



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF UNCITRAL IN HARMONIZATION OF COMMERCIAL LAWS

*Jointly organized by*  
[Gujarat National Law University](#)  
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[Gujarat Maritime University](#)

## Conference Schedule

Date: 12 -13 December 2019

Venue: Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar

Day 1: Thursday, 12 December 2019		
0830 Hrs 0930 Hrs	0930 Hrs 1000 Hrs	Breakfast Conference Registration
<b>Conference Inauguration: 1000 Hrs - 1115 Hrs</b>		
1000 Hrs	1020 Hrs	Opening Remarks by Prof. (Dr.) Mamata Biswal, Conference Convener and Professor of Law & Dean (Academic Affairs), Gujarat National Law University
1020 Hrs	1030 Hrs	Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) S. Shanthakumar, Director, Gujarat National Law University
1030 Hrs	1040 Hrs	Video Message by UNCITRAL – RCAP
1040 Hrs	1050 Hrs	Address by Mr. Sharad Sarangadharan, Executive Director, Gujarat Maritime University
1050 Hrs	1110 Hrs	Key Note Address
1110 Hrs	1115 Hrs	Vote of Thanks
1115 Hrs	1145 Hrs	Group Photo & Tea Break
<b>Panel Discussion 1: 1145 Hrs - 1300 Hrs</b>		
<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	<b>UNCITRAL: International Contract and Ecommerce</b> Speaker: <i>Dr. Saloni Khanderia, Associate Professor &amp; Fellow, Centre of India-Australia Studies, Jindal Global Law School</i>	
	<b>Role of UNCITRAL in harmonization of Commercial Law: Special Reference to India and Asia</b> Speaker: <i>Mr. Aviral Asthana, Legal Advisor, Incedo Inc.</i>	
	<b>Harmonization of Commercial Law</b> Speaker: <i>Prof. (Dr.) Anurag Agarwal, IIM Ahmedabad</i>	

1300 Hrs	1400 Hrs	Lunch Break
<b>Session 1: 1400 Hrs - 1540 Hrs</b>		
<b>Theme: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws and UNCITRAL</b>		
	Opening Remarks by Chair & Co-Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> <i>Mr. Methil Unnikrishanan, General Manager, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India</i></li> <li>• <b>Co-Chair:</b> <i>Dr. Mamata Biswal, Professor of Law &amp; Dean (Academic Affairs), Gujarat National Law University</i></li> </ul>	
	List of Presentations	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	Video presentation by UNCITRAL RCAP	
	<b>1. A proposed solution to Cross Border Insolvency</b> Presenter: <i>Amar Singh, Student, Gujarat National Law University</i>	
	<b>2. UNCITRAL Model Law on Enterprise Group Insolvency: Analysis, Challenges and Prospects</b> Presenter: <i>Kartik Pandey &amp; Khushi Sharma, Student, Hidayatullah National Law University</i>	
	<b>3. India's learning for Individual's Cross Border Insolvency and Bankruptcy laws from UNCITRAL</b> Presenter: <i>Shreyas Vyas, Faculty, School of law. GD Goenka University, Gurugram</i>	
	<b>4. Need for Reconstruction of Transnational Corporate Insolvency Laws in India</b> Presenter: <i>Mrinalini Srivastava, Assistant Professor, Dharmashastra National Law University</i>	
	<b>5. Pressing Need for Adoption of UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross Border Insolvency in India: An Overview</b> Presenter: <i>Prashant Kumar, Student, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University</i>	
	<b>6. Denouements of Cross Border Insolvency vis- a- vis the need for the implementation of the UNCITRAL Model</b> Presenter: <i>M Sapna Kataria &amp; Ajeeth Kannan, Student, Christ University</i>	
	<b>7. UNCITRAL Model on Cross - Border Insolvencies</b> Presenter: <i>Thendraal Muthu, Student, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University</i>	
	<b>8. Role of UNCITRAL in Developing Cross-Border Insolvency Laws in India: A Critical Assessment</b> Presenter: <i>Kavita Chawla, Assistant Professor, BML Munjal University, Gurugram</i>	
	Concluding Remarks by Chair and Co-Chair	
1540 Hrs	1600 Hrs	Tea Break
<b>Session 2: 1600 Hrs - 1700 Hrs</b>		
<b>Theme: UNCITRAL and International Sales Law</b>		
	Opening Remarks by Chair & Co-Chair:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> <i>Prof. Yogesh Mehta, Honorary Professor, GNLU and Former Director and Dean, Institute of Law, Nirma University</i></li> <li>• <b>Co-Chair:</b> <i>Mr. Robert Walters, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia</i></li> <li>• <b>Co-Chair:</b> <i>Ms. Rajinder Kaur, Professor, University Institute of Legal Studies, Punjab University</i></li> </ul>
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<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	<p>Video presentation by UNCITRAL RCAP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods and Indian Legal System</b>  Presenter: <i>Negar Yaghouti, Ph.D scholar, Panjab University</i></li> <li>2. <b>Analyzing the influence of historical and religious factors in interpreting and applying CISG with special reference to Sharia Law Countries</b>  Presenter: <i>Ashima Sharma, Teaching and Research Associate, Gujarat Maritime University</i></li> <li>3. <b>The Principle of Good Faith Under CISG: An Obligation on the Contracting Parties or just an Interpretative Tool?</b>  Presenter: <i>Raj Mehta, Assistant Professor of Law, Institute of Law, Nirma University.</i></li> </ol> <p>Concluding Remarks by Chair and Co-Chair</p>
1730 Hrs	<b>Visit to Akshardham</b>

