



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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

We welcome all conference delegates wholeheartedly on 16th January 2026 from 2:30 pm onwards.

16th - 18th January 2026

Organized by:

**GNLU Centre for Law and Economics,
GNLU Centre for Empirical & Applied Research in Law & Interdisciplinary Studies,
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Premium Partner:

Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL)





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Day-1 (16 January 2026)

(Venue - Orientation Hall)

Registration – 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm

CTIL Presentation - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Panel Discussion I – 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Navigating the Contemporary Global Economic and Legal Challenges under the Framework of Law and Economics

Prof. (Dr.) Ranita Nagar (Moderator)

Prof. (Dr.) Stefan Voigt, Director, Institute of Law & Economics, University of Hamburg, Germany

Prof. (Dr.) Mamata Biswal, Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar

Prof. (Dr.) Morita Hatsuru, School of Law, Tomyongji Hoku University, Japan

Prof. (Dr.) Duol Kim, Myongji University, Republic of South Korea

Prof. (Dr.) Stephanus Phillipus Van Zyl, University of Pretoria, South Africa

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Group Photo – 4:50 pm to 4:55 pm

Expert Plenary Talk: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

(Keynote Address)

On the long-term effects of values and norms on Development

Prof. (Dr.) Stefan Voigt

Director, Institute of Law & Economics

University of Hamburg, Germany

Tea Break 5:45 pm – 6:00 pm



Panel Discussion II - 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Law and Economics in Contemporary India: Challenges, Reforms, and Opportunities

Ms. Krishna Agarwal (Moderator)

Prof. (Dr.) Gaurang Rami, Head, Department of Economics, VNNGU, Surat

Prof. (Dr.) Tilottama Raychaudhuri, NUJS Kolkata

Dr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar, Head CEARLIS, GNLU, Gandhinagar

Dr. Seema Shrivastava, NLIU Centre for Law and Economics, Bhopal

Mr. Kushal Kumar, Partner of Erudite Legal

Dr Gaurav Pathak, Jindal Global Law School

Dr. Shivani Mohan, Chanakya National Law University, Patna

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Dinner –7:15 pm – 8:45 pm



Day 2 (17th January 2026- Saturday)

Breakfast – 8:00 am– 9:15 am

Registration – 9:00 am– 9:30 am

Group Photo – 9:55 am

Inaugural Ceremony – 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

(Venue - Orientation Hall)

Welcome Address	Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeevi Shanthakumar Director, GNLU	10:00 am – 10:15 am
About the Conference & Centre for Law and Economics	Prof. (Dr.) Ranita Nagar Professor of Economics and Head, GNLU Centre for Law and Economics	10:15 am – 10:30 am
Address by the Guest of Honour	Shri. R. Venkataramani Attorney General of India	10:30 am – 10:50 am
Address by the Chief Guest	Hon'ble Justice (Retd.) A. K. Sikri Former Judge, Supreme Court of India	10:50 am – 11:10 am
Address by Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law (Collaborating Partner)	Prof. (Dr.) James J. Nedumpara Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India	11:10 am – 11:25 am



Inaugural Address	Prof. (Dr.) Stefan Voigt Director, Institute of Law & Economics University of Hamburg, Germany	11:25 am - 11:35 am
Inaugural Address	Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy VC, National Law School of India University (NLSIU)	11:35 am - 11:45 am
Inaugural Address	Prof. (Dr.) Morita Hatsuru School of Law, Tomyongji Hoku University, Japan	11:45 am - 11:55 am
About the Conference & Centre Empirical & Applied Research in Law & Interdisciplinary Studies	Dr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar Convenor, GNLU Centre for Law and Economics & Head, Centre for Empirical & Applied Research in Law & Interdisciplinary Studies	11:55 am - 12:10 pm
Vote of Thanks	Dr. Nitin Malik Registrar, Gujarat National Law University	12:10 pm - 12:20 pm
Lunch–12:45 pm – 2:00 pm		
Expert Plenary Talk (Keynote Address)	‘Economic Analysis of Law and Judicial Mindset’ Hon’ble Justice (Retd.) A. K. Sikri Former Judge, Supreme Court of India Moderator: Prof. (Dr.) Murali Prasad Panta (Venue- Orientation Hall)	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm



