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JAIPUR

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Rankings 2025
University: 58 | Overall: 98
Engineering: 58 | Management: 81
Architecture: 25 | Law: 32



FACULTY OF LAW MANIPAL UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

IN COLLABORATION WITH
FACULTY OF LEGAL STUDIES, SOUTH ASIAN UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS & ASIA CENTRE

SOUTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON Election Law, Governance and Administrative Reforms *in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*

(SAC ELGAR AI 2026)

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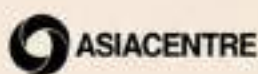


14 – 15 December 2026



Mode: Online (MS Teams)

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ABOUT MANIPAL UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

The Manipal Education & Medical Group (MEMG), with its heritage of excellence in higher education for over 7 decades, launched Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) in the year 2011. Manipal University Jaipur is a multi-disciplinary university accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC and is committed to nurturing talent and strengthening academics & research by adopting unique & innovative practices. The multi-disciplinary University offers career-oriented courses at all levels, i.e., UG, PG and doctoral and across diverse streams, including Law, Engineering, Design, Management, Basic Sciences, Arts, etc.

VISION OF MANIPAL UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

Global leadership in higher education and human development

MISSION OF MANIPAL UNIVERSITY JAIPUR

- Be the most preferred University for innovative and interdisciplinary learning
- Foster academic, research and professional excellence in all domains
- Transform young minds into competent professionals with good human values



ABOUT FACULTY OF LAW

Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) commenced its foray into legal education in 2014. At present, the Faculty of Law at MUJ has three undergraduate law programmes - Five-year Integrated BA LLB (Hons.), BBA LLB (Hons.) and three year Bachelor of Law (LLB); three streams of Master of Law (LLM) - in Corporate and Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Criminal and Security Laws; as well as a doctoral programme with more than 60 research scholars. The Faculty of Law, with over 1100 students and 43 qualified and dedicated faculty members, is brimming with activities throughout the year. These include seminars, conferences, certificate courses, guest lectures, legal aid activities, and participation in and hosting moot court, arbitration, negotiation, mediation and client counselling competitions, apart from regular classes and research/publications. Student-led committees, clubs and cells such as the Moot Court Committee, ADR Cell, Consumer Protection Cell, Legal Aid Clinic, Green Horizon Club (on environmental awareness and action) and Vox Peritus (a student-led podcast) contribute to the pulse and rhythm of the life and activities of Faculty of Law - MUJ.

VISION OF FACULTY OF LAW

To be a globally recognized centre of excellence in legal education, research, and innovation, committed to fostering justice, equity, and the rule of law in society.

MISSION OF FACULTY OF LAW

- **Excellence in Education:** To provide high-quality, inclusive legal education that equips students with the knowledge, skills, and values to become ethical and competent legal professionals.
- **Research and Innovation:** To advance legal scholarship through impactful research that addresses contemporary challenges and promotes social justice. To foster excellence in legal research and innovation, with a focus on emerging fields such as Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), contributing to the advancement of legal knowledge and practices that address contemporary societal challenges.
- **Community Engagement:** To contribute to the betterment of society by engaging with communities, legal practitioners, and policymakers to create sustainable and equitable solutions.
- **Global Outlook:** To cultivate a global perspective by fostering international collaborations and embracing diverse legal systems and traditions.
- **Leadership Development:** To inspire students to become leaders in law, public policy, and governance, dedicated to upholding justice and human rights.

OUR COLLABORATORS



Faculty of Legal Studies South Asian University

South Asian University (SAU), an intergovernmental institution and SAARC initiative, advances regional cooperation through education and research. Its Faculty of Legal Studies specialises in international law and South Asian perspectives, offering LL.M. and research programmes covering comparative constitutional law, human rights, regional state practice, AI constitutionalisation and digital constitutionalism.



Association for Democratic Reforms

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), established in 1999 by IIM Ahmedabad professors, promotes transparency and accountability in India's political and electoral systems. Its public interest litigation led to Supreme Court rulings requiring electoral candidates to disclose their criminal, financial and educational backgrounds through affidavits filed with the Election Commission.



