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### are Organizing

## <u>13th Annual International Research Conference on "Rule of Law in Context: Just World</u> <u>Order, Digital Life, AI and Emerging Technologies"- SYMROLIC 2025</u>

Symbiosis Law School, Pune & SCALSAR, SIU, in association with Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, are organising 13th Annual International Research Conference-Rule of Law in Context: Just World Order, Digital Life, AI and Emerging Technologies (SYMROLIC 2025) on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, shedding light on the challenges and opportunities posed by emerging technologies and its impact on justice, equity, and governance in the digital age.

The Symbiosis Conference on Rule of Law in Context (SYMROLIC) marks a significant milestone in the evolution of the Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), establishing its distinct identity in the realm of legal research. Initiated in 2012 as a national conference to showcase in-house scholarship, SYMROLIC was conceived to foster a culture of research excellence, spark innovative ideas, and continuously evolve with contemporary legal discourse. By 2015, it expanded to welcome international participation, reflecting the broader vision and strategic thrust areas of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), including excellence centres and a strong emphasis on innovation. In alignment with global legal research trends, SYMROLIC engages with the pressing need to bridge the gap between the theoretical ideals and lived realities of the rule of law. Under the visionary leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar, Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), and Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUCLAMP, Co-funded by the EU), the conference has grown into a dynamic platform for scholarly exchange. Previous proceeding of SYMROLIC has been published and indexed in the SCOPUS with 15 articles in the form of a book titled, "Rule of Law in context: Globalization and Indian Resonances to Sustainable Development", published by Routledge Taylor and Francis.

SYMROLIC 2025 edition, received over 350 abstracts and 110 full articles featuring a diverse range of thematic tracks, each aligned with the core focus areas of the conference: Track 1 will explore Law and Human Behaviour- National and International Perspectives. Track 2 will focus on the intersection of Business, Trade, Commerce, Management, and Law. Track 3 will encompass themes related to International Law, Policy and Governance. Track 4, a special track will cover Language, Culture and Justice, will delve into the interplay of Law, Language, Culture, and Justice. Track 5 will spotlight the convergence of Innovation, Science, Technology, and Law, emphasising emerging legal

challenges and opportunities in these rapidly evolving domains. Finally, **Track 6** will address critical issues in **Public Law, Society, and Governance**, highlighting the role of law in shaping equitable and accountable institutions.

**Prof. (Dr.) Amar Pal Singh**, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow, will honour the two-day conference as the Chief Guest. The event will also feature an eminent assembly of national and international experts, who will contribute as plenary speakers and panellists, enriching the discourse with their diverse perspectives. The inaugural event will be marked by unveiling the book, "*International Law in Pursuit of Global Justice*", edited **by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and Mr. Akarsh Banyal**, joined by other contributors. This book makes a noteworthy contribution to the field by examining India's engagement with international legal frameworks, bringing together diverse perspectives that underscore the country's evolving role in shaping and responding to global justice challenges. Additionally, **Lex Et** and **Abstract compilation** will be released by the Chief Guest and dignitaries. Moreover, SYMROLIC 2025 will also organise a **research workshop** on 26th April, 2025 with the pre-eminent resource person as **Prof. (Dr.) Angela Farrell and team**, on "*Internationalization at home with special reference to Internationalization of the legal curriculum*".

SYMROLIC has established itself as a hub of excellence in legal research, bridging the gap between law and life through meaningful, interdisciplinary discourse. It offers a dynamic platform for collaborative engagement and exploring diverse, contemporary research themes. Catalyzing advancing inclusive economies and resilient societies, SYMROLIC aligns closely with the core principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Its unique positioning and global relevance make it a distinguished event on India's academic landscape, drawing scholars and practitioners worldwide.