



**6th Edition of GNLU AIR AND SPACE LAW ACADEMY
(GASLA 2021)**

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**VS Mani Centre for Air and Space Law (VSMCASL)
GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY**

in collaboration with

**Institute of Air Law, Space Law and Cyber Law,
UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE, GERMANY**

20th – 26th September 2021

ABOUT THE ORGANISING UNIVERSITY

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), located in Gujarat, India, was established by the Government of Gujarat under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003 and is recognized by the Bar Council of India (BCI) and University Grants Commission (UGC). GNLU is a comprehensive, student-centric, multidisciplinary and research-focused University, dedicated to build an environment enabling critical thinking on the fundamental legal issues. It offers (1) B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), (2) B.Com., LL.B. (Hon.), (3) B.Sc., LL.B. (Hon.), (4) B.B.A., LL.B. (Hon.), (5) B.S.W., LL.B, (6) LL.M. and (7) Ph.D. in law and allied subjects.

GNLU is ranked 6th in the latest ranking issued by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), 2021 of the Government of India. GNLU has also been awarded "A" Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and ranked number 1 in Gujarat with 5 stars by the Gujarat State Institutional Ranking Framework.

GNLU is committed to excellence in teaching, research and holistic development of the student and staff. It aims to develop a sense of responsibility among the students and research scholars to serve society with the help and in the field of law by developing skills with regard to advocacy, legal service, legislation, law reforms and the like. It aims to promote legal knowledge and to make law and the legal process efficient instruments of social development and social justice.

ABOUT V.S. MANI CENTRE FOR AIR AND SPACE LAW

VSMCASL was established in 2019 to engage in various ways in shaping the emerging discourse in the field of Air and Space Law. The vision of the Centre is to engage in improving the existing legal and policy framework for facilitation and regulation of a safe, secure, affordable and sustainable aviation and to contribute in the shaping of legal foundation for the future of humanity that lies in space.

The Centre is established with the following objectives:

- To provide a platform to the students to develop their research skills in the field of Air and Space Law.
- To encourage trans-disciplinary research on issues concerning Air and Space Law.
- To contribute, through research, in Law and Policy making in the field of Air and Space Law at both international and national level.
- To organise seminars, conferences, workshops, round tables etc. with the aim to provide a platform to facilitate deliberations amongst the stakeholders on the various issues confronting Air and Space Law and to contribute thereby in the ongoing discourse.
- To provide research insights to defence and security forces pertaining to the field of Air and Space Law.
- To collaborate with other universities and research institutions to facilitate exchange of faculty and students to understand and develop mutual perspectives and contexts regarding the future prospects of Air and Space Law.

- To identify the training needs of various stakeholders and design short term and long term courses in order to impart training in the field of Air and Space Law.
- To engage with stakeholders within the industry about the practical challenges and the feasibility of implementing regulations and policies in Air and Space Law.
- To create a network of practitioners, researchers etc, active in the field of Air and Space Law.
- To create awareness about the niche field of Air and Space Law through its various activities like essay competitions, quizzes etc.

ABOUT THE GNLU AIR AND SPACE LAW ACADEMY

States are exhibiting an increasingly keen interest in augmenting investments in developing their capabilities and competencies in the realm of both air and space activities. Non-State actors, including private investors are no exceptions to this emerging trend. It is becoming evident that a nation's supremacy in air and space will define international relations in the years to come. Recognizing this potential, the Centre organizes GNLU Air and Space Law Academy (GASLA) as a platform for engaging in discourse on contemporary legal issues in the field of air and space.

The first edition of GASLA was successfully conducted by GNLU in 2016, in collaboration with the Institute of Air and Space Law, University of Cologne and the Forum for Integrated National Security (FINS). Encouraged by the overwhelming success of the five editions, the V. S. Mani Centre for Air and Space Law (VSMCASL) is pleased to present before you the 6th Edition of GNLU Air and Space Law Academy (GASLA) 2021. The 6th Edition is scheduled to be organised virtually from 20 – 26th September 2021.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To acquaint participants with various aspects relating to safety and security of aviation and space activities.
- To enhance understanding amongst the participants of the various principles enshrined in the international instruments meant for regulating air and space law.
- To create awareness amongst participants about recent trends in civil aviation and the militarization and commercialization of outer space.
- To enable the participants to understand the various dispute redressal mechanisms in air and space law and their efficacy.
- To facilitate discourse amongst stakeholders within the industry about the practical challenges and the feasibility of implementing regulations and policies in air and space law.
- To familiarize participants with a country-specific approach with regard to Air and Space law.
- To enable participants to appreciate the challenges in developing national aviation and space policy.

