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INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON LAW, PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANDEMICS: CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF RIGHT TO HEALTH

30th November - 1st December 2020

PANEL DISCUSSIONS & CALL FOR PAPERS

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CONCEPT NOTE

Human history is not unknown to Pandemics. It has witnessed the deadliest Black Death (Bubonic Plague), Cholera, Influenza variants, Smallpox and Tuberculosis in its earlier past, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) [ongoing], the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) coronavirus in the recent past, and the ongoing Coronavirus - COVID-19 pandemic declared since 11th March 2020. As we stand, the number of reported COVID-19 cases are racing towards 50 million around the globe with a growing mortality rate.

The reasons for the large scale spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in both the resource poor and rich countries equally can be attributed to the complacency of the health care system, step-motherly feelings towards the public health system, narrow meaning and expanse given to human rights, and convenient interpretations given to the obligations of the State to limit their role. In an attempt to address the growing number of COVID-19 cases various non-pharmaceutical interventions such as social distancing, lockdown, quarantine, etc. were resorted to. With its liberty and freedom restricting nature, many of these interventions has given rise to a number of human rights violations globally. As a country that is affected by the coronavirus, India has the largest number of cases in Asia. The Government of India has responded taking recourse to the Epidemic Act, 1897, the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Disaster Management Act, 2005 to contain the spread of the unpredictable virulent Covid-19.

While a lot of attention was received by the right to livelihood, right to liberty and freedoms, specific human rights of the vulnerable – such as rights of women, children, differently-abled, elder persons, migrants and labourers, etc. many other rights received feeble attention and this results in the continued human rights violations. Right to health is one such area that has not received adequate attention during this pandemic. As an inclusive human right, the Right to Health contains freedoms and entitlements, which must be provided to all without any discrimination. Not only so, all services, goods and facilities must be available, accessible, acceptable and of good quality.

It has been the tradition of Department of Law of Central University of Kerala to promote the awareness of human rights amongst the legal fraternity and young minds, by identifying the most pertinent and contemporary human rights issues calling for the importance of legal research in it. With this aim, the Department of Law of Central University of Kerala is organizing a webinar on the pressing human rights issue relating to right to health during the ongoing pandemic. The webinar will have a Panel discussion amongst eminent experts in the field and paper presentations.

SUB THEMES:

The sub themes inviting research papers offering solutions from students of law, research scholars, faculty members, and academicians are:

1. *Access to health care, essential medicines during pandemics;*
2. *Access to health care for non- pandemic cases during pandemics;*
3. *Ensuring adequate hygiene and sanitation during pandemics;*
4. *Ensuring healthy working conditions during pandemics;*
5. *Ensuring healthy environmental conditions, right to prevention, and control of diseases during pandemics;*
6. *Right to be free from non-consensual medical treatment, medical experiments and research during pandemics;*
7. *Right to a system of health protection providing equality of opportunity and non-discrimination during pandemics;*
8. *Any other topic falling within the theme of the Webinar.*

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- The abstract shall not exceed 300 words.
- The abstract shall contain:
 - Title of paper
 - Brief idea of the paper
 - Conclusion indicating author's perspective.
 - Key words of the paper
- The abstract shall indicate the name, designation, Institution details, e-mail address and Telephone numbers of all contributors.
- Co-authorship is permitted to a maximum of one (First author + second author).
- Full paper must be of 2500-4000 words (exclusive of footnotes).
- Format: MS Word (.doc, .docx), Font Type: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12 point, Line spacing: 1.5
- Follow Bluebook 20th Edition while writing footnotes.
- Abstract and Full paper shall be submitted to alumniawcuk@gmail.com
- Abstract and Full paper shall undergo review and Plagiarism check. Plagiarized papers shall be rejected.
- In case of co-authorship, each author will have to register separately in the event of participation in the conference.
- Status of the acceptance of full papers shall be communicated along with the details for registration and payment.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Last date for the submission of abstract: 31st October 2020
- Communication of acceptance of abstract: 5th November 2020
- Last date for Registration: 10th November 2020
- Submission of full paper: 20th of November 2020
- Intimation of acceptance of full paper: 25th of November 2020
- Date of Seminar: 30th November - 1st December 2020

REGISTRATION FEE:

- For students: Rs 500/-
- For Research Scholars/Academicians / other professionals: Rs 1000/-

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