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**CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN PUBLIC LAW, POLICY
AND JURISPRUDENCE**

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**CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY,
UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**

organises

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

**Constitutionalism to Transformative
Constitutionalism: Rethinking the
Constitutions Across Time and
World**

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About MNLU Mumbai

Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai, is a prestigious legal education institution in India. Established in 2014, it operates as an autonomous law school, following the model of other National Law Universities in the country. The institution is situated in the bustling metropolis of Mumbai, is committed to promoting quality legal education in India and offers a conducive environment for learning and growth.

About Centre for Research in Public Law, Policy and Jurisprudence

The Centre for Research in Public Law, Policy, and Jurisprudence was inaugurated in the year 2023. It has been formed to promote quality research on the various topics of Public Law and Jurisprudence, on which deliberations and discussions are required, to analyze different policies of the Government of India and their impact on the different stakeholders, and to enhance the interests of the students in the subject of Public Policy, Jurisprudence by organizing various seminars and conferences which features experts in the field of Constitution and different luminaries in the field.

About the Conference

The adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 January 1950 marked a historic moment in the life of the nation. Emerging from the struggles of colonial rule and deep social inequalities, the Constitution represented not merely a legal framework but a collective aspiration to build a just and democratic society. Over the decades, it has shaped India's political institutions, protected individual freedoms, and guided the country's ongoing search for social justice.

Traditionally, the idea of constitutionalism has focused on limiting state power, upholding the rule of law,

protecting fundamental rights, and maintaining institutional checks and balances. In many countries, however, constitutionalism has gradually taken on a more ambitious role. Constitutions are no longer viewed only as instruments of restraint; they are increasingly seen as tools capable of guiding social transformation. This evolving understanding is often described as transformative constitutionalism, a vision of constitutional governance that seeks to dismantle historical inequalities and promote dignity, equality, and inclusion in society.

Across the world, constitutional democracies are rethinking how their constitutions should respond to persistent inequalities, democratic pressures, and emerging global challenges. The constitutional experience of South Africa, along with developments in several countries in Latin America and Europe, demonstrates how constitutional frameworks can play an active role in addressing questions of social justice, dignity, and human rights.

This International Conference seeks to bring together scholars, jurists, researchers, and practitioners from across jurisdictions to reflect on these evolving constitutional experiences. By hosting this conference in India, the organisers hope to situate these global conversations within the context of one of the world's most vibrant constitutional democracies.

Thematic Scope & Sub-Themes

1. Foundations of Constitutional Thought

- Colonial Constitutionalism and the Architecture of Control
- Constitutional Morality and Democratic Ethics
- Democratic Vision of New Republic India
- Constituent Assembly Debates and Social Revolution
- Rule of Law: Classical Foundations and Contemporary Challenges

2. Institutions, Accountability and Democratic Resilience

- Federalism as a Living Principle
- Electoral Integrity and Democratic Legitimacy
- Technology, Surveillance and Digital Constitutionalism
- Sovereignty in Constitutional Theory and Practice

3. Rights in Motion: Expanding the Constitutional Imagination

- Tribal Rights and Indigenous Constitutionalism
- Media, Speech and Democratic Culture
- Secularism and Constitutional Pluralism
- Equality and Substantive Justice
- Civil and Political Liberties in Contemporary Democracies
- Gender, Sexuality and Personal Autonomy
- Socio-Economic Constitutionalism and the Welfare State
- Migration, Citizenship and Belonging

Thematic Scope & Sub-Themes

4. The Judiciary and Transformative Interpretation

- Public Interest Litigation and Access to Justice: Promise and Pitfalls
- Basic Structure Doctrine as a Transformative Tool
- Originalism to contemporary methods of constitutional interpretation
- Judicial Accountability and Ethics
- Judicial Review and Constitutional Supremacy
- Precedent, Stare Decisis and Constitutional Continuity

5. Comparative, International and Transnational Constitutionalism

- Comparative Models of Transformative Constitutionalism
- International Law and Domestic Constitutional Adjudication
- Constitutionalism Beyond Borders
- Sovereignty in Global Constitutional Order

6. The Future of Transformative Constitutionalism

- Climate Justice and Ecological Constitutionalism
- Constitutionalism in Times of Crisis, like Pandemic governance, emergency powers, disaster regulation, etc.
- Reimagining Democracy and Participation, including digital democracy, deliberative constitutionalism, participatory governance, youth constitutional movements, civic innovation, etc.
- Emerging Frontiers of Rights and Regulation, like neuro-rights, genetic privacy, biotechnology governance, digital personhood, AI-driven state decision-making, etc.

Timeline

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	10th April, 2026
RESULT OF SELECTED ABSTRACTS	12th April, 2026
REGISTRATION DEADLINE	12th April, 2026
PAPER PRESENTATION	18th & 19th April, 2026

Note- Selected paper presenters may get an opportunity to publish their paper with a reputed publisher.

The Registration Fees for the Conference are as follows:

National Participants

- Student/Professional Participation (Offline/ Online) – 1000 INR
- Student Paper Presentation (Offline/ Online) – 1500 INR
- Professional Paper Presentation (Offline/ Online) – 2000 INR

International Participants

- Student/Professional Participation (Online) – 30\$
- Student Paper Presentation (Online) – 35\$
- Professional Paper Presentation (Online) – 40\$

Note- Co-authorship upto two authors is permitted and each co-author has to register separately.

Submission Guidelines

The submission guidelines for the abstract are as follows:

- Word Limit - 300 to 500 words
- Keywords - 5 to 10 words
- Citation Style - Bluebook 20th edition
- Font - Times New Roman
- Size - 12
- Heading - 14
- Spacing - 1.5 Margin - 1 inch from all sides

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
- Plagiarism should not exceed 10% and use of AI upto 15% is permitted.
- Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.
- Abstract Submission Link-
<https://forms.gle/RPPMtuCLrjxmeLQ38>

Note- A payment link for the Paper Presentation will be sent after the selection of abstracts.

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