Nirma International Conference on Law, 2027

CALL FOR PAPERS

Law in Transition:

Navigating Emerging Global Challenges

NICL
NIRMA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW

19th & 20th February, 2027

Institute of Law, Nirma University

About the Conference

The Institute of Law, Nirma University, Ahmedabad, is organising the Nirma International Conference on Law (NICL 2027) edition 2 on "Law in Transition: Navigating Emerging Global Challenges." The conference will explore the challenges that are being encountered by law in this age of digitisation and caters to resolve the challenges posed by artificial intelligence, cybercrimes and climate change among others.

With a focus on India's changing legal and regulatory landscape the conference seeks to organise a round table of the industry experts from various fields including data protection, criminal law, corporate governance, environmental regulation, and intellectual property, international perspectives. Over two days, it will bring together academics, legal practitioners, regulators, and industry experts for roundtables, paper presentations, and networking across six thematic tracks.

About Nirma University

Established in the year 2003, Nirma University, Ahmedabad is a research-oriented, student-centric, multidisciplinary, not-for-profit state private university. Under the leadership of Padma Shri Dr Karsanbhai K Patel, the university is expanding every passing year and has emerged as a nationally renowned higher education institution.

The university is conferred the 'Centre of Excellence' status by the Government of Gujarat. It is also awarded a 5-star status in the Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) 2022 by the Government of Gujarat. Thus, making the university one of the best private universities in Gujarat.

The university is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an 'A+' grade.

Institute of Law, Nirma University

The Institute of Law, Nirma University (ILNU) was established in 2007 to redefine and elevate the standards of legal education in India. The institute was conceived to go beyond traditional teaching methods and introduce a modern, interdisciplinary, and globally aligned framework of learning. Its foundation rests on the belief that legal education must evolve with changing societal needs and global developments, producing professionals who are both knowledgeable and socially responsible.

ILNU fosters an academic environment that encourages research, critical thinking, and innovation. The curriculum is designed to integrate classroom learning with practical exposure through moot courts, internships, legal aid activities, and interactions with experts. By adopting international academic practices and promoting dynamic scholarship, the institute ensures that students gain a holistic understanding of law and its real-world applications. This approach allows learners to develop analytical abilities, ethical grounding, and professional competence. The Institute is ranked 33rd by the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF).

Over the years, ILNU has emerged as a prominent centre of legal education, consistently producing skilled lawyers, academicians, and policymakers. Its emphasis on justice, excellence, education, and professionalism shapes individuals who contribute meaningfully to the legal system and society at large. With a strong focus on academic rigour, character-building, and societal engagement, ILNU continues to build a new generation of legal professionals equipped for contemporary and future challenges.

Tracks 01 to 03

01

Track 1: Law, Technology and Governance

SUB-THEMES

- *Algorithmic Accountability and Liability for Al systems.*
- *Digital Public Infrastructure, Governance and Democratic Integrity.*
- *Labour Displacement and Worker Rights in the age of AI.*
- *Al in public administration and access to justice*

02

Track 2: Digital Media and Intellectual Property for Creative Industries

SUB-THEMES

- *Dupe Content Moderation and Intermediary Liability*
- *Culture and Mock Luxury Goods in the Age of Social Media Marketing*
- *Traditional Cultural Expressions and Traditional Knowledge: Preserving the Rights of Indigenous Communities*
- *AI Generated Works and the Question of Attribution: Jurisdictional Disparity*

03

Track 3: Sustainable Development and Climate Responsibility

SUB-THEMES

- *ESG Framework and Corporate Climate accountability.*
- *Sustainable and Circular Economy: from Production to Use.*
- *Climate Justice and Environmental Impact Assessment of Data Centres.*
- *Renewable Energy and Green Technologies*

Tracks 04 to 06

04

Track 4: Global Market and Cross-Border Business

SUB-THEMES

- *Competition in Digital Markets and Anti-trust implications.*
- *Digital Trade and Risk Management in Fintech transactions.*
- *Trade Sanctions and Geo-Economic Fragmentation.*
- *Corporate Financialization and Digital Transformation*

05

Track 5: Data Privacy and Digital Theft

SUB-THEMES

- *Digital theft, Cyber-attacks and Data breaches.*
- *Data Sovereignty, Data Protection and Governance .*
- *Cyber and Financial Crimes: challenges to enforcement of data privacy.*
- *Health Data Governance and Privacy in the Age of Digital Health and Medtech.*

06

Track 6: Global Challenges to Preserving Human Rights

SUB-THEMES

- *War, Conflict and Refugee Rights.*
- *Climate Displacement and Right to Asylum.*
- *Gig Economy, Social Security and Corporate Accountability.*
- *Global Health Law and Pandemic Preparedness*

