

Human Rights Day Webinar

On

**Intersections of Human Rights
and Criminal Law**

9-10th December, 2021

Jointly organized by

The Human Rights Studies Programme &
Centre for Inner Asian Studies,
School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

&

The Indian Law Institute, Delhi

Concept Note

International human rights law casts a duty on States to *prohibit and punish* for the protection of human rights and the redressal of violations. The obligation of States to *prohibit* and *punish* informs the development of criminal rules and procedures under different legal systems, leading to the near *universalization* of legislative frameworks, legal justifications, and punishments. In the working of international human rights institutions, the criminal laws adopted by States are an indicator or marker of the level of compliance of States with the international mandates. The interface between the two fields, i.e., international human rights and domestic criminal laws, has sparked great jurisprudential, political, and constitutional debates in different parts of the world.

On the abovementioned themes, the Human Rights Studies Programme (JNU), the Centre for Inner Asian Studies (JNU), and the Indian Law Institute (Delhi) are organizing a Webinar on the **Intersections of Human Rights and Criminal Law** (9-10th December 2021). Experts and Young Scholars from the field will be sharing their insights and research.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

9th December 2021

Welcome and Introduction to Webinar-
Dr. Deepa Kansra, HRSP (9.45 am- 10.00 am)

Session I- Rights Jurisprudence and Criminal Law 10.00 am- 11.30 pm

Session Chair- Prof. Sangeeta Thapliyal

Chairperson, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU

PRESENTATIONS

National Security Jurisprudence and Issues of Human Rights
Prof. Anurag Deep, The Indian Law Institute, Delhi

Freedom of Information and Criminal Justice: A Comparison of ECHR and Indian RTI Act
Vishnu Prasad K, PhD. Scholar, HRSP, SIS, JNU

Criminal Laws for Violence against Women under the Human Rights Regime
Ram Dulari Patel, Ph.D. Scholar, HRSP, SIS, JNU

Q & A

Session II- Proposals for Criminalisation and Decriminalisation (11.30 am- 1.00 pm)

Session Chair: Prof. Sharad K. Soni

Director, Human Rights Studies Programme, School of International Studies, JNU

PRESENTATIONS

On the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation: Making International Human Rights Law Work
Moumita Mandal, Assistant Professor, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi.

Decriminalising Sex Determination- An Argument Against the PCPNDT Act, 1994
Charvi Kumar, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Noida and Ph.D. Scholar, ILI

Criminalisation of Abortion is a Human Rights Violation
Ms. Aswin Grace, Ph.D. Scholar, HRSP, SIS

Q & A

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10th December, 2021

Introduction to Sessions–Prof. Anurag Deep, ILI (9.30 am- 9.40 am)

Special Note on Webinar- Prof. Manoj Kr. Sinha, Director, ILI (9.40 am)

Session I- Crimes, Victims, and Punishments (10.00 am- 11.30 pm)

Session Chair- Prof. G.S. Bajpai

Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala

PRESENTATIONS

Victim Justice and International Law- Challenges Ahead

Pawan Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Bennett University and Ph.D. Scholar, ILI

POCSO -A Critical Study of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of India

Zia Ansari, Ph.D. Scholar, The Indian Law Institute

Understanding the Vulnerability of the Children of Incarcerated Parents in India- Need of a Legal Regime

Ira Rana, Ph.D. Scholar ILI,

Q & A

Session II- Agendas for Reform (11.30 am- 1.00 pm)

Session Chair- Dr. Upma Gautam

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, GGSIP University, Delhi

PRESENTATIONS

The Intersection of Sexual Consent in Marriage- A Human Rights Perspective

Aishwarya Singh Kashyap, Judicial Magistrate, Delhi and Ph.D. Scholar, ILI

Diminished Responsibility And Addiction: Analysing The Legal and Scientific Complexities From A Human Rights Perspective

Reshma Suresh, Ph.D. Scholar, ILI

Criminal Law Remedies For E-Waste (Mis)Management : An Analysis

Nivedita, Ph.D. Scholar, ILI

Q & A

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