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VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AVIATION LAW AMID COVID 19: IMPLICATIONS, CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

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"The Covid 19 pandemic has adversely impacted all aspects of human life across the globe. Depending on the emergence of new variants, the degree of impact has varied from country to country at different points in time. Civil aviation, rightly credited with reducing the world to a global village, is facing the worst crisis due to the pandemic.

In order to contain the pandemic and secure public health, nations have resorted to imposing a complete ban on international flights barring a few exceptions. Even domestic travel is permitted subject to various kinds of restrictions in order to ensure the safety of passengers. Such measures have grave consequences for all the stakeholders in the aviation sector like air carriers, aircraft manufacturers, airports, passengers, etc. The consequences have been particularly devastating for countries with an ailing aviation sector before the pandemic. Gradually the restrictions are being relaxed. However, these developments pose complex issues requiring the balancing of competing interests in the domain of Aviation Law and accordingly require urgent attention of experts.

It is in this backdrop that the international conference aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on Aviation and Public Health; Aviation Industry; Passengers Rights; Airports Management in the context of Covid 19."

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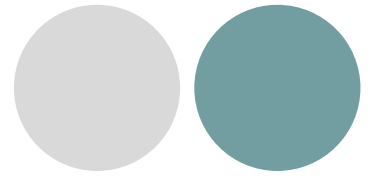
*-Certificates shall be awarded to participants attending all sessions.
-Joining details shall be shared with the registered participants.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

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SESSION 1

10:00am - 11:30am

"Challenges in
Airports
Development,
Management &
Regulation
during Covid
19"



Konstantinos I. Andritsos

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Konstantinos I. Andritsos studied his Bachelor's in Law at the European University Cyprus, focusing on both Continental and Common Law. In 2020, he obtained an LL.M. (Adv.) in Air and Space Law from the International Institute for Air and Space Law at Leiden University. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in aviation law at the University of Cologne, where his research mainly focuses on the legal implications of the proposed advanced urban mobility systems on the concept of a smart city. Konstantinos has a strong background in commercial and corporate law, having worked as a barrister on these sectors.



Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakistha Reddy

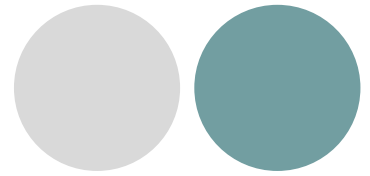
Registrar,
National Academy of Legal Studies and Research

Dr. V. Balakista Reddy, Professor of International Law and is also serving as the Registrar at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad since 2014. He also heads the Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws at NALSAR. Dr. Reddy obtained his LL.M in International Law from Osmania University and M. Phil. and Ph.D. in International Air and Space Law from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Dr. Reddy is an internationally recognized expert in the field of International Law and particularly International Air & Space Law. Known globally for his contribution to the field of air and space law, Dr. Reddy has presented papers at numerous prestigious national and international forums including the United Nations. His books on (1) Air Law and Policy in India (1994) (2) Recent Trends in International Space Law and Policy (1997) and (3) Emerging Trends in Air and Space Law, (2007) (4) Space Law and Contemporary Issues (2012) have won international acclaim. He has also been a member of the Drafting Committee constituted by ISRO for Drafting of Model Space Legislation for India and Sensitization Programme on WTO/GATS and Globalization of Legal Profession: Opportunities and Challenges for Indian Legal Fraternity. As the Director, Centre for Aerospace and Defence Laws (CADL), Dr. Reddy has pioneered innovative courses in aviation, space and defence laws.

Dr. Moses George

Director (Legal), Airports
Economic Regulatory Authority

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SESSION 2

11:45am - 1:15pm

"Public Health
amid Covid 19
and
Protection of
Passenger
Rights"



Dr. Andrea Trimarchi

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(Aviation Law and International Law)

Dr. Andrea Trimarchi is a lecturer in aviation law and international law. He holds a doctorate (magna cum laude) in aviation law from the University of Cologne (Institute of Air, Space and Cyber Law). He further holds an Adv. LL.M. (cum laude) in air & space law from Leiden University (International Institute of air & space law) and an LL.M. (cum laude) in international law from the University of Roma Tre. He is the author of numerous publications in the fields of international and European air law, as well as international law. His most notable publications are Fundamentals of International Aviation Law and Policy (2020) and International Aviation Labour Law (2022). Andrea regularly delivers lectures at a number of universities and institutions and habitually speaks at international aviation law conferences.



Nitin Sarin

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Mr Nitin Sarin is an advocate in India and a solicitor in England and Wales. Nitin is a world-class legal specialist who is known for his keen and deep passion for aviation. Nitin studied law in India and completed his Advanced LL.M. in Air and Space Law from Leiden University, Netherlands. After completing his master's degree, he returned to head the aviation department of the firm. Nitin is an expert in aircraft financing, aircraft leasing, dealing with regulatory issues and other cross-border asset-based financing. He also specialises in drone laws. Nitin has over the last decade represented some of the world's largest lenders, equity participants, international airlines, airports and lessors for their transactions in India. He has also advised several international airlines in a variety of matters ranging from market access to employment issues. Nitin also works closely with the Aviation Working Group (AWG) and is a member of its India contact group. Nitin's hard work, unwavering professional ethics and deep knowledge of law has anchored him in the aviation sphere in India and overseas. He is the founder of the Sarin McGill Annual Student Essay Contest on Aircraft Finance & Leasing, a guest lecturer at the International Institute of Air and Space Law (IIASL), Leiden University as well as a qualified IATA trainer.

