



TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

LEGAL EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES



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Organized by
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INTRODUCTION

As we know that legal education is a professional education which prepares its students to fill a variety of societal roles like becoming Judges, Lawyers, Corporate Executives, Public Servants, NGOs' Officials and as Politicians. Legal Education is the first step in the process of preparing legal professionals, or for providing essential skills for the above careers. The basic purposes of law education is to provide essential analytical skills, legal knowledge, developing competence, and providing motivation for engaging with the ethical dimensions of professional life.

The point of instant relevance for this conference is the latest judgment of the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan about legal education. This is a highly critical judgment about the state of legal education in the country that requires proper attention from the key stakeholders i.e. Academicians, Lawyers, Judges, the Bar Council, and Higher Education Commission etc. The said judgment calls for fundamental changes in both the structure and content of legal education in Pakistan to produce lawyers who are not only smart problem-solvers but also responsible professionals committed to service of both clients and the larger society.

To impart sound legal education there is an urgent and compelling need for good Law Schools that have competent faculty, effective academic programs and necessary infrastructure to provide essential skills and institutional commitment to do the best and a clear mission and willingness to achieve excellence.

It is one of the primary responsibilities of the legal fraternity in the country to have a serious discourse on how to bring real changes in the system of legal education in Pakistan keeping in view guidelines given by the Honourable Supreme Court in this regard. This requires a valuable contribution from all the stakeholders of legal education in which law schools and law faculty have to play a crucial role. Changes in the legal education are essential if the legal profession is to regain its lost ideals and identity as a moral community.

It is in this context that the Department of Law at the International Islamic University, Islamabad is going to organize an International Conference on "Legal Education in Pakistan: Opportunities and Challenges" to provide an exceptional opportunity for academics, scholars and researchers from home and abroad to present and discuss their academic papers on the various fields pertaining to legal education.

THEMES

The conference committee welcomes abstracts of the papers which should include but are not limited to following themes:

- Overview of Legal Education in a National Perspective
- Changing Aspects of Legal Education in Domestic and Global Arenas
- Problems & Prospects in Legal Education in the Context of 21st Century
- Scopes and Opportunities for Future Innovation in Legal Education
- Necessity of Ethical Issues in Legal Education
- Comparative Analysis of Legal Education
- Clinical Legal Education: Opportunities and Challenges
- Approaches Towards Legal Education
- Role of Clinical Legal Education in Improving Access to Justice
- Use of New Technologies in Teaching Law
- Use of Clinical Legal Education Pedagogy in Law Teaching
- Impact of Globalization on Legal Education
- Role of Legal Education in Catering to Needs of Society
- Role of the Bar and Bench in the Development of Legal Education
- Initiatives and Innovation in Legal Education
- Challenges to Legal Education in Developed and Developing Countries
- Curriculum Development in Law Subjects
- Methodologies of Teaching Islamic Law in Modern World
- Techniques for Teaching of Specialized Areas of Law

PLANNING, PROCESS & FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

A call for papers will be made through the various networks of the convening partners. The papers should focus on one or more of the conference themes. A selection panel composed of members of the conference committee will select the research papers to be presented at the conference based on academic merit. At the conference, panel presentations will be organized around the four themes, with discussants commenting on the papers. In order to stimulate the interaction between researchers and practitioners, senior practitioners will be invited to participate on the panels.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants will principally be academics and other researchers, but for reasons stated above the presence of policy advisors and practitioners i.e. judges, senior lawyers, law experts, Shariah Scholars, Members of the Bar Councils, Senior Ulema etc. will be highly encouraged.

PUBLICATIONS

The goal of the conference is to stimulate and disseminate new research on legal education. It is desired that the selected papers will be included in the upcoming issues of Islamabad Law Review; a Research Journal of the Department of Law, Faculty of Shariah & Law, International Islamic University, Islamabad.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH PAPERS

1. An abstract of not more than 300-400 words typed on A4 size paper in double space on MS-Word should be sent (Please send both word and pdf files) along with detailed CV to be evaluated and the sender will be informed accordingly whether it is accepted or not;
2. Only papers in the above -mentioned areas/ themes of the conference can be considered.
3. The researcher should abide by all the rules of research such as methodology and documenting references and sources.
4. The researcher should pay due care to the language and method of the research.
5. The paper should contain original research and it should not be the one already published elsewhere or presented in a conference or a seminar.
6. Research paper should comprise of 25-30 pages, including bibliography computer typed on A4 size page in MS Word file.
7. The references should be numbered consecutively.
8. Chicago Manual of Style 2016 should be followed for references.
9. The references, notes, and comments should be recorded as footnotes not as endnotes.
10. The annexure(s), bibliography, and indexes should be given at the end of research paper.
11. The first page should specify full title of the research paper, name, and designation of the researcher as well as work/academic affiliation, correspondence email and contact number.
12. Language of the Conference will be English.
13. The abstract will not be considered, if the above-mentioned requirements are not fulfilled.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission	20th December, 2018
Abstract Acceptance	10th January, 2018
Full Paper Submission	10th February, 2019
Intimation of Accepted Papers	20th February, 2019
Conference Date	27-28th March, 2019

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