

CALL FOR PAPERS

CFP: 31st International Seminar (Virtual) on “**Digital Finance, Emerging Technologies and Regulatory Governance: Legal, Policy and Global Perspectives**” [22nd August, 2026]: Submit Abstract by 15 July, 2026

About KLA

The Kerala Law Academy Law College (KLA), established in 1966, is a centre for legal studies, legal research, and law reforms. Its acclaimed peer-reviewed Research Journal has been published continuously since 1977. The College, affiliated with the University of Kerala, offers Undergraduate programmes including five-year integrated courses in B.A. LL.B., B.Com. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., and B.Sc. (Information Technology) LL.B., the LL.B. Unitary three-year course, and post-graduate programmes comprising LL.M. (Administrative Law), LL.M. (International Law), and M.B.L. (Master of Business Law).

About the International Seminar

The 31st International Seminar on “Digital Finance, Emerging Technologies and Regulatory Governance: Legal, Policy and Global Perspectives” aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers, regulators, industry professionals, financial institutions, technology experts, research scholars and students to deliberate on the evolving legal, regulatory and governance challenges arising from the rapid advancement of digital finance and emerging technologies.

The increasing integration of financial technologies (FinTech), blockchain, cryptography, artificial intelligence, digital assets, decentralized finance (DeFi), Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs), Web3 technologies and other digital innovations has fundamentally transformed the global financial ecosystem. While these advancements have accelerated financial inclusion, technological innovation and economic growth, they have simultaneously presented complex challenges relating to financial regulation, cybersecurity, consumer protection, privacy, financial crimes, environmental sustainability, cross-border transactions and institutional governance.

The conference seeks to foster critical dialogue on contemporary legal and policy issues, comparative regulatory frameworks, technological innovations and global governance mechanisms shaping the future of digital finance. It also aims to encourage interdisciplinary research on emerging technologies, sustainable digital development and responsible innovation, thereby contributing towards the formulation of resilient, transparent and future-oriented legal and regulatory frameworks capable of balancing technological progress with financial integrity, public interest and the rule of law.

Mode

The International Seminar will be conducted entirely in online mode.

Sub-Themes

1. Digital Finance and the Future of Financial Systems
2. Financial Technologies (FinTech): Opportunities and Regulatory Challenges
3. Blockchain Technology: Legal, Commercial and Governance Perspectives
4. Cryptography, Distributed Ledger Technologies and Digital Trust
5. Web3 Technologies and Decentralized Digital Ecosystems
6. Digital Assets and Emerging Regulatory Frameworks
7. Comparative Approaches to the Regulation of Digital Finance
8. Artificial Intelligence, Automation and Financial Services
9. Cybersecurity and the Protection of Digital Financial Infrastructure
10. Cybercrime, Digital Fraud and Financial Security
11. Financial Crime, Economic Offences and Emerging Technologies
12. Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Counter-Terrorist Financing (CTF) and Financial Compliance
13. Regulatory Technology (RegTech) and Supervisory Technology (SupTech)
14. Data Protection, Privacy and Digital Financial Ecosystems
15. Consumer Protection in Digital Financial Services
16. Digital Identity, Authentication and Financial Inclusion
17. Smart Contracts, Digital Transactions and Commercial Law
18. Digital Payments, Electronic Banking and Payment System Regulation
19. Banking Law and Emerging Financial Technologies
20. Taxation in the Digital Economy
21. Corporate Governance and Digital Transformation
22. International Financial Regulation and Cross-Border Cooperation
23. Global Standards for Digital Finance and Financial Integrity
24. Constitutional and Administrative Perspectives on Digital Governance
25. Human Rights, Technology and Digital Financial Inclusion
26. Competition Law and Digital Markets
27. Intellectual Property and Emerging Technologies
28. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in Digital Finance
29. Sustainable Blockchain Technologies and Green Innovation
30. Crypto Mining, Energy Consumption and Environmental Sustainability
31. Climate Change, Carbon Footprint and Emerging Digital Technologies
32. Ethics, Accountability and Responsible Innovation
33. Digital Evidence, Blockchain Forensics and Technology-Enabled Investigations
34. Judicial Trends and Emerging Legal Issues in Digital Technologies
35. Public Policy and Governance in the Digital Economy
36. Decentralized Finance (DeFi): Emerging Legal and Regulatory Issues
37. Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): Legal and Policy Perspectives
38. Tokenisation and the Future of Financial Markets

