

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE THEME

"SOCIAL WORK, LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS"

organised by

Centre for Law and Society, Gujarat National Law
University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India



DATES

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VENUE

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CORRIDOR, KOBA, GANDHINAGAR-
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Gujarat National Law University

ABOUT

GNLU

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) is a statutory university established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 with a view to advance learning of not only law and legal processes, but also disseminate knowledge in varied inter-disciplinary fields of law. Apart from offering an integrated honours degrees in four different streams (B.A. LL.B., B.Com. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., and B.Sc. LL.B.), GNLU also has the distinct honour of being the only university in India that has been offering an integrated honours degree of Bachelor of Social Work and LL.B. since July 2011.



CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

The mission of social work is rooted in a set of core principles and values such as dignity, integrity, and social justice and is aligned with the field of Human Rights. Whereas law is defined as a set of rules which guide our conduct in a society and are enforceable through institutions, the legal profession depends on the principles of human conduct and moral decision making, which may not always enjoy recognition in law.

The pressing global crises as well as domestic social problems confronting social workers across the countries are of multidimensional, multidisciplinary, and transnational nature. Today, more than ever before, social workers require deeper levels of understanding and novel models of practice if they are to contribute effectively in resolving the social problems that are rooted in global, social, political, legal and economic realities.



These new models of practice must reflect an understanding of the social problems that bring clientele and communities to the attention of social workers and human rights lawyers. They should also be grounded in empirical evidence and must attempt to offer guidance on a range of social and developmental solutions that can be applied to these specific needs.

This is where the interrelationship between social work, law and human rights needs to be re-emphasized. Law plays an important role in social work practice today. Having knowledge about the legal system of a State helps social workers in dealing with their clients' legal needs as well as in addressing the issues that arise out of them. Similarly, an attorney practicing human rights or in similar fields, is better prepared to understand the needs of people who are disadvantaged and seek assistance when they are themselves armed with social work skills.

Keeping these aspects in mind, the GNLU Centre for Law & Society, a focal point for socio-legal research, is organising a two-day international Conference on Social Work, Law and Human Rights.

The conference aims to encourage the interdisciplinary study of social work, law and human rights among scholars, social workers and to provide them with a platform to discuss their research, practical knowledge, and experience with national as well as international peer groups and professionals. It intends to bring together academicians, researchers, practitioners as well as members of international organizations to engage in deliberations that could generate ideas for further collaborative work at the interdisciplinary crossroads of social work, law and human rights. Further, it aims to promote a partnership that can achieve more creative and just solutions to social problems. The conference invites original papers on theoretical, methodological, empirical, comparative, and procedural rules related to social work, law and human rights.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Develop an interdisciplinary perspective in understanding social work practice with legal issues, including human rights;
2. Promote a proactive approach to the ways in which professional social workers can use law to enhance the living conditions of their clients;
3. Explore multilevel practice techniques and strategies to apply to diverse populations and practice settings;
4. Share knowledge with other professionals regarding on-field and policy issues relevant to multiple fields of practice.



CONFERENCE THEME

Social Work, Law and Human Rights

SUB-THEMES

1. Law and Rural Development
2. Law and Human Development
3. Gandhian Concept of Social Justice and Welfare
4. Social Workers and the Criminal Justice System
5. Role of Socio-Legal Workers in realizing SDGs
6. Social Welfare Entitlements and the Role of Law
7. Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Development
8. Diversity, Exclusion and gaps in Social Policy
9. Human Trafficking and Migration
10. Disability, Mental Health and Legal Issues

The above list is indicative. Papers on any other sub-theme consistent with the main theme may also be considered by the conference secretariat.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?



Academicians, Social Workers, Social Activists, Lawyers, Students, Research Scholars, Personnel from Corporates, Professionals, etc. from various fields of social work and/or law, allied subjects and multi-disciplinary fields.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Original and unpublished research papers are invited on aforementioned themes.
2. Co-authorship is allowed up to two authors per submission.
3. Abstract (350-500 words): It must clearly outline its research objectives, methodology, relevance to the field of social work and law, major results, implications, and key references.
4. The full paper should have a cover page containing the following information:
 - a. Title of the Paper and relevant sub-theme
 - b. Author's Name(s)
 - c. Designation and Organisation/Institutional Affiliation
 - d. E-mail address
 - e. Contact Number
5. The Word file should be saved in the name of the author (first author's name in case of joint authors). This should be followed for both Abstract and Full Paper Submission.
6. The full paper is to be submitted in a Word document according to the following specifications:
 - a. Title: Times New Roman, size-15, Bold, 2.0 line spacing, centre-aligned.
 - b. Main Body: Times New Roman, size-12, 1.15 line spacing, justified.
 - c. Heading: Times New Roman, size-14, Bold, 1.5 line spacing, centre-aligned.
 - d. Sub-headings: Times New Roman, size-13, Italicized, 1.15 line spacing, centre-aligned.
 - e. Footnotes: Times New Roman, size-10, 1.0 line spacing, justified.
 - f. Margins: One inch (2.54 cm) on all four sides.
 - g. References to be arranged alphabetically in APA citation style (6th edition) only.
7. All submissions should be within the range of 4500-6000 words (exclusive of abstract and footnotes) and shall be subject to blind peer review and plagiarism check.
8. The full paper shall be submitted to the Conference Coordinator via email to socialworkconference@gnlu.ac.in.

PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

Selected papers will be considered for publication in the form of a book. The authors of the selected papers may keep on developing the papers based on the feedback received during the Conference. The timeline for review of these papers will be communicated soon.

BEST PAPER

Three best papers will be duly acknowledged.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Date for submission of Abstracts: 8 December 2019
2. Intimation of Acceptance: 15 December 2019
3. Last Date for Registration: 22 December 2019
4. Last Date for Full Paper submission: 19 January 2020
5. Dates of Conference: 1 - 2 February 2020

REGISTRATION DETAILS

1. Fees for participants who wish to present their paper -

Category	Registration (INR)	
	Single author	Co-authored
GNLU Participants	500	1000
Non-GNLU Participants	1200	2500

2. Fees for those who wish to only attend the conference - INR 1200/-

3. Foreign Participants - US \$120. (Foreign participants may virtually present their paper in the conference).

*The Registration Fees provided above are inclusive of Goods & Services Tax (GST).

*The charges for additional persons/persons accompanying participants are separate.

*The Registration fee is exclusive of accommodation. Accommodation is subject to availability. Accommodation related queries should be directed to Ms. Shivani Jadhav (contact details provided below).

*The registration fee covers breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks on the days of Conference.

*Accommodation can be arranged for the participants on first cum first serve basis for which prior information must be provided well in advance.

*The Link for making the payment will be shared with the participants upon intimating acceptance of their Abstracts. For those who only wish to attend the Conference, please register by sending an email at socialworkconference@gnlu.ac.in.

VISA APPLICATION: To obtain the necessary documents for visa application, please contact Ms. Shivani Jadhav, Conference Coordinator with the following details: Name of Person (as per passport), Passport No., Date of Issue, Date of Expiry, and Place of Issue.

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