

CHRIST UNIVERSITY, PUNE LAVASA
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, SCHOOL OF LAW
&
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
JOINTLY ORGANIZE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

**INTERCONNECTION
BETWEEN INDIAN
KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS
AND LAW, POLITICAL
THEORY & ECONOMICS**

24 SEPTEMBER TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

HYBRID MODE

SCAN TO JOIN



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) represents a rich and sophisticated intellectual tradition that has shaped philosophical, legal, political, and economic thought for centuries. Classical schools such as Mimamsa, Nyaya, Arthashastra, and Dharmashastra developed systematic frameworks for reasoning, governance, and interpretation that remain deeply relevant in contemporary discourse.

Modern legal and governance systems in India, however, have largely evolved through Western frameworks of jurisprudence and institutional design. This has created a disconnect between indigenous intellectual traditions and present-day academic and policy engagement. There is a growing need to revisit and reintegrate these civilizational foundations into contemporary legal education and governance discourse.

This international conference seeks to bridge this gap by creating a platform for critical engagement with Indian knowledge traditions and their application to law, political theory, and economics. It aims to explore how indigenous frameworks can complement modern doctrines in enhancing interpretive clarity, institutional ethics, and policy innovation.

Aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020, the conference promotes interdisciplinary dialogue, research-based engagement, and the revival of indigenous knowledge systems in higher education.

ABOUT CHRIST UNIVERSITY PUNE LAVASA CAMPUS

Surrounded by the Sahyadri Hills, the Christ University, Pune Lavasa Campus, is an outstanding illustration of education and research in India. It was set up to offer innovative education, and it has evolved as a dynamic family committed to intellectual excellence, professional competency, and complete holistic growth.

Christ University, a premier educational institution, is an academic fraternity of individuals dedicated to the motto of 'EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE.' We strive to reach out to the star of perfection through an earnest academic pursuit for 'excellence,' and our efforts blossom into 'service' through our creative and empathetic involvement in society to transform it.

Being inspired by Blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the founder of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate and the pioneer in innovative education, Christ University is proactive in defining and redefining its mission and strategies, reading the signs of the time. It is a nurturing ground for an individual's holistic development to make an effective contribution to society in a dynamic environment.

Christ University provides an enriching academic experience alongside a vibrant residential campus life, fostering the intellectual, social, and personal growth of its students. One of the most distinctive aspects of studying here is its fully residential campus, nestled amidst the picturesque Sahyadri hills.

Nestled amidst the picturesque Western Ghats ranges, our University is more than just a centre of learning; it is a sanctuary for holistic growth, where aspirations are nurtured and individuals are shaped into well-rounded citizens of tomorrow.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LAW

The School of Law, Christ University, Pune Lavasa, which was set up in 2019, has emerged as one of the top institutions in India for legal studies in a very short time. Situated amidst the picturesque Sahyadri hills of Maharashtra, the campus is a peaceful and intellectually challenging setup for scholarship and all-round growth.

The School provides five-year UG integrated programmes B.A. LL.B (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B (Hons.) and postgraduate programmes such as LLM in Corporate & Commercial Law and Constitutional & Administrative Law, and Ph.D. in Law. The course structure is designed according to the guidelines of the Bar Council of India and UGC, with solid legal theory with practical application.

Students are directly engaged in various national and international moot courts, policy drafting competitions, legal aid clinics, and conferences. Experienced academicians and legal practitioners committed to guiding students in research and advocacy form the faculty. School of Law embodies this spirit by creating platforms that encourage dialogue, critical thought, and global academic interaction.

With a solid grounding in ethics, critical thinking, and social responsibility, School of Law, Christ University, Pune Lavasa, is moulding the future generation of ethical and progressive legal professionals.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

At its core, meaningful academic engagement begins with the courage to question and the space to be heard. The Conference Committee brings students into direct conversation with scholars, practitioners, and institutions across jurisdictions, ensuring that ideas are not only expressed but also challenged and refined.