Asia Centre Thailand

Asia Centre is a civil society research institute in Special Consultative Status with U.N. ECOSOC. The Centre publishes evidence-based research on issues affecting civil society, democracy and human rights in Asia. It operates from its Research Hub and AI Hub in Bangkok (Thailand), Media Hub in Johor Bahru (Malaysia) and Training Hub in Phnom Penh (Cambodia).

OUR PARTNERS



CAISR International Research Partner

CAISR International bridges artificial intelligence and data science with healthcare, law, governance, economics, defence, and humanities through peer-reviewed research, international conferences, accredited credentials, and multidisciplinary training.



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South Asian Conference on Election Law, Governance and Administrative Reforms in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

(SAC ELGAR AI 2026)

Democracy today stands at a critical juncture. Across the world, constitutional democracies are experiencing significant transformations driven by technological innovation, changing political cultures, increasing social diversity, economic uncertainty, and the rapid emergence of artificial intelligence as a force capable of reshaping governance. Electoral institutions, public administration, constitutional courts, and democratic processes are increasingly required to respond to challenges that were difficult to envisage even a decade ago. Questions of electoral integrity, democratic legitimacy, representation, institutional accountability, digital governance, and public participation have therefore become central to both legal scholarship and the practical functioning of states.

The conference seeks to provide an interdisciplinary platform for scholars, judges, election administrators, policymakers, technologists, civil society actors, and researchers to engage in critical dialogue on the future of democratic governance. It approaches democracy as an evolving political and legal project shaped by constitutional practices, philosophical traditions, technological developments, and changing social realities. Particular attention will be given to democratic backsliding, institutional accountability, political polarisation, declining public trust, constitutional safeguards, and the ways emerging technologies may transform democratic participation and institutional design.

A central focus of the conference is electoral governance and integrity. While free and fair elections remain fundamental to democratic legitimacy, electoral processes are increasingly exposed to misinformation, synthetic media, algorithmic manipulation, opaque political financing, deepfakes, automated propaganda networks, and AI-generated political content. The conference will examine how legal and institutional frameworks can respond to these challenges while safeguarding fundamental rights, including freedom of expression and political participation.

The conference will also examine the growing use of artificial intelligence in governance and public administration, including public service delivery, welfare administration, surveillance, predictive governance, and regulatory decision-making. While AI may offer efficiency, consistency, and scalability, its use raises questions concerning transparency, accountability, procedural fairness, algorithmic bias, and protection of fundamental rights. The conference will therefore explore how administrative law and constitutional safeguards can evolve to ensure that technological innovation remains consistent with democratic values, human dignity, and the rule of law.

BROAD THEMES

Theme 1: Foundations of Democratic Theory

- Reimagining Democracy in the Twenty-First Century
- Democratic Backsliding and Constitutional Resilience
- Philosophical and Comparative Perspectives on Democratic Governance

Theme 2: Constitutional Governance, Administration and Rule of Law

- Judicial Independence and Constitutional Accountability
- Administrative Reforms and Good Governance
- Federalism, Decentralisation and Democratic Deepening
- Institutional Integrity and Constitutional Design

Theme 3: Artificial Intelligence, Technology and Digital Governance

- Algorithmic Governance and Administrative Decision-Making
- AI, Public Administration and the Rule of Law
- Social Media Regulation and Electoral Processes
- Digital Rights, Data Governance and Democratic Accountability

Theme 4: Gender, Diversity and Political Representation

- Women's Political Participation and Representation
- Constitutional Approaches to Gender Equality
- Minority Rights and Democratic Inclusion
- Identity, Representation and Electoral Justice

Theme 5: Elections, Electoral Integrity and Democratic Reform

- Electoral Governance and Institutional Independence
- Disinformation, Deepfakes and Election Security
- Campaign Finance Transparency and Electoral Accountability
- Electoral System Reforms and Democratic Representation.