Day 2: Friday, 13 December 2019		
0900 Hrs	1000 Hrs	Breakfast
<b>Session 3: 1000 Hrs - 1130 Hrs</b>		
<b>Theme: Role of UNCITRAL in harmonization of Commercial Law: Special Reference to India and Asia; UNCITRAL: International Contract and Ecommerce</b>		
	Opening Remarks by Chair & Co-Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Prof. N.K. Pathak, Former Director, School of Law, Gujarat University</li> <li>• <b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr. Saloni Khanderia, Associate Professor, Fellow: Centre of India-Australia Studies, Jindal Global Law School</li> <li>• <b>Co-Chair:</b> Mr. Vipin Aggarwal, Principal, VBA Associates, Ahmedabad</li> </ul>	
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Harmonisation of International Law on E-Commerce and the diminishing role of Sovereignty</b> Presenter: Ms. Anita Singh, Assistant Professor of Law School of Law in Bennett University, Greater Noida</li> <li><b>2. Achieving what Havana and UNCTAD failed to achieve through UNCITRAL - Towards a Multilateral Framework for International Investments</b> Presenter: Pavithra Ravi &amp; Chandrika Tewatia, Research Scholar, NLSIU &amp; Assistant Professor of Law, SLCU</li> <li><b>3. Economic analysis of Harmonisation of International Trade Law</b> Presenter: Professor Dr Ranita Nagar, Gujarat National Law University</li> <li><b>4. The effect of International Trade Law on Maritime Law</b> Presenter: M. Abirami Sundari, Student, PRIST University</li> <li><b>5. Blockchain Technology in The Global Supply Chain: The Future of International Trade</b> Presenter: Rishabh Shrivastava, Student</li> <li><b>6. Topic</b> Presenter: Daniel Mathews, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law University, Delhi</li> </ol>	
Concluding Remarks by Chair and Co-Chair		
1130 Hrs	1145 Hrs	Tea Break
<b>Session 4: 1145 Hrs - 1315 Hrs</b>		
<b>Theme: UNCITRAL and Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism</b>		
	Opening Remarks by Chair & Co-Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> Dr. Sandeepa Bhat B, Professor of Law, The WB National University of Juridical Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Co-Chair:</b> Dr Vikas Gandhi, Associate Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University</li> </ul>	
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	<b>1. Impact of UNCITRAL Model Law on Indian Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019</b> Presenter: <i>Vandana Singh, Assistant Professor, USLLS, GGSIP University, Delhi</i>	
	<b>2. Interplay of UNCITRAL Rules on Arbitration 2013 and Enforcement of Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 - With an impact analysis on India as venue for Arbitration</b> Presenter: <i>Kruthika Venkatesh, Student, School of Law, Christ University</i>	
	<b>3. Online Dispute Resolution: Its need and challenges in India</b> Presenter: <i>Shipra Gupta, Associate Professor, Department of Laws, Panjab University</i>	
	<b>4. Limited Array of Judiciary in Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 - It's Continuous Intervention</b> Presenter: <i>Shrimayee Puhan, Student, Raksha Shakti University</i>	
	<b>5. UNCITRAL Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Reform: Lessons India can learn from Dispute Settlement Provisions of EU-Vietnam Investment Protection Agreement</b> Presenter: <i>S.R. Subramaniam, Assistant Professor of law, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology</i>	
Concluding Remarks by Chair and Co-Chair		
1315 Hrs	1415 Hrs	Lunch Break
<b>Panel Discussion 2 and Closing Ceremony: 1415 Hrs - 1600 Hrs</b>		
<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>	<b>UNCITRAL and Alternate Dispute Resolution Mechanism</b> Speaker: <i>Ms. Vijaylakshmi Sharma, Head, Department of Law, Deputy Director, Student Welfare, Manipal University, Jaipur</i>	
	<b>UNCITRAL and International Sales Law</b> Speaker: <i>Mr. Robert Walters, Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia</i>	
	<b>UNCITRAL: [TITLE]</b> Speaker: <i>Dr. Saloni Khanderia, Associate Professor, Fellow: Centre of India-Australia Studies, Jindal Global Law School.</i>	
	<b>UNCITRAL and ADR</b> Speaker: <i>Mr. Garv Malholtara, Arbitrator</i>	
<b>Concluding Remarks</b>		
<b>Certificate Distribution</b>		