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VIPS International Research Paper Writing Competition 2020

Vivekananda School of Law and Legal Studies, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi is pleased to organize its ***International Research paper Writing Competition, 2020.***

We hereby encourage law student to participate in the aforementioned Competition and make the most of this opportunity to showcase their writing and research skills.

VIPS was established in the year 2000 with the vision to maintain and promote excellence in education and for imparting quality professional education comparable with the best in the world. Our aim is to put across a 'renovated and rejuvenated spirit of education'. We understand the need to build a 'character' of the institute which is nurtured not merely by the quality and commitment of the faculty but also by the ethos and environment upon which its foundations have been laid. In recognition of its continuous pursuit of wholesome education VIPS has been ranked as the one of the foremost law colleges and has also been accredited with an 'A' grade by NAAC.

Eligibility Criteria - The Competition is open to students pursuing LL.B. (3 year and 5 year)/LL.M courses from any recognized university.

Theme for the Research Paper, 2020:

“Impact of Covid-19 on Law, Policy and Governance”

On 3rd January 2020, the People's Republic of China notified the World Health Organization about a 'pneumonia outbreak' taking place in the city of Wuhan, Hubei province. The virus belonged to the same family of coronaviruses as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which killed nearly 800 people globally during a 2002/03 outbreak that also started in China. Within weeks, the disease spread to a number of countries and on 30 January, 2020, the WHO declared the coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

By the time the disease was designated COVID-19 by the WHO, it had already spread to at least 24 countries and it exceeded the death toll of SARS on 9th February, 2020.

As the cases continued to mount, countries started imposing lockdowns to protect their populations. This 'best practice' as it was purported by the WHO was imposed by governments and immediately, entire cities turned into ghost towns. The terms 'lockdown' and 'quarantine' became widely known and widespread. Workplaces shut down, entire populations were ordered to stay indoors and those who ventured out were prosecuted. These highly unprecedented measures had the backing of executive orders, legislations, constitutional provisions or at times *ad-hoc* laws.

Lockdowns imposed by COVID-19 were deemed to be essential by the World Health Organization as well as most governments. However, it was also noted that the pandemic lockdowns limited freedom of movement and access to basic public services and, among other things, affected jobs, education, livelihoods and family life. As populations stayed indoors, the digital divide became even more pronounced with not everyone having access or the technical know-how. Unprecedented disruption has also been caused to the global economy, as production and consumption are scaled back across the globe.

At this juncture, as the pandemic shows no signs of abating, it is imperative to generate academic literature on the impact of COVID-19 on Law, Policy and Governance. It is in these perspectives, we call upon law students, researchers, scholars to carefully deliberate and reflect upon these critical issues. This call for papers is made for researchers to send entries on what impact the COVID-19 pandemic has made on the laws and legal governance of your countries. We urge authors to refer to any 'lasting' or 'insidious' impacts that have been made on the polity of their nations to understand the full scale of the pandemic.

Sub-themes for the submission of the research paper may include, but are not limited to:

1. COVID-19: Privacy Rights and Cyber security risks
2. Protecting Workers' Rights through the COVID-19 crisis
3. Covid-19 and Businesses
4. Public health and role of state with special reference to the corona virus crisis
5. COVID-19: The Rule of law and democracy
6. Intellectual Property Rights and relevance of Compulsory Licensing in the time of COVID-19.
7. COVID 19: Digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence
8. COVID 19: Cyber laws and cyber crimes
9. Relevance of ethics during the Coronavirus crisis
10. Schools of Jurisprudence and COVID-19
11. Legal view of measures taken to tackle COVID-19
12. Critical appraisal of law and order machinery during COVID-19
13. Media and the Coronavirus crisis: Limitations of the Freedom of Speech
14. Legal appraisal of vaccination trials and emergency health measures
15. COVID-19 and the Future of International Law

Submission Guidelines:

- The competition is open to students who are presently enrolled in LL.B. and LL.M. courses.
- We encourage both Indian as well as International Students to participate in the competition.
- The research paper must be written in English (UK).
- Only one entry is allowed per-author.
- Co-authorship up-to two authors is permitted.
- The research paper must not be more than 3200 words (including footnotes).
- The first page of the research paper must contain the details of the author/s, title of the paper and the name of the college/institution.

- Only original research papers will be considered for the competition. No part of it should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication else-where.
- Plagiarism Declaration should be duly attached to the research paper submitted by the participants.
- Submissions with more than 20% plagiarism shall be automatically rejected.

Formatting Guidelines:

All submission must adhere to the following requirements:

Format	Specification
Font	Times New Roman
Font Size	12
Line Spacing	1.5
Footnote Font size	10
Footnote Spacing	1.0
Alignment	Justified
Citation	Bluebook 20 th ed.

Registration details and Submission procedure - Interested participants are required to fill the duly completed registration form attached below and upload receipt of payment. An amount of Rs. 500/- (in case of single author) and Rs. 600/- (in case of co-authorship) has to be sent to the following account-

Account Name: Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies Law School

Bank Details: Axis Bank Limited

Branch: Lok Vihar

Account No. : 912010050002859

IFSC: UTIB0000588

All the research papers must be submitted in soft copy, in docx and pdf format to lexquestor@gmail.com.

Important dates:

Last date for Registration: 25th November

Last date for submission: 20th December

Announcement of result: 31st December

Training of Participants

A lecture on research methodology and writing research papers shall be provided to all registered participants. The training will take place online.

Declaration of result and prizes:

The result shall be declared in the last week of December, 2020. The names of the winner shall be displayed on the college website i.e. www.vips.edu/vls. The winners shall also be intimated separately.

First prize: INR 3,000/-

Second prize: INR 2,000/-

Third prize: INR 1,500/-

The winners shall be given the monetary prize as well as the certificates. Participation certificates shall be given to all and the selected papers will be published.

For further queries please contact: - lexquestor@gmail.com

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