The Committee curates a range of academic initiatives designed to promote rigorous scholarship and collaborative learning. Its flagship events, such as the International Colloquium, A-Y (The Answer to Why), and the International Conference on Constitutional Law (ICCL), in collaboration with foreign universities, serve as a unique forum where students, academicians, and practitioners engage with contemporary constitutional issues through paper presentations, panel discussions, and expert addresses. These interactions are structured to foster both depth of understanding and diversity of perspective.

Through its events, the Committee emphasizes not only presentation but also active engagement, allowing participants to defend and refine their ideas in a professional academic setting. By consistently fostering an environment where scholarship is dynamic, perspectives are diverse, and collaboration transcends institutional boundaries, the Conference Committee continues to advance a culture of research excellence and critical inquiry.

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) at Christ University, Pune Lavasa Campus, is a dynamic and forward-looking centre dedicated to advancing the global mission of the university. Rooted in the institutional vision of Excellence and Service, the OIA serves as the primary catalyst for internationalisation across all academic schools and departments of the campus.

The OIA functions as a robust institutional framework that connects students, faculty, and researchers with the wider global academic community. Through strategic Memoranda of Understanding with international universities, Erasmus+ partnerships, faculty and student exchange programmes, global immersion initiatives, and collaborative research ventures, the office creates meaningful and transformative international experiences for all members of the campus community.

The office is committed to fostering a culture of global citizenship, intercultural dialogue, and academic excellence. It actively facilitates incoming and outgoing faculty mobility, supports adjunct international faculty engagement, promotes Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), and organises two distinguished flagship programmes that define the international character of the campus.

With a growing network of partner institutions spanning Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, the OIA at Pune Lavasa Campus continues to position Christ as a truly globally engaged institution, the one where international collaboration is not an aspiration, but a lived and sustained academic reality.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE



To examine the philosophical and jurisprudential foundations of Indian Knowledge Systems in law and governance



To foster interdisciplinary dialogue between law, philosophy, political theory, and economics



To analyse classical frameworks such as Mimamsa, Nyaya, and Arthashastra in contemporary legal interpretation



To critically engage with economic thought in Indian traditions, including taxation, welfare, and regulation



To encourage original research integrating indigenous knowledge with modern legal and policy challenges



To explore civilisational approaches to statecraft, constitutionalism, and governance

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Conference will cater to:

- Academicians, Research Scholars, PhD and Post-Doctoral Researchers in Law and allied disciplines
- Lawyers, Policy Professionals, and Practitioners
- Students of LLM & LLB programs
- Researchers and students from Political Science, Economics, Philosophy, and Public Policy
- Anyone with an interest in the Indian Knowledge Systems and interdisciplinary research

SUB-THEMES

1. Conceptual Framework of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)

- Concept of IKS, Misconception about IKS
- Relevance and importance of IKS
- Influence of IKS on Law, Political Theory & Administration, and Economics

2. Indian Jurisprudence and the Concept of Dharma

- Dharma as a foundational principle of justice
- Duty, morality, and legal order in ancient and contemporary legal systems.

3. Ancient Indian Legal Systems and Contemporary Law

- Legal principles found in the Dharmashastras, the Arthashastra, Smritis
- Customary practices and laws and their relevance to modern legal frameworks.

4. Indian Jurisprudence, Hermeneutics and Interpretation

- Mimamsa and statutory interpretation
- Nyaya epistemology and evidentiary reasoning
- Arthavada–Vidhi and purposive interpretation
- Shruti–Smrti and limits of literalism

5. State, Governance and Constitutionalism

- Rajadharma and constitutional morality
- Limits of state power in classical texts
- Welfare state and rule of law traditions
- Nyaya, Dharma, Rajadharma and social order within classical and modern socio-political frameworks.

6. Law, Economy and Fiscal Governance

- Arthashastra and taxation frameworks
- Ethical foundations of taxation
- Wealth distribution and welfare
- Market regulation and economic justice

SUB-THEMES

7. Sustainability, Environmental Ethics, Ecological Governance

- Ecological jurisprudence in Indian traditions
- Traditional environmental ethics, natural resource governance, climate justice
- Resource governance in Arthashastra
- Sacred Forest, Sacred ecology

8. War, Security, and Strategic Statecraft

- Ethics of warfare in Dharma Shastra
- Just war theory in Indian philosophy
- Intelligence and espionage in Arthashastra
- National security and civil liberties
- Geopolitics in Ancient India

9. Traditional Dispute Resolution Mechanisms and ADR

- Panchayat systems in ancient India as a Dispute Resolution Mechanism
- Mediation, Reconciliation, and Community-Based justice mechanisms as precursors to modern Alternative Dispute Resolution methods.

