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**Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) Sponsored
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

ON

**"RIGHT TO VOTE: CHANGING CONTOURS OF DEMOCRACY"
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ABOUT UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LEGAL STUDIES, PANJAB UNIVERSITY

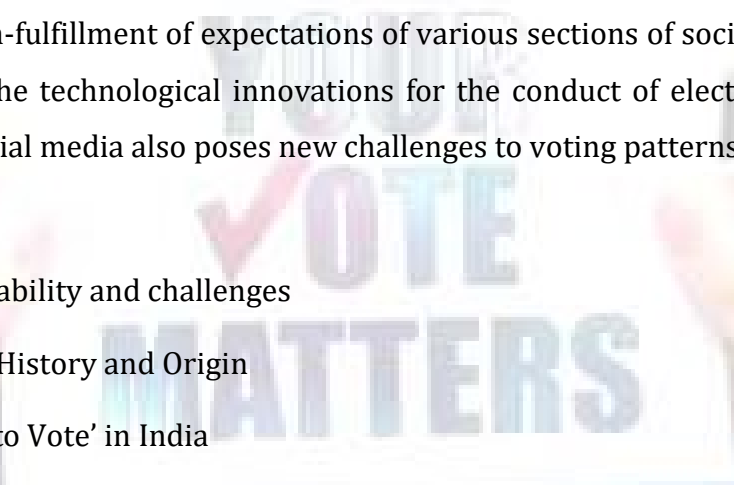
University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) was established as constituent department of Panjab University, in the academic session 2004-05. During a short span of time, it has emerged as one of the premier legal Institute with a unique blend of tradition and modernity. Its mission is to equip the students with the skills to comprehend and diagnose the intricacies of various legal and other inter-disciplinary issues and devise solutions to these problems through analysis and reasoning. To accomplish this, the Institute arranges a number of curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Moot Court Competitions, Client Counseling Sessions, Quiz Contests, Seminars, Group Discussions and Extension Lectures etc. are a regular feature of the academic calendar of the Institute. The Institute also exposes its students to the 'law in action' through compulsory internships with Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court, Punjab and Haryana High Court, eminent lawyers, legal firms, various commissions and NGOs, etc. To sharpen the analytical skills of the students and to promote an intellectually challenging environment, the Institute brings out a number of publications based on a range of contemporary legal and social issues. The Institute provides state-of-the-art infrastructure to facilitate a sound learning experience for its students.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

"The ignorance of one voter in the democracy impairs the security of all"-

John F. Kennedy

Elections provide a way to the people to assert their voice, opinion and choose the person whose priorities and ideas matches with them most. Elections ensure that the will of the people is reflected in the elected candidates. Elections in India are also a platform for the public to voice their resentment against a ruling party. Elections, being a regular exercise, occurring every five



years in India, the ruling parties are kept in check and made to consider the demands of the public. Participation in election process is one of the most important symbol and foundational concept of democracy. If people are allowed to participate in the political process, only then a political system can be described as a Democratic one and for participation voting right is the most effective way to participate in the governance of the nation. When citizens collectively elect its representatives, it affirms the notion that they govern themselves by free choice. Therefore, it can be opined that the 'Participation' is a foundational virtue of democracy. For years, India has witnessed the conduct of successful elections, peaceful changes of government at the Centre and in the States, people exercising freedom of expression, movement and religion along with the complaints about the motivated agendas for elections, immoral practices during the election campaigns, inequality in representation of certain communities/groups, injustice or non-fulfillment of expectations of various sections of society. Recently, COVID-Pandemic has given an opportunity for exploring the technological innovations for the conduct of elections and it is yet to be speculated through the eyes of a law student. Social media also poses new challenges to voting patterns in India.

SUB-THEMES

1. Election Commission; Accountability and challenges
2. Evolution of Suffrage in India: History and Origin
3. Constitutional status of 'Right to Vote' in India
4. Shrinking the Public Morality in casting the vote
5. Democracy on 'Sale': Exploitation of voting rights
6. Right to negative voting
7. Caste and religion in Democracy

8. Challenges to Indian Democracy
9. Democratization and Inequality
10. Role of Judiciary and Election Commission in protecting the Democracy
11. Online Voting: Exploring the Possibilities through the Blockchain technology
12. Impact of Non-exercise of 'right to vote' on Indian Democracy
13. Voting Behaviour in India and Its Determinants
14. Factors influencing the voting preferences of citizens
15. Voting rights of LGBTQ, Prisoners

Any other theme surrounding the main theme of the seminar

Contributions are invited from the Academicians, researchers, advocates, research scholars and the students from law and social sciences background on the above mentioned theme. Authors of selected abstracts shall be given an opportunity to present their paper during the conference. Registration form and Abstract is to be submitted through **GOOGLE FORM**. Full research papers are to be submitted via mail on – righttovote2022seminar@gmail.com.

Important Dates:

Last Date for Abstract and Registration form submission: - March 15, 2022

Acknowledgement of Selection of Abstracts- March 18, 2022

Last Date for Full Length Research Paper submission: - March 26, 2022

Date of the seminar- March 29, 2022

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Authors are requested to adhere to the guidelines to facilitate the submission process. An abstract must not exceed 200-300 words and to be sent as an attachment in MS word format through GOOGLE FORM only along with the registration form.

LINK FOR REGISTRATION FORM

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Guidelines for Full Length Paper Submission:

- Paper should be original, clear & relevant.

Format and Specifications Required:

- Font: Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 spacing
- Footnote: Times New Roman, 10pt, 1.0 spacing
- Alignment: Justified; Sheet: A4 Size with 1" Margin on all sides
- Citation style ILI/MLA pattern of footnoting
- Length Max: 3500-4000 words (Exclusive of footnotes)

FEES

- Registration fees for the Faculty Members/ Academicians/Professionals- Rs 500/-
- Registration fees for Co-Author/ Research Scholars/Students- Rs 250/-
- No TA/DA shall be provided to paper presenters.
- Delegates have to arrange their own accommodation.
- No paper shall be deemed to be read.

The registration fee should be deposited in the form of **DEMAND DRAFT** made in the favour of DIRECTOR, UILS, PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH on or before March 15, 2022

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