KEY DATES

Conference Timeline



Dates of the Conference - 19th and 20th February, 2027

RULES

General Guidelines

- Submissions are invited from domestic as well as international participants for the purpose of the paper presentation and subsequent publication.
- Co-authorship of a maximum of two people is allowed.
- The manuscripts shall be written in English language only.
- Abstracts/Papers submitted on or before the timeline shall only be considered.
- The decision of the selection committee on the acceptance and rejection of the abstract shall be final.
- Organizing Committee reserves the right to disqualify a participant. The decision of the Organizing Committee will be final in case of a dispute.
- All abstracts and draft final manuscripts shall be submitted in MS Word format (DOC or DOCX).
- The file of the abstract & draft final manuscript shall be saved using this format: "NICL_Abstract_First Name_Last Name.docx" e.g. "NICL_Abstract_Sarthak_Gupta.docx"

SUBMISSIONS

Abstract & Final Manuscript Submission

- The author(s) shall submit an abstract with a word limit of 400-550 words along with 5 keywords.
- The author(s) of the shortlisted abstracts shall be intimated accordingly for the purpose of submission of draft final manuscript and paper presentation.
- The word range for the final manuscript, exclusive of the abstract and footnotes, is 3000 to 5000 words.
- NICL Committee encourages analytical and well-researched manuscripts with logical and practical solutions to the issues highlighted.
- The mode of citation to be adhered to is OSCOLA 4th Edition.
- Formatting:
  Font: Times New Roman.
  Size: Titles: 14; Sub-titles: 12; Body Text: 12; Footnotes: 10;
  Spacing: Body Text: 1.5; Footnotes: 1.0;
  Margin: 1" on all sides.
- Any form of plagiarism of more than 10% and AI content will lead to automatic disqualification as a participant.
- The author(s) shall submit an unpublished and original work and shall refrain from submitting the manuscript elsewhere during the pendency of the review process.
- Certificates of participation and merit will be provided to all the shortlisted author(s).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Submission & Presentation Process

1. Submission of Abstract

- Participants are required to submit an abstract of their research paper through the Google Form given below. Submission form for draft of full papers and PPT will be shared separately via abstract acceptance mail.
- Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIpt66x88XSwEAhS6qAZHX7FvBjGLRWLx40WxavhtdNnrpzA/viewform?usp=dialog

2. Screening & Selection Intimation

- All submitted abstracts will undergo a review process by the Academic Review Committee. Selected participants will receive an official Selection Intimation through email.
- A payment link will be circulated through mail to the participant along with the intimation of the acceptance of the abstract.

3. Paper Presentation

- Participants whose abstracts are selected are required to submit their draft full papers post the payment of requisite fees and will be invited to present their paper at the event, with the option to incorporate any changes they wish to make.
- They must prepare a PowerPoint presentation (PPT) based on their full paper and present it before the evaluation panel on the scheduled date.

4. Submission of Documents

- The final paper, along with the PPT used for presentation, must be submitted as per the timeline.
- Abstracts, Draft Full Paper and powerpoint presentations are to be submitted exclusively through the Google Form Link. (Refer Point No. 1)

PARTICIPATION

Mode of Payment and Registration Fees

- A payment link will be circulated through mail to the participant(s) along with the intimation of the acceptance of the abstract.
- The Registration Fee is exclusive of GST.
- The payment will ensure the participation of the paper presenters and attendees in the Nirma International Conference on Law 2027.
- In case of inter-category participation as co-authors, each author has to pay their individual category fee in full amount.
- Registration fees include Event Kit, Publication fee, Breakfast, Lunch, High Tea, Social Networking Dinner.
- Virtual paper presentation is available for international participants only.
- Fees to be paid per participant only after selection of Abstract.

CATEGORY & FEES: INDIAN PARTICIPANTS

INR 3000 - Students
INR 3500 - Research Scholars
INR 4000 - Academicians & Industry Experts

CATEGORY & FEES: NIRMA UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANTS

INR 1500 - Students
INR 1700 - Research Scholars
INR 2000 - Academicians & Industry Experts

CATEGORY & FEES: INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

USD 40 - Students
USD 50 - Research Scholars
USD 70 - Academicians & Industry Experts

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Citations and Prize

WINNER

Trophy and Certificate of Merit Mention (Each Track and Each category)

RUNNERS UP

Trophy and Certificate of Merit (Each Track and Each category)

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

The conference proceedings will be published in the Institute of Law Nirma University Journal with an ISBN, ensuring dissemination and enhanced visibility for contributors.

BEST PAPER AWARDS IN EACH CATEGORY

The best paper presenters and runners-up in each track for category (Student, Research Scholar & Academician) will be given a trophy and a merit certificate.

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Location & Distance



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Sarkhej-Gandhinagar (S.G.) Highway, Ahmedabad – 382 481, Gujarat, India (Near Gota / Post : Chandlodia)

The Nirma University is located on Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway in the city of Ahmedabad and is in close proximity to Gandhinagar. It is 17 kms away from the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad; 11 kms from the Sabarmati railway station and around 6 kms from Ranip bus terminal.