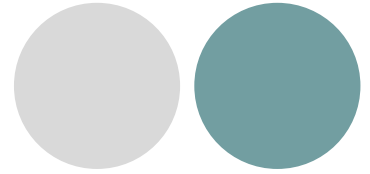


Dr. Divya Tyagi

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Dr. Divya Tyagi has done LL.B. and LL.M. from the University of Delhi and Ph.D. from Gujarat National Law University. He has experience of teaching various courses of Law in different law schools in India for nearly 16 years. He has taught Corporate Law, Securities Law, Investment Law, Air and Space Law etc. at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. He is the Centre Head of V.S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law (VSMCASL) in GNLU. He has published articles in international and national journals and contributed chapters in books. He has also chaired sessions and presented papers in international and national conferences.

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SESSION 3

1:45pm - 3:15pm

"Implication
of Covid 19
on Aviation"



Dr. Peter Paul Fitzgerald

Adjunct Professor
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Dr. Paul Fitzgerald is a former Member, (Judge) of the Canadian Transportation Agency whose decisions have been favourably reviewed by Canada's Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Institute of Air & Space Law (IASL), McGill University. He has been the driving force behind Canada's Open Skies agreements with Iceland, New Zealand, Barbados, the Dominican Republic, South Korea and the European Union. He has lectured in law at the IASL, DePaul Law School in Chicago, the University of Mississippi and Gujarat National Law University in Gandhinagar, India. He has been published multiple times in seven different air law journals, in book chapters, as an author, and as part of airline industry conference proceedings in thirteen countries in all parts of the world. He has a Bach es Arts, Université Laval, an MBA from the University of Western Ontario and a DCL from McGill's Institute of Air & Space Law. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS) and of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transportation (FCILT). He was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

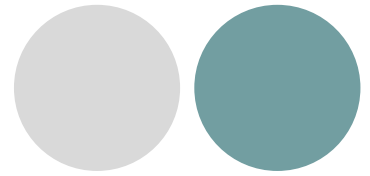


Prof. (Dr.) Sandeepa Bhat

Professor of Law,
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Prof. (Dr.) Sandeepa Bhat is working as a Professor of Law and Director of Centre for Aviation and Space Laws at National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata. He has the experience of researching on five Major Research Projects sponsored by World Bank, ISRO, the WB Judicial Academy, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Apart from being a member of Board of Advisors of Global Network against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, Brunswick, he has the distinction of being the member of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), Baltimore, International Academy of Space Law (IASL), Moscow, and the International Institute of Space Law (IISL), Paris. Dr. Bhat has published six books and more than fifty articles in the journals of international and national repute. He has presented over hundred and twenty research papers in the international and national conferences including the coveted International Astronautical Congress, as well as in international conferences held at Jakarta, Seoul, Sharjah, Singapore, Changsha, Paris, Austin and Southampton. He also has the distinction of being a member of Indian Space Research Organization's Expert Advisory Group for drafting the National Space Act for India.

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SESSION 4

3:30pm – 5:15pm

"Aviation
Industry and
Covid 19"



Prof. (Dr.) Stephan Hobe

Institute for Air, Space & Cyber Law,
Chair of International & European Law,
European & Intl Business Law,
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Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Stephan Hobe is the director of the Institute of Air Law, Space law and Cyber Law as well as co-Director of the International Investment law Centre Cologne. He is member of various scientific associations, inter alia the Vice President of the German Society of International Law. His scientific Oeuvre encompasses 3 books on Public International Law (11th ed. 2020), European Law (10th ed. 2020) and Space Law (1st ed. 2019) as well as editorships (e.g. of the Cologne Commentary on Space Law) and 350 articles on German public law, public International law, international investment law, air law space law and cyber law. He teaches as a guest professor at various universities in Europe, Africa and Asia.



Hoysala Grandhi

Specialist (Legal),
GMR Airports

Hoysala Grandhi is a senior in-house counsel with GMR Airports, which is amongst the top 5 airport developers globally. She currently works as a lead legal counsel with the airport construction division. She has been with the group for 8 years. Before joining the GMR group in 2014, she worked with Amarchand Mangaldas as a capital markets and corporate advisory lawyer. She is an alumna of the University of Warwick and the Hidayatullah National Law University.



Vikrant Pachnanda

Dispute Resolution Counsel
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Vikrant Pachnanda is a Dispute Resolution Counsel and an Aviation Attorney having pursued his B.A. LL.B (Hons.) from GNLU, LLM from Cornell Law School and Advanced LLM in Space Law from the International Institute of Air & Space Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands. Vikrant advises stakeholders in the aviation industry on several aviation related issues such as aviation security law, consumer protection issues and policy related issues amongst others. He has authored a book entitled "A Guide to India's Aviation Law" published by Thomson Reuters as well as edited a book entitled "Aircraft Leasing and Financing" published by Bloomsbury. He presently judges both the National and International Rounds of the Leiden-Sarin International Air Law Moot, which is held annually and is the one of the only moot court competitions in the field of air law in the world and has presented papers at various international and national aviation law conferences. Vikrant is involved academically in his capacity as Resource Person at the GNLU Academy of Air and Space Law and also teaches aviation law at the Adani Institute of Infrastructure Management apart from having given guest lectures on this subject at other law schools.