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Organizes

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON

INFRASTRUCTURE, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Dec 13-14, 2024 (Online)





Manipal University Jaipur

The Manipal Education & Medical Group, with its heritage of excellence in higher education for over 71 years, launched Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) in the year 2011. Manipal University Jaipur -A multi-disciplinary university accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC is committed to nurturing talent and strengthening academics & research by adopting unique & innovative practices. The multi-disciplinary university offers career-oriented courses at all levels, i.e., UG, PG and doctoral and across diverse streams, including Law, Engineering, Design, Management, Basic Sciences, Arts, etc.

Over the last decade, Manipal University Jaipur (MUJ) has emerged as a go to destination for students, who are looking for academic education that can help them leave their mark in the Industry, Academia and Research. Over the years, the University has also gained trust and respect of the leading industry players, especially recruiters.

Faculty of Law

Manipal University Jaipur forayed into the field of legal education by introducing Five-year Integrated BALLB(Hons.), BBALLB (Hons.), Bachelor of Law (LLB), Master of Law (LLM), and PhD programs. As an institution of excellence and a leading university in Rajasthan, Manipal University Jaipur is dedicated to providing students with a world-class education in the field of law. The institute has earned the distinction of being ranked 29th by NIRF 2023 and 2024 in the individual category of Law.

All the programs at Faculty of Law provides an environment that offers high-quality education through outcome-based learning methods. The qualified and experienced faculty members adopt teaching-learning methods that ensure its graduates are self-directed lifetime learners. The International Chair Professors, Professors from the Industry, and distinguished visiting and adjunct faculty members from Industry, Judiciary, Bar, and Academia ensure a different learning environment for our graduates.

About the Organisers

The Department of Law (Commerce & Management) offers specialized programs that integrate legal studies with business and management education. This interdisciplinary approach prepares students for careers at the intersection of law and commerce, such as corporate law, business consulting, compliance management, and entrepreneurship.

Constituted as a department in June, 2023, the Department of Law (C&M) is engaged in various international and national academic activities including international guest lecture series, Erasmus+ faculty exchange, and International Panel Discussions, all by joining hands with various foreign universities across the globe including Universitatea Titu Maiorescu, Romania and University of Gdansk, Poland enhancing global legal education and collaboration.

Concept Note

In the contemporary era of rapid urbanization and technological advancements, infrastructural development has become a cornerstone of economic progress and societal well-being. However, the infrastructural developments have to be carried out in tune with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, the intrinsic conflict as always existing between development and sustainability goals in many respects, coupled with the complexity and scale of modern infrastructure projects often leads to multifaceted disputes that can impede progress and affect various stakeholders. Recognizing this challenge, the conference on "Harmonising Infrastructural Development and Sustainability through Alternative Dispute Resolution" aims to explore innovative ADR mechanisms that can effectively address and resolve these conflicts, fostering a more harmonious and sustainable development landscape.

The need for this conference arises from the increasing intricacies of infrastructural projects that encompass environmental, social, and economic dimensions. Environmental disputes, for instance, often arise from the need to balance development with the conservation of natural resources and biodiversity. Similarly, the transition to renewable energy and the development of smart cities present unique challenges that require nuanced and collaborative dispute resolution strategies. ADR offers a pathway to manage these conflicts efficiently, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and promoting sustainable urban planning.

Furthermore, the role of ADR becomes even more critical as it provides a flexible, cost-effective, and timely approach to resolving disputes, which is essential for maintaining the momentum of development projects. ADR methods such as arbitration, mediation, and conciliation can mitigate the adversarial nature of traditional litigation, fostering a cooperative environment conducive to long-term partnerships and investments.

This conference will delve into the approaches and strategies adopted to balance the infrastructural development with the sustainable development goals and explores the scope of Alternate Dispute Resolution techniques to prevent disputes conflict and resolve it at the earliest and amicable manner whenever such disputes arise. By bringing together experts from various sectors, the conference aims to facilitate a rich exchange of knowledge and best practices, ultimately contributing to the advancement of sustainable infrastructure development. This collaborative platform will not only address current challenges but also chart a course for future directions in ADR, ensuring that infrastructural development proceeds smoothly and sustainably.

Thematic Break-up

Department of Law (C&M), Faculty of Law, Manipal University Jaipur, cordially invites you to present your well-researched papers at its two-day international seminar on 'Harmonising Infrastructural Development and Sustainability through Alternative Dispute Resolution' to be held from 13th to 14th December, 2024. The Organising Committee is pleased to invite original, unpublished manuscripts from legal practitioners, academicians, researchers and students.

The conference is divided into three thematic sessions. Suggestive themes are also provided. However, participants are free to send research papers on any topics relevant to each thematic session.

Thematic Session I: Advancing Alternative Dispute Resolution: Technology, Challenges, and Future Directions

Suggestive Sub Themes

1. Transforming ADR using technology: AI-Driven Tools and the Rise of ODR Platforms
2. Legitimacy, Limitations, and the Future of ADR
3. Institutional Arbitration and Mediation at Crossroads: Navigating New Challenges
4. The Dynamics of Commercial Mediation: Trends and Future Directions
5. Global Approaches to Dispute Prevention: Strategies and Challenges
6. Jurisdictional complexities in International Arbitration and Mediation

Thematic Session II: Advancing Sustainable Development through ADR

Suggestive Sub Themes

1. Environmental disputes developmental projects and ADR

ADR methods for managing conflicts over the environment, such as conservation of natural resources and forests, and biodiversity conservation, and addressing climate challenges and Mechanisms for resolving disputes related to pollution, waste management and environmental harm caused by industrial activities using ADR techniques

2. Renewable Energy Projects and ADR

Application of ADR in resolving conflicts in the development of renewable energy projects, such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric power.

