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ABOUT CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), BENGALURU

CHRIST (Deemed to be University) was born out of the educational vision of St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, an educationalist and social reformer of the nineteenth century in South India. Established as 'Christ College' in 1969, it undertook pathbreaking initiatives in Indian higher education with the introduction of innovative and modern curricula, insistence on academic discipline, imparting of Holistic Education and adoption of global higher education practices with the support of creative and dedicated staff. In 2008, declared the institution a Deemed to be University, in the name and style of Christ University.

One of the first institutions in India to be accredited in 1998 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Government of India, and subsequently in 2004, 2016, 2022. The University is ranked among top 100 universities in India at 67 in the NIRF India Ranking of Ministry of Education, government of India. The University garners a multi-disciplinary approach, focusing on teaching, research and service offers Bachelor, Master and Doctoral programmes in humanities, social sciences, sciences, commerce, management, engineering, architecture, education, and law to about 30000 students.

ABOUT SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), BENGALURU

The School of Law at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), located in Bengaluru, was established and administered by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). Over time, it has become one of the city's most highly regarded educational institutions. School of Law offers a comprehensive range of programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Bar Council of India and the University Grants Commission. These programs encompass undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels of study. The curriculum is carefully crafted to meet the demands of both the legal profession and academia. Within the School of Law, students have access to numerous exceptional opportunities, including internships, clinical programs, research supervision, and writing. To foster interaction between students and legal professionals, the school regularly hosts seminars, guest lectures, and workshops covering a wide array of legal subjects. In addition to the mandatory courses that span a 10-semester program, the School of Law has introduced a variety of value-added courses and programs aimed at enriching the educational experience for its students.

THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & FOREIGN POLICY COMMITTEE (IRFPC), SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

The International Relations & Foreign Policy Committee (IRFPC) at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is dedicated to fostering a comprehensive understanding of International Law and International Relations among students. The committee aims to create an engaging platform that encourages discourse on contemporary global challenges, diplomatic relations, and legal developments. By organizing a diverse range of initiatives such as Reading Circles, competitions and interactive discussions featuring alumni and experts, IRFPC provides students with opportunities to gain valuable insights and develop a nuanced understanding of the international arena. The committee also endeavours to cultivate essential analytical and critical thinking skills, preparing students to engage meaningfully with the complexities of international relations and law. Through its initiatives, IRFPC reflects the university's commitment to holistic learning and academic excellence, nurturing globally aware professionals equipped to navigate the dynamic field of international affairs.

THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS COMMITTEE (IPRC), SCHOOL OF LAW, CHRIST (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

The Intellectual Property Rights Committee (IPRC) aims to allow students to explore the ever-evolving field of IP law in proximity to its real-world significance. Under the guidance of highly qualified faculty coordinators, this approach will provide students with a foundation to enter diverse IP-related careers. The Committee is a platform for the student body to explore new IP developments and careers, network with pioneers and experienced professionals in IP law and indulge in high-quality research through its flagship newsletter- Intellectualis. Through collaborations with prestigious firms and organisations, the IPRC continues to strengthen and maintain professional relationships that allow it to further the cause of ensuring IP awareness and ultimately, equitable access to knowledge.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL POLICY DRAFTING CHALLENGE

The Intellectual Property Rights Committee (IPRC), in collaboration with the International Relations and Foreign Policy Committee (IRFPC), is pleased to organise the ‘Global Policy Drafting Challenge’, a case-study-based policy drafting and presentation competition. The Challenge seeks to provide participants with a platform to engage with contemporary global issues at the intersection of intellectual property, international relations, technology, and public policy.

The competition aims to develop policy drafting, research, analytical, and problem-solving skills, while encouraging interdisciplinary thinking and practical approaches to contemporary international challenges. Participants will engage with themes such as cross-border AI and copyright governance, AI-generated designs, geographical indications, indigenous rights, and international trade.

Through its case-study-based format, the Challenge seeks to encourage innovative thinking, practical policy-making, and meaningful engagement with emerging global challenges, equipping participants to approach complex issues through both legal and international policy perspectives.

