

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Cfp: 27<sup>th</sup> International Seminar (Virtual) on “The Principle of Common Heritage of Mankind in International Law: Evolving Dimensions and Global Challenges” [November 29<sup>th</sup> 2025]: Submit Abstract by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

### **About KLA**

The Kerala Law Academy Law College (KLA), established in 1966 is a Centre for legal studies, legal research, and law reforms. Its acclaimed peer-reviewed Research Journal has been published continuously since 1977. The College, affiliated with the University of Kerala, offers Undergraduate programs in BA LL.B. and B. Com LL.B. five-year integrated courses, LLB Unitary three-year course, and post-graduate courses of LL.M (Administrative Law), LL.M (International Law) and MBL (Master of Business Law).

### **About the International Seminar**

The principle of the Common Heritage of Mankind (CHM) is a cornerstone of international law, emphasizing that certain global commons such as the deep seabed, outer space, and cultural heritage belong to all humanity collectively, beyond the sovereignty of individual states. Rooted in the ideals of equity, shared responsibility, and intergenerational justice, the principle continues to evolve in response to emerging global challenges. Contemporary debates focus on issues such as equitable benefit-sharing, technological advancements, environmental sustainability, and the role of developing nations in accessing and utilizing these resources. Legal frameworks, including international treaties and conventions, are being examined and reinterpreted to ensure that the CHM principle remains relevant in addressing pressing global concerns while fostering cooperation among states.

## **Mode.**

The International seminar will be conducted entirely in online mode.

## **Sub Themes**

1. UNCLOS and the Legal Status of the Deep Seabed as Common Heritage
2. Outer Space and Celestial Bodies: Common Heritage or Province of Mankind?
3. The Moon Agreement and its Contemporary Relevance
4. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) and Marine Genetic Resources
5. The Principle in International Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
6. Common Heritage and Intergenerational Equity
7. Intellectual Property Rights vs. Common Heritage in Genetic Resources
8. Geopolitical Rivalries and Militarization of the Global Commons
9. Climate Change, the Global Commons, and Equity Concerns
10. Role of the UN General Assembly in Advancing CHM
11. Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in CHM-related Regimes
12. Human Rights Dimension of CHM: Access, Benefit Sharing, and Equity

Note: These Themes are not exhaustive; authors are open to work on any topic related to above-mentioned theme.

## **Publication Opportunity**

Good research articles received would be published in Proceedings with ISBN.

## **Guidelines for Paper Submission**

- Kindly confine yourself to the areas identifiable with the theme of the international seminar.
- The papers must be in Times New Roman, Font Size: Heading-14, Text-12 in A4 format, single line spacing, in justify not exceeding 2500 words including Title detail of the Author/s, and Footnotes.
- Authors are encouraged to use The Bluebook (20th ed.) citation format for footnoting and it should be in Times New Roman Font 10 size. Further, speaking footnotes are discouraged.
- An Abstract not exceeding 250 words shall be submitted for consideration.
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- The Abstract must be mailed to [27thinternationalseminar@keralalawacademy.in](mailto:27thinternationalseminar@keralalawacademy.in) on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025. It must be accompanied by a cover page, stating the following: Title of the paper; Sub-Theme; Name of Author(s); Name of Institute/Organization; Official Designation; E-mail Address; Postal Address, and Contact Number.
- The Submission should be in WORD FORMAT.
- All footnotes must adhere to the 20th edition of Bluebook standards and must be styled using the footnote option in Word. Borders, underlines, or other design objects must not be included in the paper.
- References need not be mentioned at the end of a paper and must be included within footnotes.
- Precedents may be in Italics but not bold.

- All subheadings must be left aligned, in bold.
- The Papers shall be screened by a Committee. The Full Papers (2500 words) approved by the Committee shall be accepted for presentation in the Seminar. The intimation of selection will be made through E-mail.
- The final paper should contain a cover page that includes Name, Designation, Relevant
- Discipline and Year of Study, Address, e-mail ID, and Contact number. Authors are to give details in the Full Paper.
- Abstracts and papers should be written in English, the working language of the Seminar will be English, and presentations shall be done in English.
- Submissions should be made by the author who will attend the Seminar.
- Co-Authorship is allowed but limited to two co-authors.
- Only one paper per participant will be permitted. Multiple submissions will lead to disqualification.
- No part of the paper should have been published earlier nor should it be under consideration for publication. Any form of Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.
- The Organizers will take an earnest effort to publish the best articles selected from among those received, subject to their acceptance by reputed journals as per their criteria.
- Publishing Charges if any demanded for the proceedings to be paid by the author.

## **Submission Procedure**

Kindly send the abstract on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November , 2025 by e-mail to [27thinternationalseminar@keralalwacademy.in](mailto:27thinternationalseminar@keralalwacademy.in)

## **Important Dates**

- Submission of Abstracts; 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025
- Communication of Abstract Acceptance; 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025
- Submission of Full paper; 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Intimation of Full Paper Acceptance; 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Date of payment of Registration fee; 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- International Seminar; 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## **Registration Fees and Payment Details**

- **Paper Presentation**
  - Author – 1250/-
  - Co-author – 1000/- per each co-author
- **Seminar Participation-** 250/-

## **Awards**

All the Participants registered for Presentation and Participation will be awarded with respective certificates.

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