CONCEPT NOTE

- International civil aviation is rightfully credited for shrinking the world into a global village. It has matured into a global industry and has succeeded in bringing people together from different geographies and cultures of the world. However, COVID 19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges for the global aviation industry. While international commercial flights are the worst hit, flights conducted with humanitarian objectives enhanced the capacity of nations in mitigating its adverse effects. Air Law has endeavoured to perform the role of the facilitator by balancing the rights of various stakeholders both at the international and national level.
- Human endeavours in space have continued unabated despite Covid 19 pandemic. Both the US and China successfully landed rovers 'Perseverance' and 'Jhurong' on Mars respectively. UAE's Hope Mars Mission is also following up. China's Chang'e-4 lunar rover is exploring the other side of the Moon. The US is steadily moving ahead with its Artemis Programme for having manned moon mission. The prospect of space tourism has got impetus from recent spaceflights by Virgin Galactic and blue origin. Falcon 9 rocket of Space X launched the Crew Dragon spacecraft with four astronauts to the International Space Station. Japan's Hayabusa2 has brought samples from asteroid Ryugu back to earth while OSIRIS-Rex spacecraft of US is on its way back with samples from asteroid Bennu. India is inching closer to launch of *Gaganyaan* and has recently established INSPACE in order to facilitate its commercial players in an attempt to give much needed thrust to its domestic space industry. These developments pose peculiar challenges in the realm of Space Law.

TENTATIVE THEMES

- Latest issues in space law including but not limited to space tourism, space debris, commercial space mining, environmental harm, space exploration, international liability for incidents in space
- National space policies
- Current challenges relating to territorial sovereignty and its extension in air and space
- Aviation-related crimes and Aerial Terrorism
- Air Accidents and Incident Investigation
- Regime Governing Military and Civil Airports
- Case laws relating to International Air Law

TENTATIVE RESOURCES PERSONS

- ❖ Dr. Akhil Prasad Director, Country Counsel India & Company Secretary, Boeing
- ❖ Mr. Ashok G.V, Partner, Factum Law
- ❖ Dr. Kumar Abhijeet, Legal Officer, Ministry of External Affairs (Confirmation awaited)
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- ❖ Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill

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- ❖ Dr. Ranjana Kaul, Partner, Dua Associates.
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- ❖ Dr. V. Gopalakrishnan, Former Policy Analyst, Indian Space Research Organisation
- ❖ Prof. (Dr.) V. Balakista Reddy, Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad
- ❖ Mr Vikrant Panchnanda, Dispute Resolution Counsel and Aviation Attorney, Supreme Court of India
- ❖ Dr. Divya Tyagi, Assistant Professor of Law, Gujarat National Law University

The sessions would be conducted from 5.00 PM to 8.00 PM (tentatively).

EXPECTED TANGIBLE OUTCOMES

- Comprehension of contemporary issues in Air and Space Law
- Proficiency over the technical nuances of Air and Space Law
- Identification of gaps and propose workable legal and policy solutions
- Creation of network of aspiring students of law, industry practitioners, armed force officers and other professionals in the field of Air and Space Law.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Legislative and Regulatory Authorities; Armed Forces; Professionals from Aviation and Space Industry; International Organizations; Institutions focused on Private and Public Capacity building; Faculty Members; Scholars; Researchers and Students

REGISTRATION FEE

INDIAN STUDENTS (UG, PG or Full time Research Scholar): INR 2000 + 18% GST = INR 2360/-

INDIAN PROFESSIONALS (Academician, Official, etc.): INR 5000 + 18% GST = INR 5900/-

FOREIGN NATIONALS: USD 100

Last date for Registration and payment of Fees: 17th September, 2021

Registration Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

CERTIFICATE

Certificate with Grade: After qualifying as per parameters including assignment, quiz and attendance (50% and above).

Certificate of participation: Those who do not qualify as per the above said norms, but attend all live sessions will be given a certificate of participation.

MODES OF PAYMENT

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