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DAAD–SDG Project on Implementation of the SDGs: A Comparative Approach in India, Nepal & Germany

presents

"JURISTAS 2026"

INTERNATIONAL LAW ESSAY COMPETITION

Theme: Beyond Development: Law, Climate Change and the Quest for Sustainability

Google form for submission

Prizes

First Place - 15,000/-

Second Place - 10,000/-

Third Place - 5,000/-

All participants will be issued participation certificates

*Prize money is subject to Tax deduction

Deadline for submission : 2nd December 2026

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Sub-Themes

Beyond Development: Law, Climate Change and the Quest for Sustainability

1. Environmental Constitutionalism and Sustainable Development
2. Legal Responses to Climate Change and the Transition to a Sustainable Economy
3. Waste-to-Energy and Sustainable Development: Environmental Protection or Greenwashing
4. Sustainable Forest ManagementLeaving No One Behind: Convergence of International Climate and Sustainable Development Law
5. Transnational Cooperation and the Implementation of the SDGs
6. SDG 16 and the Rule of Law: Strengthening Justice Institutions for Sustainable Development
7. Judicial Activism and Sustainable Development
8. Artificial Intelligence, Digital Governance and Sustainable Development: A Comparative Legal Perspective
9. Technology and the SDGs: Legal Challenges in Building Inclusive and Sustainable Societies

GUIDELINES

Participation is open to all Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Students enrolled in any institution in India or Abroad.

The organizers reserve the right to refuse any entries that do not comply to any of the fore-mentioned guidelines.

- All entries must be formatted in Times New Roman, Font Size 12, and Line spacing 1.5. The Essay must not be less than 4500 words and not more than 6500 words, including footnotes.
- The Essay should be accompanied with a 250 word abstract which will not be counted towards the word limit.
- All entries should contain footnote citations formatted in Times New Roman, Font Size 10 and Single Line spacing.
- Footnotes must follow the citation system specified in Harvard Blue Book, 22nd Edition or APA 7th Edition. All entries should include a cover page specifying the name of the author, institutional affiliation, course and year of study, email address, postal address and contact number. Any identifying information is not to be mentioned anywhere in the abstract or the body of the essay.
- Violation of this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.
- **Submission of entries are to the google form link: https://forms.gle/Uh8c7eLZ5GhH9ywz8**
- Please submit before 11.59 PM IST on 2/12/2026. The paper must be the original and unpublished work of the author, and should not be in consideration for publication or in a contest elsewhere.
- **Co-authorship is permitted** but restricted to a maximum of **two individuals per essay**. Plagiarism of any nature will attract immediate disqualification.
- A similarity index of up to 10% will be permitted.
- Essays will be judged anonymously.
- Essays will be reviewed by a distinguished panel of impartial Judges and Academicians. Once submitted, the essays will be the sole intellectual property of Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

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