Expert Plenary Talk (Keynote Address)	Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Krishnaswamy VC, National Law School of India University (NLSIU) Moderator: Dr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar (Venue- Orientation Hall)	2:30 pm-3:00 pm
Expert Plenary Talk (Keynote Address)	‘A spoonful of sugar (tax) helps the medicine go down’ Prof. (Dr.) Stephanus Phillipus Van Zyl South Africa University of Pretoria Moderator: Dr. Manoranjan Kumar (Venue- Orientation Hall)	3:00 pm-3:30 pm
Tea Break – 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm		
Parallel Technical Session-I	Several Themes I(a)/I(b)/I(c)/I(d)/I(e)	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Tea Break – 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm		
GNLU Centre for the Empirical & Applied Research in Law & Interdisciplinary Studies (Research Project - Findings and Outcomes)	‘Ensuring Availability: The Right to Insurance Services for Persons with Disabilities in the State of Gujarat’ Dr. Hiteshkumar Thakkar & Dr. A. Marisport (Project Investigators) Moderator: Dr. Rohit Jadhav (Venue- Orientation Hall)	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Dinner – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm		



Day 3 (18th January 2026- Sunday)

Breakfast – 8:15 am– 9:25 am		
Parallel Technical Session-II	Several Themes II(a)/II(b)/II(c)/II(d)/II(e)	9:30 am - 11:00 am
Tea Break –11:00 am to 11:30 am		
Expert Plenary Talk (Keynote Address)	Prof. (Dr.) James J. Nedumpara Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (Venue- Orientation Hall)	11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Panel Discussion III	Topic: WIPO TKGR Treaty and TRIPS Agreement: Balancing incentives and benefit sharing Moderator: Ms. Krishna Agarwal, LLM Cambridge (International Investment Law) Prof. (Dr.) Unnat Pandit, Controller General of Patent, Designs and Trademarks, Indian Patent Office, DPIIT Dr. Raghavender, Senior Consultant (Former Joint Secretary), DPIIT Mr. SK Srihari, Partner, K&S Partners Dr. Latika Dawar, Assistant Controller, Patent Office Mr. Anand Shetty, Reliance Consumers CTIL Panel discussion (Venue- Orientation Hall) <u>Click here for Concept Note</u>	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Lunch Break – 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm		



Panel Discussion IV	<p>Topic: India's Approach to Trade in Health Services: Emerging Challenges and Gaps</p> <p>Moderator: Pranav Narang, Associate, CTIL Ms. Shiny Pradeep, Assistant Professor, CTIL Mr. Sreejith Narayanan Edamana, Chief Operating Officer, Appollo AyurVaid Mr. Shanay Shah, Co-Chair – FICCI MVT Committee and President, Shalby Ltd. Ms. Anoopa Nair, Director, Department of Commerce Prof. (Dr.) Rupa Chanda, Director, UNESCAP Prof. (Dr.) Stephanus Phillipus Van Zyl, South Africa University of Pretoria</p> <p>CTIL Panel discussion (Venue- Orientation Hall) Click here for Concept Note</p>	2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Tea Break: 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm		
Parallel Technical Session-III	Several Themes III(a)/III(b)/III(c)	3:45 pm - 5:30 pm
Tea Break: 5:30 pm- 5:45 pm		
Valedictory Session (Closing Ceremony)- 5:45 pm - 6:25 pm (Venue - Orientation Hall)		
Valedictory Session (Closing Ceremony)	<p>Prof. (Dr.) Stephanus Phillipus Van Zyl South Africa University of Pretoria</p> <p>Prof. (Dr.) Duol Kim Myongji University, South Korea</p>	5:45 pm - 5:50 pm 5:50 pm - 6:05 pm



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