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Resolution Mechanisms During a
Paradigm Shift in Geopolitics

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ABOUT IMS UNISON UNIVERSITY

IMS Unison University Dehradun, a constituent of Unison Group has made fast strides in the horizon of education as a premier educational and research University. Nestled amidst beautiful and serene surroundings, it offers an environment that fosters learning and stimulates creativity. Ever since its inception in 1996 as IMS Dehradun, as a non-profit organization led by a group of visionaries, it has dedicated itself for the cause of changing the face of professional education in Uttarakhand. The University today provides a platform for excellence in teaching, learning and research. State-of-the-art information technology is extensively used in the University contributing to the development of well-trained graduates, postgraduates, and doctorate students to fulfil the manpower needs of the corporate world. IMS Unison University aspires to become a renowned center for creation & dissemination of knowledge. It aims to provide a holistic career-oriented education that develops intellectual, moral and physical capabilities of the students, nurturing creativity and innovation. The University is committed for the cause of imparting quality education by providing the required academic infrastructure, developing strong industry interface and providing placement opportunities to its students.

ABOUT KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

Kathmandu University (KU) is an autonomous, not-for-profit, self-funding public institution established in 1991. It is an institution of higher learning dedicated to maintaining the standard of academic excellence in various classical and professional disciplines. The mission statement of the University is “to provide quality education for leadership”. The vision is “to become a world-class university devoted to bringing knowledge and technology to the service of mankind”. The University aspires to serve the nation by fulfilling the needs of the society through the motto of taking knowledge and skills “from the campus to the community.” The University's broadly perceived signature features include autonomous administration, financial self-sustenance, regular maintenance of the academic calendar, sustained trust of the international academic community, optimum contact between faculties and students and student-friendly environment, among others. The University's graduates have substantive exposure to the industry and the community, research competence, technological literacy, moderate to high-level communicative competence, teamwork and leadership spirit and global compatibility. In its Silver Jubilee Initiatives Vision 2030 it pledges for quality, innovation, equity, identity, impact and global engagement. These initiatives will remain instrumental towards achieving the status of a world-class university.

SCHOOL OF LAW, IMS UNISON

School of Law is making fast strides in the horizon of legal education. It offers BALLB (Hons.), BBALLB (Hons.), LL.M. & Ph.D programs. Ever since its inception, School of Law has set up a sublime tradition of organizing meaningful & constructive academic programs in the pursuit of imparting quality legal education. Pragmaan: Journal of Law, a double-blind peer reviewed journal published bi-annually by the School of Law is one more feather to its cap which bears testimony to the fact of its commitment for the cause of legal research. The academia which comprises a blend of highly qualified professionals & academicians is making every effort to perch this School of Law on a higher pedestal of academic learning & research.

SCHOOL OF LAW, KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

Kathmandu University School of Law (KUSOL) is the seventh School in the Kathmandu University System. It is based in Dhulikhel municipality of Kavre District. The University has trained confident, creative, and socially responsible professionals ever since it was established in 1991. We, at Kathmandu University School of Law, believe that law is an honorable and valuable profession worthy of the public trust. Our goal is to prepare our students to be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders, with the flexibility to respond to changes in the legal profession. To that end, we blend practical skills training with legal theory throughout the curriculum as we strive for excellence in both teaching and scholarship.

CONCEPT NOTE

It is our pleasure to invite you to the International Dispute Resolution Conference 2022 (“Conference”) to be held on July 29-30, 2022, at IMS Unison University, Dehradun. The two-day Conference on the theme 'Transforming International Dispute Resolution Mechanisms During a Paradigm Shift in Geopolitics' is jointly organized by the School of Law IMS Unison University, India and Kathmandu University, Nepal.

Conflict is a global reality, as well as a common experience for every human being. But the ways of addressing conflict vary from country to country, region to region, and even person to person. This event will provide participants a unique opportunity to explore and approach conflict resolution from a global mindset. Understanding conflict and the role it plays in various cultures is essential to solve the world's most pressing challenges.

Changes toward the de-territorialisation of sovereignty and the corresponding emergence of various global institutions, associated with globalisation, can offer new incentives and possibilities for the resolution of seemingly intractable ethno-national conflicts, by revisiting them in a transnational context. Global shift in power will give rise to different forms of conflicts and will demand advancement in the current dispute resolution regime.

On 20 December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (“Mediation Convention”). It creates fair and effective approach to resolve international/cross- border commercial disputes and particularly helps in efficiently enforcing the settlement agreements across the border. It opens enormous business opportunities for enterprises and dispute resolution professionals. The term 'paradigm shift in geopolitics' in the theme of the Conference aims to foster discussion on emerging trends in dispute resolution and the impact of the Mediation Convention on international business environment.

During these days, scholars, lawyers, and ADR practitioners will share views and experiences as to how their unique perspectives on mediation, negotiation, arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution mechanisms have the capacity to shape and transform conflict across the globe.

The conference aims to foster discussion on emerging trends in dispute resolution and the impact of the “Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation” as approved by United Nations on International business environment.

For the convenience of the participants and paper presenters the following sub themes have been proposed.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Research papers are invited from research scholars, academicians, lawyers, jurists and students on the abovementioned theme. The following sub-themes are only illustrative in nature and may include any paper covering the major themes of the Seminar.