10. Indian Knowledge Systems, Indigenous Knowledge, and Intellectual Property

- Traditional Knowledge of India
- Interconnection between IKS and Intellectual Property Rights.

11. Ancient Indian Statecraft, National Security, and Ethical Governance

- Ethics of warfare in Dharmashastra
- Just war theory in Indian philosophy
- Intelligence and espionage in Arthashastra
- National security and civil liberties

12. Indian Knowledge Systems, Human Rights, and Social Justice

- Understanding the role of Indian philosophical and ethical traditions in promoting equality, dignity
- Gender Justice in Indian Traditions
- Community welfare in Ancient Traditions
- Protection of Vulnerable Groups & Marginalized Groups

SUB-THEMES

13. Indian Knowledge Systems and Criminal Justice Administration

- Concepts & Theories of punishment in early Indian Traditions & Jurisprudence
- Concept of reformatory justice, restorative practices, and ethical governance in ancient Indian legal thought

14. Ancient Indian Political Thought and Contemporary Public Policy, Education

- Political ideas from texts such as the Arthashastra, Manusmriti
- Buddhist and Jain traditions, and their relevance to modern governance
- Diplomacy, administration, and statecraft in Buddhist and Jain traditions
- Education in Indian Tradition

15. Indian Economic Thought, Sustainability, and Inclusive Development

- Indigenous economic philosophies related to trusteeship, self-reliance, ethical trade,
- Village economy, Circular Economy
- Sustainable Development in early Indian Tradition in the contemporary global economic context

16. Technology, Digital Economy, and Indian Ethical Traditions

- Indian Knowledge Systems and Digital Civilization
- Ethical Foundations for Artificial Intelligence, Data Sovereignty, Cyber Governance, Fintech Innovation, and Future Political-Economic Orders

17. Transformation of IKS through Ages: From Ancient India to Modern India

- Secular aspects of IKS
- Transformation of IKS through Ages such as the Ancient period, the Medieval period, and the Modern period

18. Decolonizing Legal, Political, and Economic Education through IKS

- Reimagining higher education through Indian epistemologies, texts, and knowledge traditions.
- NEP 2020 and the institutionalization of IKS in higher education.
- Indian-centric approaches to research, pedagogy, policy analysis, and interdisciplinary scholarship.

MODE AND FORMAT

Mode: Hybrid Mode

The Conference will be a Two-Day Event comprising:

- Keynote Lectures: Delivered by distinguished scholars and legal experts, providing in-depth insights into emerging legal issues.
- Panel Discussions: Focusing on specific themes allows for exchanging ideas and diverse perspectives.
- Research Paper Presentations: Research scholars will present their work, followed by Q&A sessions for constructive feedback.

