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CALL FOR PAPERS

CLRS International Conference

on

Law in the Digital Decade

Rights, Regulation and Justice in a Rapidly Changing World.

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6 September 2026	Edited Book with ISBN and a Crossref DOI	Academics, scholars, students and practitioners

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About the Organisers

THE PUBLISHER

VidhiAagaz

Founded in 2017 and based in Madhya Pradesh, VidhiAagaz is registered under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India. It publishes the International Journal of Law Management and Humanities and the International Journal of Law Science and Innovation, and its work is indexed in HeinOnline, Manupatra and Google Scholar and held by libraries including Harvard, Stanford and Oxford.

VidhiAagaz publishes the edited book arising from this conference, and a Crossref DOI is assigned to every chapter in it.

THE ORGANISER

Centre for Legal Research and Studies

CLRS is the academic arm of VidhiAagaz, and it exists because legal education has a habit of stopping at the textbook. It runs certificate courses taught by practising professionals rather than by academics alone, workshops on drafting and legal research, national conferences, and the CLRS Journal of Global Justice and Governance, a peer-reviewed journal published diamond open access, free to read and free to publish in.

The Centre's interest is in what a rule does once it leaves the page: how it is argued, drafted, applied, and got wrong. This conference is convened in that spirit, and the papers it gathers are edited into a book rather than filed away.

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The courses, the conferences, the journal and this call for papers are all at academyclrs.org.

About the Conference

The decade we are in has rewritten the questions law has to answer. Artificial intelligence now decides who is offered a loan and who is recommended for bail. Personal data is both the currency of the economy and the subject of a new statute. Three new criminal codes have replaced the ones the country ran on for more than a century. Speech, money, work and harm have moved substantially online, and doctrines built for an earlier world are being stretched to cover them.

This conference asks how law is holding up, and where it is not. It invites work that engages a live problem in any field, from constitutional and criminal law to corporate, technology, environmental and international law, and that says something useful about how rights, regulation and justice should function in a world changing faster than the statute book. Critical work is as welcome as doctrinal work. What we are looking for is an argument, grounded in the law and the facts, that a reader will be glad to have read.

Who May Submit

The conference is open to academicians, research scholars, postgraduate and undergraduate students, legal practitioners, judicial officers and independent researchers, from India and abroad. A paper may be written by up to two authors, and a single registration and a single publication charge cover both of them.

How It Works

1. **Send an abstract.** 250 to 300 words, by 6 September 2026, decided in two to three days.
2. **Register.** It opens once the abstract is accepted, and confirms your place to present.
3. **Send the full paper.** 3,000 to 6,000 words, read double blind by subject reviewers.
4. **Present.** 13 September 2026, online, with an e-certificate for every presenting author.
5. **Publish in the book.** Optional, in an edited book bearing an ISBN, posted to you in print.

Theme

Law in the Digital Decade: Rights, Regulation and Justice in a Rapidly Changing World.

The conference examines how legal doctrine, regulation and the delivery of justice are adapting as technology reshapes the questions the law must answer, and where they are falling short. The sub-themes below open that question across the fields of law; the conference welcomes any paper that takes it up.

Sub-Themes

Papers are invited on the sub-themes below. They are a guide to the questions the conference hopes to gather, not fixed sessions: the tracks for the day will be formed after submissions close, around the topics on which papers are actually received. A paper on any contemporary question of law and its intersection with technology, governance and society is welcome, including work that does not sit neatly under any one heading. Comparative and international perspectives are encouraged.

- Artificial intelligence and the accountability of automated decisions
- Data protection, privacy and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act in practice
- Platform regulation, intermediary liability and the governance of online speech
- Cybercrime, digital evidence and the criminal process
- Fintech, digital payments and the regulation of virtual and crypto assets
- Intellectual property in the age of generative technology
- E-governance, digital public infrastructure and the right of access
- Competition law in digital markets and the conduct of dominant platforms
- The gig economy, algorithmic management and the future of work
- Online dispute resolution and technology in the delivery of justice
- Surveillance, national security and civil liberties in a networked state
- Consumer protection in electronic commerce
- Health data, telemedicine and the governance of digital health
- Constitutional questions raised by emerging technologies
- Any other contemporary question of law in the digital decade

Submission Guidelines

ABSTRACT	250 to 300 words, with up to five keywords, stating the question, the sources or method, and the argument. Reviewed editorially, with a decision usually within two to three days of submission.
FULL PAPER	3,000 to 6,000 words including footnotes, submitted once the abstract is accepted. Peer reviewed before it is accepted for the conference and the book.
FORMATTING	Times New Roman, size 12, 1.5 line spacing; footnotes in size 10. A uniform and recognised citation style throughout, Bluebook (20th edition) or the ILI style.
FILE TYPE	Submitted as a Word document (.doc or .docx). PDF files are not accepted, since the paper is edited for the book.
ORIGINALITY	The work must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere. Similarity must stay below 10 percent, text generated by AI tools is not accepted, and the paper must contain nothing defamatory.
ANONYMITY	The file submitted for review must not carry the author's name or affiliation, so that both rounds of review are blind.

Review

The abstract is read by the editorial committee. The full paper is read by subject reviewers in a double-blind process, and is accepted for the conference and the book only on their recommendation. Payment of the registration or the publication charge does not, on its own, secure acceptance of a paper.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline	**6 September 2026**
Presenter Registration Deadline *The registration can be closed early, if the slots are filled*	**8 September 2026**
Full Paper Submission Deadline	**9 September 2026**
Conference *Online*	**13 September 2026**
Review Results for Submitted Papers	**20 September 2026**
Publication of Edited Book Bearing ISBN and Crossref DOI	**5 October 2026**

Registration

CATEGORY	FEE
Attendee (not presenting) *Attending, not presenting*	**₹400**
Students & Research Scholars *Presenting a paper*	**₹700**
Academicians, Professionals & Practitioners *Presenting a paper*	**₹1,000**
Foreign Delegate *Presenting a paper*	**$30**
Publication in the Edited Book *Optional, charged only if the paper is accepted*	**₹1,500**

Registration is charged once an abstract is accepted, and confirms the author's place to present.

Note: Registration includes participation in the full programme and an e-certificate.

Publication

Accepted papers are published in an edited book bearing an ISBN, with a Crossref DOI assigned to each chapter so it can be cited and found. Publication is optional and open to every accepted paper, on a single charge of **₹1,500 separately**, the same for everyone, together with a signed copyright form. The charge includes a printed copy of the book and a hard copy of the certificate, posted to the author. There is no separate per-page or processing fee.

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