
- Students pursuing Five-Year/Three-Year LLB Discipline
- Students pursuing One-Year/Two-Year LLM Discipline
- Research Scholars pursuing Ph. D in the Interdisciplinary Study of Law & Economics.
- Academicians teaching & researching in the interdisciplinary study of Law & Economics.
- Professionals working in Banking, Finance or Economics field.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST. STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS, ACADEMICIANS, PROFESSIONALS HAVING AN AVID INTEREST IN THE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF LAW & ECONOMICS ARE WELCOME TO BE A PART OF THE CONFERENCE TOO.

The Top 2 full papers will be published in the GNLU Journal of Law & Economics, a peer-reviewed and Scopus-listed journal, after incorporating reviewer comments.

This provides an excellent opportunity for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and professionals to contribute to a reputed platform that promotes high-quality interdisciplinary research in the field of law and economics.

Submission Guidelines

Interested Contributors are requested to send their Original Papers/ Manuscripts by clicking on this Google Form Link.

Length of full paper: The word limit for Original Papers is 5000-7000 words (excluding footnotes & title).

Extended Abstracts: Long abstracts (Extended Abstracts) of 1500-2500 words will also be considered, however extended abstract will not be considered for publication in the journal.

Format: The Papers have to be submitted in Microsoft Word (Doc. /Docx.) formats only.

Font: The body of the manuscript must be in “Times New Roman” Font only.

Font Size: 12 (Line spacing 1.5 & alignment “justify”).

Footnotes: All footnotes must be in Font “Times New Roman”, font size 10, single line spacing. All submissions must follow the “The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th Edition)”.

The paper has to be original & free from plagiarism.

All authors are requested to submit TWO copies of their papers through the google form:
Submission having a cover page including the name of the author(s).
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**ONLY FULL A PAPER WILL BE CONSIDER FOR PUBLICATION IN THE JOURNAL
AFTER INCORPORATING REVIEWER COMMENTS.**

Registration Link

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or

<https://forms.gle/rSzn9GDxL4QPxazX6>

Payment Link

<https://rzp.io/rzp/KlxEza1M>

Important Dates:

Submission Date: ~~16 November, 2025~~ 30 November, 2025

Confirmation of acceptance- 7 December, 2025

Last Date for Payment and Registration: 15 December, 2025

Submission of Power Point Presentation: 10th January, 2026

Fee for Registration

GNLU Students (No accommodation): 1000/- (INR)

Students & Research Scholars: 2000/- (INR)

Academicians & Professionals: 3000/- (INR)

Foreign Students & Research Scholars: 40 (USD)

Foreign Academicians & Professionals: 80 (USD)

Co-authorship is allowed up to two authors. In case of co-authorship, both the authors have to register & make the registration payment separately.

For participants opting for accommodation, an extra 1500/- (INR) [25 USD for foreign nationals] will be charged (excl. taxes) per day on a sharing basis. The accommodation will be subject to availability of the same on sharing basis.

Authors of selected papers are required to fill submission & registration form which shall be sent to them and pay through the payment link for registration. Link for payment is given [here](#).

Foreign Nationals are required to make payment via HDFC Bank & their participation shall be subject to approval by Indian authorities.

Tentative Schedule

16th January, 2026- Inauguration- 5:00PM Onwards

17th January, 2026- Technical Sessions- 9:00 AM to 5:00PM

18th January, 2026- Technical Sessions and Valedictory Ceremony -
9:00 AM to 5:00PM

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