39. Virtual Digital Assets: Innovation and Regulatory Developments
40. Cross-Border Digital Transactions and Private International Law
41. International Trade, Digital Commerce and Financial Technologies
42. Financial Inclusion, Sustainable Development and Digital Innovation
43. Governance Challenges in Emerging Financial Markets
44. Quantum Computing and the Future of Cryptography
45. Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain and Smart Financial Ecosystems
46. Metaverse, Virtual Economies and Emerging Legal Challenges
47. Digital Infrastructure, Innovation and Economic Development
48. Technology, Governance and Public Policy in the Digital Age
49. Contemporary Issues in Law, Technology and Financial Regulation
50. Any other topic related to the main theme.

Note: The above themes are illustrative and not exhaustive. Authors may submit papers on any topic aligned with the central theme of the seminar.

Publication Opportunity

Selected research articles will be published in the Seminar Book with ISBN.

Guidelines for Paper Submission

- Papers must align with the theme of the International Seminar.
- The paper must be in Times New Roman, heading - 14 pt, Text - 12 pt, A4 size, single line spacing, justified, not exceeding 2500 words including title, author details, and footnotes.
- Authors are encouraged to follow The Bluebook (20th ed.) citation style.
- Footnotes must be in Times New Roman, 10 pt, and inserted using the Word footnote option. Speaking footnotes are discouraged.
- An abstract not exceeding 250 words must be submitted for consideration.
- The abstract should contain a synopsis of the paper, proposed subtitles, reference materials, and a brief conclusion reflecting the author's perspective.
- The abstract must be mailed to internationalseminar31@gmail.com on or before 15 July, accompanied by a cover page stating:
 - Title of the Paper
 - Sub-Theme
 - Name of Author(s)
 - Name of Institution/Organization
 - Official Designation
 - E-mail Address
 - Postal Address
 - Contact Number
- Submission must be in Word format.
- References need not be provided separately and must be included as footnotes.
- Precedents may be italicized but not bold.

- All subheadings must be left-aligned and in bold.
- Papers will be screened by a committee. Approved full papers will be accepted for presentation. Intimation will be made via email.
- The final paper must include a cover page with Name, Designation, Discipline and Year of Study (if applicable), Address, E-mail ID, and Contact Number.
- The main title in the final paper should also contain the author's Name as byline, with an accompanied footnote with Discipline and Year of Study (if applicable) and Designation
- Abstracts and papers must be written and presented in English.
- Only one paper per participant is permitted. Multiple submissions will lead to disqualification.
- Co-authorship is permitted up to two authors.
- Papers must be original and not previously published or under consideration elsewhere. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- Publishing charges, if any, for the proceedings shall be borne by the author.

Submission Procedure

Kindly send the abstract on or before 15 July to internationalseminar31@gmail.com

Important Dates

- Submission of Abstract: 15 July
- Communication of Abstract Acceptance: 16 July
- Submission of Full Paper: 26 July
- Intimation of Full Paper Acceptance: 27 July
- Date of Payment of Registration Fee: 15 August
- Date of the Seminar: 22 August

Registration Fees and Payment Details

Paper Presentation:

- Author - 1250
- Co-Author - 1000 (per co-author)

Seminar Participation:

- 250

[Registration Link](#)

Awards

All registered participants (presentation and participation) will be awarded respective certificates.

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