



Seminar on Social Justice for the Child: Complexities of Protection in Law

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The Centre is pleased to invite papers from law students, law professors and legal professionals for the '**Seminar on Social Justice for the Child: Complexities of Protection in Law**' organised as part of the year long Golden Jubilee Celebrations commemorating the fifty years of Centre's contribution to excellence in legal education since 1970. This Seminar is part of the Seminar Series on Social Justice scheduled to be held from February to November 2020. The Series has been envisioned by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur (Retd.), former Judge of Supreme Court; Prof. Dr Ved Kumari, Professor at Law Centre I and former Dean of Faculty of Law; and Prof. Dr Sarbjit Kaur, the Professor-in-Charge of Law Centre I.

About the Seminar

India has ratified the Convention for the Rights of the Child and has recently made some important changes in the laws relating to education for children, sex-selective conception and abortion, child marriage, children in need of care and protection, children in conflict with law, and child labour. Children constitute about 40% of India's population and India's future depends on their development as robust citizens of tomorrow. The child remains victim of sex selective abortion, child labour, child exploitation and trafficking, child abuse, and neglect. Even though children have the right to be protected from all exploitative and vulnerable situations, it can be realised only upon examination of the real problems and risks that children face and of the remedies that are available in law and policy to change the situation in the best interest of children. The Seminar would, therefore, be held on **March 20, 2020** at the Moot Court Hall, Umang Bhawan, Law Centre I.

The Seminar would have a plenary session of the expert speakers followed with sessions on decided sub-topics under the Theme. There will be time at each session to raise questions for two way participation and learning.

About Law Centre I

The Faculty of Law was established in 1924. With the demand for increase of seats in LL.B., Law Centre I was established in the year 1970 and commenced its classes for the LL.B. in the evening in the D.A.V. School building at Paharganj. Soon it was relocated to the N.P. School building at Mandir Marg. In 1994, Law Centre I was relocated to the main Campus of Faculty of Law on Chhatra Marg. Later, the University of Delhi allocated a five storey building to the Law Faculty in 2015, the Umang Bhawan which is in close vicinity of the old premises on Chhatra Marg. Umang Bhawan is equipped with all the modern amenities like elevators, CCTV cameras, spacious and modern classrooms with multi-media facilities among others.

The motto of Law Centre I is '**Educate, Evolve, Excel**'. Keeping in view this motto, Law Centre I focuses on development of all round personality of its students, teachers and non-teaching staff. Teaching in the Centre is focused on developing the practical skills required for the profession and its teachers use clinical methods of teaching like simulation, role plays, group activities and experiential learning. The Centre initiated the LL.M. three year program and conducted its classes completely on pro-bono basis without seeking any financial assistance from the University of Delhi or the University Grants Commission. Later, this program was taken over by the Faculty of Law. It is the first Law Centre which initiated the first NCR (National Capital Region) Moot Court Competition in the year 2002. The Centre has been awarded Commendation Prize of one lakh rupees by the University of

Delhi during the Antardhwani Competition in which 37 departments of the University of Delhi competed for best practices. Its students have won prizes in Moot Court Competitions, Client Interview Competitions, debates, essay competitions and Sports. It has the unique distinction of having bagged six National Level Trophies in Basketball Competition in the year 2017-18.

The Centre has been consistently and continuously working to develop pedagogy for teaching social justice, human rights and gender justice. Law Centre I pioneered Faculty Development Programmes in the Faculty of Law University of Delhi. It conducted the first Faculty Development Program in the year 2006 for its newly appointed teachers. In 2007, another FDP “Mainstreaming Gender in Legal Education” was conducted under the leadership of teachers from Law Centre I by the Faculty of Law. Since then, FDPs have been conducted time and again by the Faculty of Law with the lead being taken by LC-I teachers.

The Legal Services Society was formally established in Law Centre I in 2012. It acts as a medium of connect between its students and society and actively engages in legal awareness campaigns and providing legal aid through its in-house Legal Services Clinic, Outreach Programmes, and Skits and Plays. It functions in close collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority as well as National Legal Services Society. The Legal Services Clinic of Law Centre-I was given the best clinic certificate in 2013 by the DALSA within one year of its establishment. In the year 2017, it bagged the Best Clinic Prize at the National Level in a competition organized by the Gujarat National Law University. The Centre is also the pioneer in initiating the National Moot Court Competition in Human Rights in year 2013 in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). This is the only National Moot Court Competition on Human Rights in the country and is continued. It continues to be held by the NHRC with other law schools across the country every year. These endeavours mark commitment of the Centre to social justice.