SUBTHEMES

- Trend of using IDR to address Trading and Investment Disputes
- The Evolving World of Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation
- State to State Dispute Resolution
- Investor State Dispute Resolution
- Mediation a Smart Way to Resolve International IP Disputes
- International Arbitration in the Digital Era
- Challenges and Opportunities in Commercial Arbitration and Commercial Mediation
- dispute resolution mechanisms and climate change/environmental issues (law reform).
- Role of International Dispute Resolution for stakeholders such as judges, government officials, legal practitioners, business owners, academics, and NGOs.
- Dispute Resolution with internationally unstable/unrecognized Governments
- The Global Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Investor-State Dispute Settlement Cases Influencing Domestic Environmental Regulations
- Law Development by the International Criminal Court a way to Enhance the Protection of Minorities—the Case for Intersectional Consideration of Mass Atrocities
- Domestic Contestations against International Courts and Tribunals
- Quasi-judicial Bodies and the Establishment of Standards and Principles for Assessing Mental Harm Sustained by Civilians

- Quasi-judicial Bodies and the Establishment of Standards and Principles for Assessing Mental Harm Sustained by Civilians Exposed to Hostilities
- From Inter-State to Intra-State Conflict issues under international dispute resolution
- IDR methods shift from State-centric, power-based approaches to interest -based approaches that promote resolution between non-State actors
- The challenges of international commercial dispute resolution
- The harmonization of procedural rules on the global level and its impact on national systems of civil litigation
- Arbitration in a New International Alternative Dispute Resolution System
- Non-Legal Adjudicators in National and International Disputes
- Procedural Issues and Innovations in Environment-Related Investor-State Disputes
- Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation
- The ICC'S Role in Administering Investment Arbitration Disputes
- Investor-State Mediation (ism): A Comparison of Recent Treaties and Rules
- Arbitration in Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and the World Trade Organization (WTO)
- The Challenge Posed to the WTO Dispute Settlement System by the Imbalance in Developing and Developed Country Participation
- Breach of Treaty Claims and Breach of Contract Claims: Simplification of International Jurisprudence

The above sub themes are not exhaustive, sthe author(s) may select any other relevant issue giving a comprehensive and indispensable review of developments in the area of International Dispute Resolution.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT:

- The abstract must be developed on A4-sheet in Word Document Format typed in Times New Roman in 12 font size with 1.5 line spacing in not more than 500 words, it should not contain more than FIVE keywords.
- The abstract should contain personal details of the author(s) in the order: Title of the paper, Name, Designation, Institute/ University/ College/Organization, Contact number, E-mail and address (es), of the author(s).
- Kindly indicate the name of the main author for correspondence in case of more than one author. All abstracts will be peer reviewed and evaluated on the basis of originality, research rigor, relevance to the seminar, and contribution to the theory and practice.

SUBMISSIONS:

- Submissions are to be made only in electronic form. The same may be e-mailed to iuuconferencelaw22@iuu.ac in MS Word format along with a covering letter addressed to Organizing Secretary.
- Title Must be written in bold, size 14 and centered margin. Margin Manuscripts must be in single spacing, font size 12 in Times New Roman and all margins: 1.5 inches (left) and 1 inch (top, right and bottom).
- Tables- Tables must be placed as part of the text. DO NOT attach tables at the end of the manuscript. Soft Manuscript must be submitted in Microsoft Word 2007 in the above format ONLY.
- Sub-Title Written in bold, size 12 and left margin.
- Tables/Figures Title of the tables/figure should be written on the top of the tables/figure. Times New Roman, font 12, Bold and centered margin.
- Footnoting should be done strictly according to Bluebook 20th Edition, Times New Roman, Size 10, Line -Spacing 1
- Word Limit Articles should be generally of 4000-4500 words (excluding references and footnotes).

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

- No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission. "
- Registration is mandatory on confirmation of acceptance of abstract, with the payment of required fees to be deposited in the bank account.
- Only registered participants will be allowed to take part in National Seminar.
- No refund will be allowed once a participant/paper presenter is registered.

- All the registered participants will be provided participation certificate. The Best Paper of each session will be acknowledged and awarded.

In the event of the seminar being conducted in the offline mode the participants will be responsible for the arrangement of their personal accommodation.

Breakfast and lunch to the participants will be provided by the university.

Only one co-author is allowed.

No in-absentia presentations will be allowed, at least one author must be present for presentation.

Important Dates Last date for

Abstract Submission	June 07, 2022.
Date for confirmation of acceptance of Abstract	June 20, 2022.
Last Date for Registration	June 30, 2022.
Submission of full Paper	July 10, 2022.

The participants are requested to send their abstracts & papers to iuuconferencelaw22@iuu.ac

REGISTRATION FEE

Due to the current uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation, the mode of the international conference has not yet been finalized. If the circumstances permit the conduction of the seminar in offline mode, it will be conducted in the university campus. If unfavorable situations persist then the conference will be conducted online.

The following are the registration fee for online and offline mode of International Conference. Considering the COVID19 situation at the time, the University will duly inform the participants regarding the preferred mode of conduction of the Seminar.

Online Mode

Academicians / Organization Representatives (Including Co-Author), Research Scholars/ Students Rs. 500 (Including Co-Author)

Offline Mode

Academicians / Organization Representatives (Author)	Rs. 1200
Academicians / Organization Representatives (Co-author)	Rs. 700
Research Scholars/ Students (Author)	Rs. 1000
Research Scholars/ Students (Co- Author)	Rs. 700

***GST Included in registration fees * No Registration Fees for Participants From Outside of India**

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Other details will be shared later. Meanwhile, the authors can proceed for writing of research papers.

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