3. Smart Cities: ADR in Sustainable Urban Development

Utilizing ADR to address disputes in sustainable urban planning, including zoning issues, land use conflicts, and smart city initiatives.

4. Integrating Policy Frameworks for Sustainable Infrastructure Development

Exploring how effective policy frameworks can promote infrastructure projects that align with sustainable development goals and principles of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Thematic Session III: Resolving Key Infrastructure Disputes through ADR

Suggestive Sub Themes

1. ADR in Construction Disputes

ADR approaches to resolving disputes in construction sector related to public-private partnerships, employment and labour, project delays and extensions, quality and construction environmental impacts caused by construction activities, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.

Dispute Review Boards and Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) for Construction Dispute Resolution, dispute resolution in international construction projects and enforceability of cross-border arbitral awards, Role of Experts in Construction Arbitration.

2. Navigating Investment Conflicts: ADR Mechanisms for Development Financing

Analysis of the role of arbitration, mediation, and negotiation in resolving disputes related to developmental financing, investor-investor disputes, investor-state disputes, and cross-border financing and investment disputes.

3. Land Acquisition and Compensation: Effective ADR Techniques

Utilization of ADR techniques to address disputes arising from land acquisition for development purposes, including mediation in eminent domain cases, compensation disputes, rehabilitation and compulsory purchase orders.

4. Enhancing Social Infrastructure Development through ADR

Exploring the use of ADR to resolve conflicts in the development of social infrastructure projects such as schools, hospitals, housing, communication, and so on.

Selected articles will be published in the exclusive SPECIAL ISSUE of the following SCOPUS-indexed journals

1. Conflict Resolution Quarterly (Publisher: John Wiley & Sons)

2. Peace and Conflict (Publisher: Taylor and Francis) (Subject to APC Charges)

The other selected articles will be published in an edited book with an ISBN number.

Date of Conference

December 13th and December 14th, 2024

All the presentations shall be conducted in **ONLINE MODE**.

December, 13, 2024

Thematic Session I: Advancing Alternative Dispute Resolution: Technology, Challenges, and Future Directions

December, 14, 2024

Thematic Session II: Advancing Sustainable Development through ADR

Thematic Session III: Resolving Key Infrastructure Disputes through ADR

Guidelines

1. **Preliminary notes of the Scientific Committee:** A Scientific Committee is constituted to screen the abstract and full paper submissions.
2. **Abstract and Full Paper Submission:**
 - The abstract should contain maximum of 250 words with 5-7 keywords.
 - The abstract shall provide for the scheme of the research paper. It shall contain title, background, aim or purpose of research, methodology and a conclusion indicating the author's perspective.
 - We recommend keeping a short-running title of less than 40 characters.
 - The abstract shall also contain the title of the paper, the full name of the author/s, designation with institute/university name and email address.
 - All participants are required to submit their respective abstracts by the specified deadline, i.e. October 15th, 2024 through the following form: <https://forms.gle/U634BaRbPfY8ZYcFA>.
 - Abstracts will be subjected to blind peer review and only those abstracts approved by the reviewers shall be submitted as full papers for the purpose of presentation at the seminar. Research articles should be of 6000 to 8000 words (including references).
 - We recommend to structure the article as follows: Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Results, Discussion, and Conclusion.
 - Authors should define their research questions and review all recent relevant literature.
3. **Text of the paper:** The text of the manuscript must be formatted as Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 and Spacing: 1.5.
4. **Footnotes:** The footnotes must be formatted as Font: Times New Roman, Size: 10 Spacing: 1. Please note that the use of speaking footnotes and end-notes is discouraged.
5. **Citation:** Submissions must conform to the **7th Edition APA Style of referencing**. Please refer to <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/> for more details.
6. **Co-authorship:** Co-authorship is allowed only up to a maximum of 4 authors (Each author has to register individually). **The presentation of papers can be done only by the authors of the paper.**
7. **Plagiarism, Originality, and Confidentiality:** -
 - The manuscript **must be the original work of the author** and free from plagiarism. All submissions will be subject to a plagiarism check. **Manuscripts with AI content in any form will be summarily rejected.**
 - The manuscript submitted to the journal must not be previously published or currently under review at any other journal/conference/book and should not be submitted to any other journal/conference/book while under review with us.
 - In case of any copyright violations, the organisers will not be responsible and it is the sole responsibility of the author/authors for any kind of IP infringement.
8. **Finality of Decisions:** The final decision as to acceptance and publication of the manuscript rests with the Scientific Committee.
9. **Registration Fees:** The following registration fees will be charged from the participants:
 - **Foreign Delegates \$40**
 - **Indian Delegates : Rs. 3000**
 - **Indian students and research scholars: Rs. 1500**

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Key Dates

KEY EVENTS	DEADLINE
Last date for submission of abstracts	October 15, 2024
Communication of approved abstracts	October 23, 2024
Last date for Registration and submission of Research Paper	November 30, 2024
Conference Date	December 13 and 14, 2024

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