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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

REIMAGINING CRIMINAL JUSTICE:

DECOLONIZATION, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, ECONOMIC CRIMES, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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ABOUT VIT

Established in 1984 by the visionary Dr. G. Viswanathan, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) ranked No.1 by MHRD, Govt. Of India, and has grown into a distinguished institution of higher education, recognised for its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development. With a strong presence in engineering, management, and legal education, VIT combines world-class infrastructure, digital advancement, and an accomplished faculty to provide students with a globally relevant learning experience. Through its emphasis on research, practical learning, and professional development, VIT fosters intellectual growth and nurtures future-ready graduates, attracting leading national and multinational organisations and strengthening its reputation as a prominent centre of higher education.

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

VIT is one of the top 10 institutions in India and within the top 601-700 Universities of the world as per Shanghai ARWU Ranking 2026. VIT is also ranked by QS World University Ranking (#597 in QS 2027), Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking (601-800 band in THE 2026), US News Ranking, Round University Ranking, Russia and others, and is the first institute in India to receive a QS 4-Star rating in the overall category and a QS 5-Star rating in teaching, employability, facilities, innovation and inclusiveness.

ABOUT VITSOL

VIT School of Law (VITSOL), the progeny of VIT, entered the legal education arena in 2014, aiming at high goals to be achieved. The Law School aims to impart quality legal education to nourish young minds with knowledge of the law, teach them the nuances of the legal profession, and equip them for the practical aspects of the profession. VITSOL believes in continuous and active learning simultaneously with practical training.

Legal education is not just about mastering the subject or the various provisions of the law. It is the overall development of an individual into a legal professional. Studying Law at VIT is a unique experience as it offers a blend of the best features of quality education. The law courses in VITSOL has been structured in such a way that the students can learn law in a professional setting with law clinics, moot courts, conferences, and Seminars on contemporary legal issues. This gives them an edge in this competitive world.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The International Conference on Reimagining Criminal Justice: Decolonisation, Digital Transformation, Economic Crimes and Human Rights is an academic platform that brings together legal scholars, practitioners, judges, policymakers, researchers, academicians, and students to deliberate on the evolving challenges and transformative developments in the field of criminal law and the criminal justice system. The conference aims to critically examine the need for decolonising criminal laws and institutions, explore the impact of digital transformation and emerging technologies on criminal justice administration, address the complexities of economic crimes, and deliberate on the protection and promotion of human rights. It seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, encourage innovative research, and facilitate the exchange of perspectives on contemporary legal reforms, institutional accountability, and access to justice.

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THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

Theme I: Decolonising Criminal Justice: Constitutional Morality, Indigenous Jurisprudence and Comparative Legal Perspectives

- Colonial Legacies and the Transformation of Criminal Justice
- Constitutional Morality, Nyaya and Indigenous Jurisprudence
- Comparative Criminal Jurisprudence and Global Legal Transformation
- Legislative Transformation and Integrated Criminal Justice Architecture
- Judicial Interpretation, Constitutional Review and Criminal Justice Accountability
- Socio-Legal Perspectives and Empirical Assessment of Criminal Justice Reforms

Theme II: Reconfiguring Criminality: Cybercrimes, Economic Offences, Corporate Accountability and Artificial Intelligence

- Cybercrime and Transnational Digital Criminality
- Tax Crimes and Financial Offences
- Corporate, Commercial and Business Crimes
- Cryptocurrency and Emerging Digital Financial Crimes
- Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Forms of Criminal Liability
- Organised Crime and Transnational Criminal Networks

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Theme III: Digital Transformation of Criminal Justice: Investigation, Evidence, Surveillance and Procedural Justice

- Digitalisation of Criminal Justice Administration
- Digital Evidence and Emerging Evidentiary Challenges
- Cyber Forensics and Scientific Investigation
- Artificial Intelligence in Policing and Criminal Investigations
- Police Accountability, Custodial Justice and Procedural Safeguards
- Digital Privacy, Data Protection and Constitutional Limitations

Theme IV: Reimagining Criminal Justice through Gender Justice, Child Protection and Social Transformation