STRUCTURE OF THE GLOBAL POLICY DRAFTING CHALLENGE

Preliminary Rounds

The Preliminary Round will be conducted online. Participants will be provided with the proposition/case study at the commencement of the round itself. An additional 15 minutes will be allotted exclusively for reading and understanding the proposition before the commencement of the drafting period which lasts for 1 hour. The proposition will therefore be released only at the beginning of the round, and teams will be expected to utilise the allotted reading time to analyse the facts, identify the key issues, and understand the policy problem before proceeding with their submission.

Quarter-Final Rounds

The teams qualifying for the Quarter-Finals will be required to pay a registration fee of ₹200 per team, and not per participant, for participation in the offline rounds. The registration fee will cover the lunch and high tea/snacks provided to the participating teams during the offline rounds. The fee shall be payable only by the teams that qualify for the Quarter-Finals. The proposition will only be released once the top 8 teams are decided.

Semi-Final and Final Rounds

Participants will be duly intimated about the Semi-final and Final rounds at the Central Campus, upon conclusion of the Quarter-final rounds.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Eligibility

The competition invites participation from students enrolled in any Undergraduate Programme in any course across various disciplines at recognised universities and institutions in India. Participation is permitted in teams comprising of minimum two and maximum three members. Cross-institutional teams are permitted to participate in the competition. There is no limit on the number of teams that can participate from one university or institution.

Venue

The Global Policy Drafting Challenge shall be conducted in an hybrid mode. The preliminary rounds shall be conducted online, followed by an offline Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Rounds, scheduled to be held in the Bangalore Central Campus (Central Block), CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.

Official Language

English shall be the official language of the Global Policy Drafting Challenge. All the submissions shall be accepted exclusively in English.

Accommodation

The Organising Committee shall not provide accommodation for the Participants. Outstation participants are requested to make their own lodging and travel arrangements.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION

Procedure for Registration

The registration for the Global Policy Drafting Challenge shall be made available through the official brochure and other communication channels of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University). Participants must register through the link provided below for the preliminary rounds and strictly adhere to the submission guidelines and timelines specified in the brochure.

Deadline for Registration: 4th September, 2026

Registration Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLi7fzGCq_2eAfLqH0RamUqMLqxs99WQOy3Sr4cxglAcj7_A/viewform

Registration Fee

The registration fee of Rs. 200 shall be applicable only for the participants who qualify for the offline Quarter-Final Rounds to be held physically in the campus. The participants shall be required to make the above mentioned payment only after the results for the preliminary rounds are announced.

Rewards

Winners: Rs. 5000 + Trophy

Runner-Up: Rs. 3000 + Trophy

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Formatting requirements:

1. Font: Times New Roman, Size 12 (text), Size 10 (footnotes)
2. Line spacing: 1.5 (text), 1.0 (footnotes)
3. Citation style: Bluebook, 20th Edition

Submission Date for Preliminary Rounds - 7th September, 2026

- All submissions shall be made in English only.
- The policy draft shall not exceed five pages, exclusive of footnotes.
- Submissions must be anonymised and shall carry only the team code. Any identification mark of the participants on the draft, other than the team code, may result in disqualification.
- The submission shall be titled: TC-[assigned code] Policy Draft.
- All clarification requests must be submitted to irfpc@law.christuniversity.in within the deadline prescribed.
- All submissions shall be made to ipr@law.christuniversity.in within the deadline prescribed.
- All documents shall be cleared of metadata prior to submission.
- Submissions shall be made in both PDF and Word formats, in the manner prescribed by the organising committee, which will be notified separately.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submissions must be original and independently authored.
- Plagiarism exceeding 10% shall attract penalties or disqualification.
- Cross-plagiarism is prohibited. Cross-plagiarism occurs where two or more drafts share 40% or more similarity, whether intentional or unintentional, including the copying or reproduction of substantial content across submissions. Such conduct shall result in the disqualification of all participants involved.
- Use of AI tools for drafting substantive portions of the policy is strictly discouraged. Submissions found to be 20% AI-generated or more may be disqualified.
- Failure to comply with the submission and formatting requirements shall result in a reduction of marks.

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