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Call for Papers

Journal of Law Teachers of India invites you to submit your research work (Article/ Notes & Comments/ Book Review) for its upcoming volumes: Volume 13 (2023-24) and Volume 14 (2024-25) to be published jointly.

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I. About the Journal of Law Teachers of India (JOLT-I)

The Journal of Law Teachers of India was started by the faculty members of the *Law Centre – I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi*, to encourage socially significant research work in law by serving as a worthy platform for their readership.

The first volume of the journal was published in 2010, wherein the then chief editor, Prof. Ashwini Kumar Bansal, on the purpose of JOLT-I wrote: ‘the legal research we conduct, lead or assist should serve humanity and should be done with humility, *and that is our purpose*’. The statement continues to be a gentle reminder for future generations of teachers of law to keep their research grounded in social need.

The title of the journal signifies that a law teacher can come from diverse backgrounds and may not necessarily be the one who professionally teaches law. They could be academicians, lawyers, jurists, judges, or policy makers. Hence, JOLT-I encourages everyone who attempts to delve into the journey of knowing law, what its purpose and nature are in the context of the dynamism attached with it and wishes to contribute to enrich the existing legal literature by their research and writing work, irrespective of their professional background.

II. Scope

JOLT-I’s scope has consciously been kept wide to encompass inter-disciplinary research with law as one of the disciplines and research in conventional as well as emerging fields of law. We encourage socially significant research work on emerging legal issues from diverse perspectives. In line with our humble beginning, we encourage legal scholars around the world to analyse and write about real-life concerns and what law can do to address these issues. At the same time, a completely theoretical yet thoroughly analytical piece of legal research which attempts to fill the legal gaps in the field of jurisprudence is very much valued by the team of JOLT-I.

III. Objectives

Each volume of JOLT-I is published after a careful and systematic review of the submissions. We give a higher degree of importance to the choice of legal issues each submission brings before us.

The aim is to encourage legal researchers to identify critical situations prior to their emerging as a legal crisis or a problem for a legal system or the international community, and to initiate early discussions on such situations.

We choose to publish scholarly legal research work of Indian as well as foreign scholars, with the aim to provide a valuable reading experience to policy makers, professionals, as well as students of law and to further encourage critical legal thinking ahead of these published research works.

In particular, understanding the pressing necessity of 'development of law' to proceed in the right direction, we now encourage writings which adopt an 'eco-centric approach', to explore contemporary legal issues of social significance and/or to develop jurisprudential thoughts on basic concepts of the legal field.

IV. Review Policy

JOLT-I follows a **double-blind peer review** process to ensure a fair and honest review. The reviewers are required to declare any potential conflict of interest before they agree to review a Contribution.

The journal rests on a rigorous, systematic and transparent review process where each Contribution is assessed by reviewer(s) based on a well-defined set of parameters framed by the editorial board to strengthen fairness and neutrality. Strict compliance with the reviewer's recommendations is ensured before publication.

In tandem with the spirit of being a public institution, we do not charge payment in any form, whether fee or otherwise, for publication in JOLT-I.

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a) Desk Review (1-2 Weeks): This is the initial stage of the review process where submitted Contributions are assessed on the following criteria:

- Whether the Contribution aligns with the scope and objectives of the journal
- Whether it meets the formatting, citation and submission guidelines of the journal
- Whether it passes the plagiarism check

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- Accept the Contribution with major revisions
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If revisions are required, the authors shall receive the anonymised reviewers' comments and recommendations. The authors must address the comments of the reviewers within a stipulated time by submitting an Action Taken Report along with the revised Contribution. Once the revision is completed, the authors prepare a list of responses to the reviewer's comments explaining how they have incorporated the reviewers' comments. If there are any recommendations, in addition to the comments, the authors must explain how they have incorporated those recommendations. If an author chooses not to follow a recommendation, he/she must provide a clear and well-reasoned justification. Also, if the reviewers seek the authors' response to certain questions separately, the authors shall be obliged to provide satisfactory responses to such questions in the Action Taken Report. Authors are advised not to add any new material in the Contribution at this stage. Authors must submit two versions of the Contribution first, a revised Contribution in track changes mode and second, a revised Contribution's clean version.

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VIII. Submission Guidelines for Authors

General Instructions

All contributions must be submitted to the editor at jolti@lc1.du.ac.in.

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- Authors are advised to read the Scope and Objectives of the Journal before submission of their Contributions to ensure that their contribution aligns with the Journal's focus and purview.
- JOLT-I accepts Articles with a maximum of two authors. For Notes & Comments and Book Reviews, co-authorship is discouraged.
- We accept contributions only in MS-Word format. Language of the contributions must be English (UK).
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Formatting Style

- Font style: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, line and paragraph spacing: 1.5, Margins- Left: 3cm, Right: 1.5 cm.
- All Headings and Sub-Headings should be in Initial Caps (except connecting words).
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- Font style: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10, line and paragraph spacing: Single
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- Cases mentioned in the main text should have party names only, and the rest of the citation for the same must be mentioned in the footnote.

Example: In the main text - *Indian Council for Enviro-Legal Action v. Union of India*¹. In footnote 1. AIR 1996 SC 1446 at [paragraph no./page no.].

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- **Articles**
Article submissions must include an abstract of not more than 200 words and eight to ten keywords.
Articles should be between 8,000 to 10,000 words. This word limit is inclusive of footnotes and exclusive of abstract and keywords.
- **Notes & Comments**
The Notes/Comments must provide a critical analysis of a recent and significant issue/case law. It should provide an insightful and original perspective on its implications in economic, environmental and social contexts.
The Notes/Comments should be between 4,000 to 6,000 words. This word limit is inclusive of footnotes.
- **Book Reviews**
Book Reviews should be between 1,000 to 2,000 words in length. This word limit is inclusive of footnotes.

All the queries must be addressed to the Editor, JOLT-I and sent to jolti@lc1.du.ac.in. The subject of the email must be 'Inquiry: Specific Topic'.

IX. Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement

- **JOLT-I has zero tolerance for AIS-generated content and plagiarism.**
At JOLT-I, submissions where similarities are found to be above 10% shall be rejected. This is in consonance with the 'University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018'.
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- JOLT-I ensures transparency by following a double-blind peer review model with a detailed review policy.

- JOLT-I commits to strictly adhering to its publication timeline to ensure the timely publication of its volumes.
- Each research work submitted to JOLT-I shall be examined based on the review process mentioned on the website without any prejudice and strictly on its merits.
- JOLT-I is committed to protecting the confidentiality of peer reviewers at all times so as to ensure that reviewers feel free and confident to provide honest and detailed reviews.
- Reviewers are selected strictly based on their areas of expertise and knowledge, and no other considerations.
- JOLT-I understands that authors have the right to be informed about the outcome of the review process at each stage. They shall be informed as promptly as possible about the progress of their submission.

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- Author(s) must ensure that their submission is their original work. It doesn't infringe upon anyone's copyright nor violate any proprietary rights. All the references must be appropriately cited.
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