- Gender Justice and Women's Autonomy under Contemporary Criminal Law
- Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence
- Child Protection and Emerging Forms of Digital Exploitation
- Juvenile Justice, Adolescent Autonomy and Restorative Justice
- Protection of Vulnerable and Marginalised Communities
- Digital Democracy, Social Accountability and Collective Rights

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Theme V: Criminal Justice, Human Rights and International Law: Constitutional Liberties and Global Accountability

- Human Rights and Constitutional Limitations on State Power
- International Criminal Law and Transnational Justice
- Fair Trial, Due Process and Access to Justice
- Custodial Justice, Prisoners' Rights and Human Dignity
- International Legal Frameworks for Cybercrime and Economic Offences
- International Human Rights Standards in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Theme VI: Future Directions in Criminal Justice: Technological Innovation, Institutional Readiness and Global Legal Harmonisation

- Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Criminal Justice Administration
- Regulation of Emerging Technologies and Digital Economic Systems
- International Cooperation against Transnational Criminality
- Institutional Modernisation and Capacity Building in Criminal Justice
- Legal Education, Interdisciplinary Research and Professional Transformation
- Future Legislative Directions and Global Harmonisation of Criminal Justice

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- The abstract must be written in **English.**
- The abstract must be **original** and must not have been previously published or presented elsewhere.
- **Co-authorship** is permitted, with a **maximum of two authors** per submission.
- **The abstract must clearly indicate:**
  - Title of the Paper
  - Name(s) of Author(s)
  - Institutional Affiliation
  - Email Address
  - Contact Number
- **The abstract should briefly set out:**
  - Research Problem and Objectives
  - Scope and Methodology
  - Key Arguments/Findings
  - Concluding Observations and/or Recommendations
- The abstract should be between **250 to 350 words.**
- The abstract must be typed in **Times New Roman**, 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing and justified alignment.
- The abstract must be submitted in MS Word format (docx) via email on **chennai.icrcj2026@vit.ac.in**
- The email subject line should read:
- **"Abstract Submission – [Name of Author]**

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Authors whose abstracts are accepted will be invited to submit full papers. The full paper must demonstrate original research, critical analysis, academic rigour, and substantive engagement with the Conference theme and relevant sub-themes.

- The prescribed word limit is **3000- 4000 words inclusive** of footnotes.
- The manuscript must conform to the following formatting requirements:
  - Font: Times New Roman
  - Main Text: 12-point
  - Line Spacing: 1.5
  - Alignment: Justified
  - Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Citations, where applicable, should follow a consistent **APA 7th Edition citation style in the form of references.**
- The paper must be submitted in MS Word format (docx).
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The full paper should preferably include the following:

- Abstract
- Keywords
- Introduction
- Statement of the Problem
- Research Objectives
- Research Methodology
- Literature Review, where appropriate
- Main Discussion and Analysis
- Findings
- Suggestions/Recommendations
- Conclusion
- References/Bibliography

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Selected research papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in an edited volume (with ISBN), conference proceedings subject to the prescribed review , editorial process and publication policies.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Abstract Submission	**28th November, 2026**
Communication of Abstract Acceptance	**On a rolling basis**
Last Date of Registration	**1st December 2026**
Last Date for Draft Paper Submission	**3rd December, 2026**
Date of Conference	**7th December, 2026 (Virtual Mode)**
Camera-Ready Submission for Publication	**10th January, 2027**

REGISTRATION FEE

Foreign Author	**Rs.3000/-**
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Research Scholars	**Rs. 750/-**
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• Participants are requested to select Event type as “Conference” and Sub Category as “International Conference”.

• Then you are requested to search for International Conference on Reimagining Criminal Justice and pay for your respective applicable categories.

•Participants are requested to choose the correct category according to their designation to avoid confusion.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

•Confirmation of registration for the conference shall be subject to the payment of registration fee and submission of the registration form.

•Registration payment is to be done through the payment link.

• Online Certificate will be presented to every participant who duly submits and presents the paper.

• Session links will be shared with registered participants before the conference via email.

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