Theme 6: Democracy and Emerging Global Challenges

- Majoritarianism, Populism and Constitutional Pluralism
- Democracy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
- Deliberative, Participatory and Digital Democracy
- Democratic Futures, Sovereignty and Global Governance.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITY

Selected submissions may be considered for publication in Scopus-indexed journals, including **Public Administration and Policy: An Asia-Pacific Journal (Q2)**, subject to the respective journals' peer-review processes and editorial acceptance. Additional submissions may also be considered for inclusion in a Scopus-indexed edited volume, subject to the quality of the papers and the discretion of the Editorial Board.

Public Administration and Policy: An Asia-Pacific Journal (PAP) is devoted to the integration of theories and practice of public administration and management, with special emphasis on the Asia-Pacific region. It aims at contributing to the improvements of the delivery and management of public services by highlighting issues, problems, and examples of efficient and innovative management practices. Academics, students, current and retired government officials, and practitioners in public administration and related fields are welcomed to contribute papers to this journal. <https://www.emerald.com/pap>

Any applicable article processing charges (APCs) or other publication fees will be borne separately by the participants, at the actual rates prescribed by the respective publishers.

TIMELINE

Release of Call for Abstracts	02 nd October 2026
Last Date for Abstract Submission	30 th October 2026
Intimation of Acceptance	05 th November 2026
Submission of Full Papers	05 th December 2026
Conference	14 th - 15 th December 2026

GUIDELINES

1. Preliminary Notes from the Scientific Committee: A Scientific Committee has been established to evaluate the submissions of abstracts and full papers.

2. Abstract and Full Paper Submission:

- The abstract must not exceed 250-300 words and should include 5 to 7 keywords.
 - It is essential that the abstract outlines the structure of the research paper, incorporating the title, background, aim or purpose of the research, methodology, and a conclusion that reflects the author's perspective.
 - A concise running title of fewer than 40 characters is recommended. Furthermore, the abstract should present the title of the paper, the full name of the author(s), their designation, along with the affiliated institution or university name and email address.
 - All participants are required to submit their abstract by the specified deadline, through the designated form: <https://forms.gle/ZnZZ5wNfWKftPV3U6>
 - Submissions will undergo a blind peer review process, and only those abstracts that receive approval from the reviewers will be accepted as full papers for presentation at the seminar.
 - Research articles should comprise between 7,000 to 10,000 words, including references Abstract maximum 300-word limit inside it.
 - It is advisable to organize the article as follows: Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion. Authors should articulate their research questions clearly and thoroughly review all relevant recent literature.
 - That first papers has to be sent and then after selection and intimation of paper for presentations further registration must be done by authors. Also, only quality papers will be published in Scopus books and journals even though they may be accepted for presentations. The communication for publication will be sent separately to authors after presentation in conference.
- 3. Text of the paper:** The text of the manuscript must be formatted as Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 and Spacing: 1.5.
- 4. Footnotes:** Please note that the use of speaking footnotes and end-notes is discouraged.
- 5. Citation:** Reference style APA for the conference paper presentation and further changes and format will be communicated as per concerned Scopus books and journals guidelines. Please refer to <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/> for more details.
- 6. Plagiarism, Originality, and Confidentiality:** The manuscript must be the original work of the author and free from plagiarism.
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 - The manuscript submitted to the journal must not be previously published or currently under review at any other journal/conference/book and should not be submitted to any other journal/conference/book while under review with us.
 - In case of any copyright violations, the organisers will not be responsible, and it is the sole responsibility of the author/authors for any kind of IP infringement.
- 7. Finality of Decisions:** The final decision as to acceptance and publication of the manuscript rests with the Scientific Committee.

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REGISTRATION FEES

Industry Members and Academicians	Rs. 2000
Research Scholars and Students	Rs. 1500
Co-Authorship	Rs. 3000
International Participants	USD 20

Abstract Submission



Submit your abstract

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Payment Link



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