Outcomes

- Publication: Selected papers will be published in CHRIST University Law Journal (CULJ) or as a conference proceedings volume, or in the form of an Edited Book with an ISBN, providing a lasting resource for legal scholars and practitioners.
- Networking: Facilitate connections between scholars, leading to potential collaborations on future research projects.
- Mentorship: Senior scholars will offer guidance to early-career researchers, helping them enhance their research skills and methodologies.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All submissions shall be made in electronic form (.doc format only) through the Google Form available at - <https://forms.gle/6bPgfwI4inuBfMHk9>
- Submissions sent to any email address or through any mode other than the prescribed Google Form will not be considered for the conference.
- The paper should be submitted in English language.
- Submissions should be up to **between 3,000 and 6,000 words**, inclusive of references and footnotes.
- The manuscript should be formatted in Times New Roman with a font size of 12 for the main text and 14 for headings, with single line spacing and bold headings.
- All submissions shall conform to the APA 7th Edition citation style.
- The paper shall be accompanied by an **abstract not exceeding 300 words**.
- Authors shall provide a maximum of five keywords, which shall not be included in the prescribed word limit.
- Co-authorship is permitted for up to two authors.
- The cover page shall contain the title of the paper, name of the author(s), designation, postal address, e-mail address, contact number, and the name and address of the affiliated college, university, institution, or firm.
- A brief profile of the author(s), not exceeding 250 words, should be submitted along with the Paper.
- The submissions should not have been previously published or under consideration for publication, presentation or any other competition elsewhere.
- All contributions shall represent original ideas and interpretations supported by critical evaluation and analysis.
- The overall similarity index, including AI-generated similarity, shall be below 10%.
- The submission should be free from unacknowledged AI-generated content.
- Any form of plagiarism shall result in immediate disqualification.
- Authors of selected papers shall be notified separately, and only such authors shall be eligible to present their papers upon payment of the prescribed registration fee.
- Selected papers may be considered for publication in the CHRIST University Law Journal (CULJ), or a conference proceedings volume, or an edited book carrying an ISBN.
- The registration fee (non-refundable) shall be payable only after the acceptance of the Full Paper.
- Participants opting for offline participation shall be responsible for arranging and bearing their own travel and accommodation expenses.
- The University may provide assistance in arranging accommodation for participants attending in offline mode, upon request.

SUBMISSION & SELECTION PROCEDURE

- All submissions shall be made in electronic form (.doc format only) through the Google Form available at: <https://forms.gle/6bPgfwizinuBfM7Hk9>.
- All submitted papers shall undergo an initial screening by the Organising Committee to assess their relevance to the conference theme and compliance with basic academic standards.
- Full papers shall undergo a peer-review process in accordance with the applicable academic standards and publication requirements.
- Submissions shall be evaluated on the basis of originality, thematic relevance, conceptual clarity, methodological rigour, and contribution to existing scholarship.
- Authors of selected submissions shall be informed through the official e-mail address provided in the Google Form.
- Upon selection of the papers, authors shall be invited to present their papers at the Conference.
- A common WhatsApp group may be created for all selected participants to facilitate effective communication and coordination regarding the conference.
- Certificates will be awarded to all the Paper Presenters. In case of Co-Authorship, certificates will be given to both authors, but only one can present.
- Selected submissions shall be considered for publication only upon obtaining the consent of the author(s) and co-author(s), wherever applicable.
- All selected manuscripts shall undergo an editorial review and editing process prior to publication.
- Publication shall be undertaken only after the completion of the editorial process and necessary author approvals.
- The final publication is expected to be completed within approximately three to four months from the date of the conference.
- No separate publication fee or additional charges shall be levied for publication.

REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Fee for Indian Participants (Sole participation)	Fee for Indian Participants (Joint participation)	Fee for Foreign Participants (Sole participation)	Fee for Foreign Participants (Joint participation)
Professionals/ Academicians/ Post Doctoral	INR 1500	INR 2500	20 USD	30 USD
Ph.D. Scholars	INR 1000	INR 1500	15 USD	20 USD
Post Graduate and Undergraduate Students	INR 750	INR 1200	10 USD	15 USD
Joint Authorship of Academician with Ph.D. scholar	INR 2000		25 USD	
Joint Authorship of Academician with UG/PG Student	INR 1700		20 USD	

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission Link: [https:// forms.gle/ 6bPgfw4inuBfM7Hk9](https://forms.gle/6bPgfw4inuBfM7Hk9)
 - Submission of Full Paper : On or Before 3 September 2026
 - Selection of Full Paper : On or Before 10 September 2026
 - Last Date for Payment & Registration: On or before 15 September 2026
 - Conference Dates: 24 September to 25 September 2026
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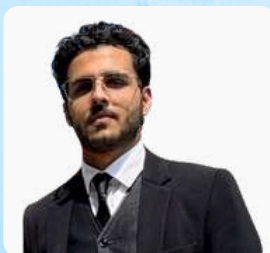


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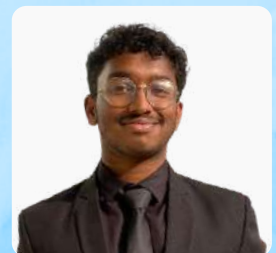
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