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Dear Sir/Madam,

Empowerment through Law of the Common People (ELCOP) is going to organize the **15th Human Rights Summer School (HRSS)** on '*Human Rights and Religion iv 2014*'. Carrying forward the legacy of HRSS, ELCOP has initiated efforts for the 15th HRSS Publication.

There are two major changes that ELCOP would like to draw your attention, first, from now on the HRSS publication will be named as '**ELCOP Year Book on Human Rights**' and second, there will be a separate section at the end of the journal exclusively reserved for law students. I would like to request you to contribute to our publication.

Human rights jurisprudence, as per many academics, does have a number of ideational discrepancies with religions, especially at conceptual levels. In the liberal world, religions often preach for social order compartmented in line with religious mores and mandates. This bears the risk of communalism, in the society, which in turn may lead to a social order completely anti-liberal and anti-humane. Moreover, religious ideas often do not accommodate adequate space, thematically to adopt secularism, which is an ideational precondition for human rights.

Despite these antagonistic relations, it becomes arduous and prudent to search for a common-place which serves as a basis for both to exist and advance in harmony. Though, it may be a little difficult to have space adequately enough in the spectrum of some religions, to adjust with some of the key arguments of human rights (like, equality of women, abolishing death penalty), however, it is expected that through academic exercises more liberal spaces can be created in between. It is in fact true that both human rights and religions as such maintain statements that resonance each other, especially in raising human dignity, protecting children, women and poor, providing special measures for war-captives. The similarity in fundamentals of different religions vis-à-vis human rights may be regarded is a good point to ponder over their aspired thematic symmetry.

This year in the HRSS maintaining the stated wavelength, the theme-line, Human Rights and Religion may be construed in the following subheadings:

- Human Rights and Religion: the Ideological Similarities
- Ideas of Human Rights in Islam/ Hinduism/ Buddhism/ Christianity
- Ethical Differences between human rights and religion
- Cultural Relativism debate of Human Rights
- Human Rights and Political Islam
- The Ideas of Jihad in Islam and its Human Rights Implication

- The Human Rights Discourse in the Israel-Palestine Conflict (Conflict mapping in the Zionist-Islam perspective)
- Ethnic Cleansing in the name of Religions
- Religious Supremacy, Hegemony and Islamization in the Middle-East
- Hate-speech as Stimulus of Riots in India and Bangladesh
- Communalism, Secularism and Islam- the Ideational Friends and Foes of Human Rights
- Is a Liberal Interpretation of Religion Possible to adjust it with Human Rights Model?
- Women Rights in Islam: Reflecting over the Antagonistic relations
- Morality, Religion and Human Rights: An Oriental perspective on the Efficacy of Meta-narratives
- How far religions can help to build a right-based society?

The topics are suggestive not exhaustive. So, you are free to write on any of the topics having relevance with the general theme i.e. ***Human Rights***. We will appreciate if you focus one of the following areas:

- Ensuring Social Justice through Community Based Research;
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Human Rights;
- Boosting Social Justice Through RTI;
- Individual and Collective Rights in Relation to Social Justice;
- Role of State in Protection of HR vis-e-vis Religion;
- Development Goals and Human Rights;
- Stakeholders Responsibility in ensuring Human Rights;
- State Responsibility, Human Rights and Social Justice;
- New Challenge for Human Rights: Refugee Perspective;
- Human Security and Human Development.

The papers should be written in between 5000-8,000 words excluding footnotes.

Presentation and Style Information

This year HRSS will follow the **Oxford** Referencing Style. You can have a copy from internet as well. Footnotes should be collated at the end of each page. Footnotes to the title and author(s)' names should be designated as *, † etc. Footnotes to the text should be designated as 1, 2, 3 etc. The asterisked footnote should give the author's position, institutional address and any brief acknowledgements if required.

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Submission Deadline and Rules

You should send a single hard copy of your manuscript. The envelope should be marked as “Submission for ELCOP Year Book on Human Rights” on the top. The Deadline for sending your manuscript is: **30th July, 2014.**

Articles should also be submitted as an electronic form (in word format) either in floppy/CD or as an email attachment to elcop71@gmail.com. All submissions should be accompanied by a statement that the material is not under consideration elsewhere, and that it has not been published or is not pending publication elsewhere.

Yours Truly,



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