



## SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES



COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KERALA

Two-Day International Hybrid Workshop

**‘CLIMATE CHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS IN LAW’**

December 21 - 22, 2023

We are pleased to inform you that the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala, is organising a **Two-Day International Hybrid Workshop, ‘Climate Change Consciousness in Law’**, from December 21 - 22, 2023. Rashtriya Uchchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a holistic scheme of development for higher education in India initiated by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala has received various projects under the RUSA 2.0 Scheme, one of which is related to Climate Change. As a part of this project, this international hybrid workshop is being organised on the theme ‘Climate Change Consciousness in Law’.

### **ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:**

Climate change is said to refer to long-term shifts in the weather and temperature. As years pass, this will continue to increase, affecting agriculture, all living beings and nature as such. It is even forecast that the rise in temperature can melt the ice in Antarctica, and this paves the way to flood ultimately, apart from the catastrophic in-between. The responsibility is solely on human beings. It is the wanton destruction of nature, the rash ways of handling various types of waste, like burning. The use of Chloro Fluro Carbon (CFC) has various deleterious effects on the environment, including ozone depletion. Though the concept of sustainable development is defined in various

documents directly and indirectly, and the judiciary in India has been endorsing them often, the practical applicability of this term has not yet materialised. If a person takes his food as the first person to take food, knowing that others also have to take their food, finishes the food, leaving nothing, or puts the entire food in his place, eats half of it, and leaves the rest, rendering the half-left food also worthless or useless, what should this act be called? It is not just immoral or unethical. It is more ignoble than that.

Human beings do the same abhorrently objectionable thing by rendering this earth unworthy of living for the rest of the beings on the one hand and the future generation of all beings, including his own race. The irony is that, though the perpetrators may be a set of people, it is more perpetrated by the consumers of the products containing CFC, and its bad effects are suffered by all, including the perpetrators, and even those who have or have no role in it!! The situation is becoming more and more irreversible. But it is not yet too late. It is high time that we solemnly resolve to take measures to mitigate all the activities that contribute to environmental degradation, especially climate change. The only effective medium to do this is obviously 'Law', especially internationally binding law due to the transboundary nature of the activities. Is 'Law' very well concerned about climate change and the need to keep it under control? Obviously, the solution rests with science and technology. But Law alone can regulate, restrict or prohibit various anti-environmental activities.

This workshop on Climate addresses these issues and tries to identify the extent to which Law has been effective in intervening in climate change-related issues. The identification of Laws that have been in climate change at the International, regional and national levels is done on the one hand, along with examining as to what extent these laws could be implemented, the reason for the non-implementation if that is the case, is also tried to be found out.

#### **ABOUT SCHOOL OF LEGAL STUDIES:**

One of the oldest law schools in India, School of Legal Studies was established in the year 1962 as a part of Kerala University offering post graduate courses and research in law. The Law School joined the folds of University of Cochin, in the year 1971, which

was later reorganized and renamed as Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1986 for the promotion of graduate, post-graduate studies and advanced research in various fields.

Over the decades since its inception, the Law School has blossomed into one of the top institutions among law schools engaged in teaching and research in India. Perhaps the best testimony to the success of this experiment is the presence of SLS alumni as professors and academicians in top law schools in India and as advocates at the various High Courts and the Supreme Court of India. The versatility and quality of the skills of SLS graduates are evident from having its graduates at the helm of the Indian judiciary as Justices of various High Courts in India. Having groomed teachers and scholars apart from lawyers and judges for four decades, SLS has entered into yet another era of producing skilled and versatile graduates working with corporate houses, consulting firms, Public Sector Undertakings, SEBI, other Government bodies, NGOs and judicial offices. The School is in a constant attempt to improve itself and, as a result, engages in a plethora of knowledge-generating activities, making it one of the most sought-after institutions in the country.

#### **PROGRAMME MODE: Hybrid**

##### **Day 1: 21<sup>st</sup> December**

- Offline Technical Sessions by Experts at Conference Hall, School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kerala (Paper presenters can attend online)

##### **Day 2: 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

- Online paper presentations

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS:**

Research papers are invited from academicians, researchers, practitioners, social workers and students on the broad themes given below.

**Themes:** The theme for discussion is climate change consciousness in law. The themes identified are not exhaustive, and participants are free to choose themes which are within the scope of this framework.

**Sub Themes:**

1. Climate Change Consciousness in International Law
2. Climate Change Consciousness in Foreign National Laws
3. Climate Change Consciousness in Indian Laws
4. Climate Change Consciousness in Judicial Decisions

**Guidelines For Submission:**

- The Full papers must be submitted electronically via email to: [t5crusaconference@gmail.com](mailto:t5crusaconference@gmail.com)
- The paper must be submitted only in Microsoft WORD format
- The paper must be accompanied by a cover page containing details such as the Title of the Paper, Theme of the Paper, Name of the Author, University/ Institution/ Organization, Email Address and Mobile Number.
- The full paper should be between 3500 - 4000 words (excluding the footnotes)
- The main text should be in Times New Roman with font size 12 and spacing of 1.5.
- All references must be in the form of footnotes. The footnotes should be in Times New Roman, font size 10 with single spacing. The authors should follow OSCOLA standard of footnoting.
- Co-authorship is allowed only up to two authors.
- All entries must be original and unpublished work of the author(s) and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form. Any sort of plagiarism will not be entertained.

**PUBLICATION OF PAPERS:**

The organisers propose to publish the selected best papers of the workshop as an edited book with an ISBN Number.

#### **REGISTRATION FEES:**

There are no registration fees for the programme. All the participants will get an E-certificate for successful participation in the workshop.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- Last Date of Sending Full Paper: **December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- Intimation regarding Selection of Paper: **December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- Workshop Dates: **December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.**

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