



Faculty of Legal Studies
South Asian University

South Asia and International Law
Young Scholars Workshop 2017



South Asia is witnessing an increasing engagement with international law – countries of this region are contracting new international obligations and gaining new rights, and engaging in dispute settlement activities. South Asia, thus, has attempted to gain varied experiences with respect to international law. Strengthening this engagement with international law requires much capacity building with a variety of stakeholders of this region.

An important section of this engagement is the role of academic scholarship. Engaging with the young scholars of this region is important to ensure the continuity of improving the knowledge resource for this region. In view of this, the workshop is designed as a platform for young minds to engage with and deliberate upon the nuances of the various strands of international law and especially engage in documenting the South Asian experiences and /or perceptions on international law.

The workshop thus aims to provide an opportunity to young scholars based in South Asia or elsewhere to present cutting edge research on different aspects of theme `South Asia and International law. The organisers are particularly interested in papers that document the experience or practice of whole of South Asia or part of South Asia, including comparative perspectives or any one country in the region in one of the following areas: international environmental law, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law, international trade and economic law, international investment law, general international law, international water law, international maritime law, international refugee law, law of the sea, private international law and international constitutional law.

Young scholars based in South Asia or anywhere in the world are invited to to submit their abstracts/paper proposals as per the following details:

Eligibility

Current doctoral candidates or young faculty members, researchers etc who completed their last degree in past five years from the submission deadline (i.e. between 1 December 2011 and 30 November 2016) are eligible to submit an abstract/ paper proposal not exceeding 500 words. The abstract/paper proposal should provide a topic and the key arguments that the scholar wishes to present in his/her paper. Along with the abstract, applicants are also required to submit a brief CV (not exceeding two pages) giving details of their academic qualifications (the date of last degree awarded should be mentioned), current institutional affiliation, key publications, scholarships/fellowships/prizes or other academic achievements and full contact details, (Email ID mandatory). LLB and LLM candidates are not eligible.

Candidates must submit both the documents, ‘one page of proposal/abstract’ and the ‘two page CV’ as one file (a word attachment). The name of the document should be your full name. Kindly email applications to yswc2017@gmail.com. The subject line of the mail should be ‘YSW Application 2017. Once the decision has been conveyed, organisers shall not entertain any further communication with the applicants.

Time Line

- Deadline for the submission of abstract: 30 Nov. 2016
- Notification of acceptance/rejection of the application: mid of December 2016
- Submission of Draft Paper of 6000 words on or before 20 January 2017 (this applies to those whose abstracts/paper proposals get selected.
- Conference Date: 1 and 2 February 2017

Funding

The organisers expect the young scholars to seek funding from their institutions or other sources. However, limited funding might be available to support the participation of Young Scholars based in South Asia. This funding might be in the form of supporting travel expenses and/or supporting boarding/lodging expenses in Delhi during the workshop. Those who are interested in availing funding should indicate this in their application. Kindly also indicate the quantum of funding needed and the purpose.

Selection

Around 10 scholars shall be selected through this call for papers. Those selected will be required to submit a draft paper not exceeding 6000 words on or before 20 January 2017. Late submission will disqualify a candidate from participation. For each panel a discussant shall be identified who will comment on the papers. Proposals will be selected keeping in mind a number of factors such as the quality of the proposal, the academic merit of the candidate, regional and gender representation, coherency and relevancy of the theme etc.

Venue of the Workshop

The workshop will take place at the South Asian University campus, New Delhi, India. Those selected to participate in the workshop will be required to attend the full workshop on both the days.

About Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University

The Faculty of Legal Studies at the South Asian University presents itself as an emerging centre for excellence in the expansive vista of International Legal studies. Adopting a cross-functional approach in this domain area, the faculty focusses on discoursing on the South Asian legal systems and their responses to the emerging issues in International Law. Translating the objective of capacity building activity envisioned in the SAARC Agreement the faculty constantly endeavours to develop courses in emerging areas of International Law with the flavour of regionalism laced into its curricular structure, the first fructified effort being the course on Comparative Constitutional Law of the SAARC Nations. The pedagogic content in the Masters and the Research programmes of the faculty is fused with a regional flavour to address the concerns unique to the South Asian region, especially in areas of International Humanitarian Law, Law of the Sea, International Economic Law, to name a few. The delivery systems are fashioned on conversational lines interspersed with interactions with policy-making institutions and the practitioners of International Law. Faculty of Legal Studies offers a unique experience – an attempt at forging a regional response to the concerns of International Law.

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