Objective

The Seminar is being organised to examine the real problems and risks that children face and of the remedies that are available in law and policy to change the situation in the best interest of children.

Who Can Participate

The Seminar Series offers opportunities to learn about intricacies surrounding social justice issues. Guest speakers would usually be experts across a range of disciplines who cover a wide array of legal, cultural and social topics.

All law students, law professors and legal professionals from all over the country are invited to submit papers and participate in the seminar.

Invitation for Submission

This call encourages submissions on the following sub-topics (although not restricted to the sub-topics):

- Girl Child – Survival and Development
- Juvenile Justice Boards: Much more to do
- Preliminary assessment and trial of children as adults – Primary Issues
- Care Homes: Effective Protection and Care?

- Rights under the Convention on Rights of Child – Mechanism for Redressal
- Intra and Inter-country Adoption: Safeguards and Challenges
- Child Marriage: Prevention and Prohibition
- Child Labour – Regulation and Prohibition
- Education for Children – Compulsory and Tertiary

Contributions are encouraged to conceptualize and problematize the notion of social justice for the Child while examining its doctrinal significance and its usefulness and appropriateness as an analytical concept or as a common concern for this marginalised section. The call welcomes doctrinal and sociological engagements with past and present times, initiatives, institutions, and instruments and empirical, quantitative and qualitative assessments of social justice within and across sections of societies with particular attention to the question of securing social justice for the Child.

Details and Guidelines

Abstracts of not more than 500 words of original researched papers on the above mentioned themes are invited. The sub-topics are suggestive and participants may make submissions on any correlated sub-topic under the Theme of the Seminar. The abstract indicating the Seminar Theme, Title of the Paper, the key argument and five keywords are to be submitted to seminaronsocialjustice.lc1@gmail.com.

Authors of shortlisted abstracts shall be required to send their full-length papers by the specified date prior to the oral presentation. Authors of accepted papers shall have the privilege of presenting their paper at the seminar. There can be maximum of only one Co-author. The full length research papers should be around 5500 - 6000 words (inclusive of foot notes). Potential contributors are required to adhere to a uniform mode of citation (recommend 4th edition of the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities OSCOLA, available at https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/oxlaw/oscola_4th_edn_hart_2012.pdf). Abstracts and papers should be submitted as Word documents (.docx), with a covering letter containing the name and designation of the author(s), and should be emailed to seminaronsocialjustice.lc1@gmail.com. No presentation shall be permitted in the absence of full paper submitted by the specified date. Best paper presentations, two from law teachers or legal professionals and two from students, would be awarded at the Seminar judged by a panel of three members.

Some selected papers would be published from each Seminar of the Seminar Series on Social Justice. From this Seminar, therefore, four papers by the legal professionals or law professors and four papers by the students would be selected for publication. After initial screening, selected submissions would be double blind peer reviewed and the papers of outstanding quality (irrespective of the selection for presentation) shall be published by Law Centre I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi in a book with ISBN Number. Please note that paper presentation does not ensure publication.

Important Submission Dates

- Abstracts deadline: February 29, 2020
- Communication of selected abstracts: March 3, 2020
- Full Length Paper submission: March 14, 2020

Significance

The Seminar would enable assimilation of the idea of social justice with legal training of students and teachers. This will bring together the intellectual stakeholders and provide students from various disciplines a first-hand opportunity to not just acquire knowledge but also contribute to it.

Identification of the Problem

This seminar is aimed at providing space to a diverse range of stakeholders- legal professional, academicians, law students and other legal experts to come together and deliberate upon the challenges, both theoretical and practical, that impact social justice for the Child.

Extraction of Solutions

Through the Seminar, the Centre is striving to focus discussions solution-oriented, based on scholarly opinions, proposals, analysis and aspirations to address the problems faced by persons with disabilities.

Dissemination of Knowledge

Selected papers from the entire Seminar Series on Social Justice would be published as a book (with ISBN) by the Law Centre I and the e-report of the proceedings with the key highlights and takeaways from the seminar would be uploaded on the website.

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Please do enrich the days 'deliberations with your participation.