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TWO DAYS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR (ONLINE) ON THE CHANGING DYNAMICS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE :

State of Karnataka, is one among the 28 states in India blessed with natural flora and fauna. Moreover the state is unique among other states with its academic excellence. It is known as an educational hub for the aspirants. Vaikunta Baliga College of Law being one of the oldest law colleges in Karnataka has carved its own niche in the field of legal education. It was established in the year 1957 by Late Dr. T.M.A. Pai. The college was named after Late Sri. B. Vaikunta Baliga, a legal luminary and then Minister of Law, Government of Mysore. The college is one among the reputed educational institutions run by the Dr. T.M.A. Pai Foundation, Manipal. The college provides comprehensive and enlightened training, and equips graduates for law practice, for public service at the local, State and International levels, and for legal scholarship. The excellent coaching and the disciplined atmosphere of the college have been attracting a large number of students from different parts of India and abroad.

The college is permanently affiliated to Karnataka State Law University and is recognized by the Bar Council of India and the U.G.C. The motto of our college is to provide not merely academic excellence but also to nurture versatile personality among our students.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Change is the order of the universe. Growing complexities and highly dynamic nature have always been the two key features of international politics. After having undergone big changes under the impact of the Second World War, the relations among nations have changed and are still changing in this 21st century. In fact the

speed with which the changes are taking place has increased by manifold due to various economic and political factors. These changes in international politics and relations are also transforming international law. The stream of international law is entangled with conflict of interests, unequal powers, compromises, adjustments and settlements. As reaching and maintaining a right balance in international law is of utmost significance for global peace and security, international law has to adapt itself to changing equations and circumstances.

To start with, the tremendous growth of international environmental law is something most significant to deliberate. Most of the notions of international environmental law are not only evolving but also changing to make them suitable for protecting human environment as well as natural resources within framework of sustainable development. Several international conventions and instruments have come into existence to incorporate the principles like polluter pays, precautionary principle, duty not to cause transboundary harm, environmental impact assessment, inter and intra generational equity etc. Due to the constant change, normative status of many of the general principles of environmental law is subject to debates.

International aviation law had tremendous development in the twentieth century with the adoption of various conventions on liability, safety and security. However, the twenty first century challenges in aviation are making complete overhaul of the international norms on aviation. While incidents like 9/11 are completely transforming the regime on aviation safety, increased significance of consumer protection as made amends to carriers' liability regime. The current scenario created by Covid-19 has brought unimaginable agony to global aviation sector. One can foresee the future efforts in developing norms to revive aviation industry.

Twenty first century belongs to space technology and law. Space law, which started as a small branch of international law, has developed as an independent discipline over the course of time. While the debates over demilitarization and environmental protection continue in the space sector, issues of financing, space tourism, space insurance and space related intellectual property rights have all come to the forefront in the twenty first century. Transformation from state-oriented space activities to private sector oriented space activities is completely changing the domain of space law as it involves the departure from the well-established common rights' principles in space law to make way for individual rights. Unless collective efforts are made to give a proper direction to the development of space law, outer space would become a domain of conflicts in future.

Another commons' regime of equal importance is law of the sea. Issues of sovereignty and jurisdiction in sea continue as concerns in the modern period of time. With the rejection of common heritage of mankind principle by the United States, exploitation of deep seabed resources is continuing unabated. Also claims over the disputed areas and artificial islands in the sea are increasing, which is not a healthy development. The present Covid-19 pandemic has also brought issues of quarantine and sea transport to the fore. Globally, the sight of large cruise ships wallowing offshore, unable to land their crews, despite ever-increasing numbers of sick individuals on board, has been a distressing and difficult sight.

Despite the mantra of international peace and security, conflicts and wars have not vanished. They are going to stay as long as human beings are there on the earth. Border disputes and religious conflicts have been the major reasons for wars. However, economic issues and terrorism are also adding fuel to the conflicts across the globe. With the advancement in military technology and techniques of warfare, the law of war or armed conflict is also transforming in the international level. The new and strong commitment of the international community to wipe out terrorism is also becoming a new reality of international relations.

It is also significant to note that the international organizations, which are the torchbearers of international law, are also changing their roles. The United Nations and other instrumentalities are making enormous efforts with inadequate resources to maintain international peace and security to uphold the humanitarian values. However, questions are still raised about the efficiency of the United Nations in preventing war. The Security Council is blamed for causing war like situations more than preventing it. Other international organizations like ILO, WTO, WHO, ICAO etc., are also making every efforts to overcome challenges in their respective fields. However, the success of each of these organizations is always debated.

In the light of all these changing dimensions, international law has to be relooked from a different perspective. Systematic developments in all these fields are essential for overcoming challenges, more specifically in the post Covid-19 era. With this idea, the Vaikunta Baliga College of Law has taken initiative in organizing this Two Days International Seminar to gather the noble thoughts of different stakeholders from India and abroad.

Sub Themes:

Emerging issues in prevention and mitigation of environmental harm

Conservation of natural resources

International norms on waste management

Renewable energy and law

Environment *vis a vis* trade

Aviation Industry: Emerging legal challenges

Transformation in carriers' liability regime

Product liability in aviation

Aviation security laws

Legal regulation of space tourism

Intellectual property rights in outer space

Changing notions of responsibility and liability under space law

Regulating private space activities

Protecting space environment

Exploitation of deep seabed resources: Legal regulation

Delimiting maritime boundaries

Marine pollution and legal regulation

Dealing with land border disputes

Terrorism in the new world order

Legal regulation of nuclear weapons

Developments in law of armed conflicts

The role of WHO in dealing with pandemics
Changing role of the United Nations
Challenges before the WTO

Broad Objectives of the seminar:

1. To analyse different phases of change that happened in international law over the period of time.
2. To create a platform to understand the dynamics of international law in the different specialized streams like outer space, aviation, sea, environment etc.
3. To discuss the dimensions of different laws, treaties and conventions existing in the international arena along with their recent advancement.
4. To address the latest issues and challenges posed under different field of international law from research point of view.
5. To put forth some valuable output through the seminar and make it as a platform for further deliberations and researches.

Submission Guidelines:

Abstract: The abstract should not exceed 300 words and must be accompanied by a cover page. The abstract shall be reviewed by the expert committee and the selected abstracts will be informed to the presenters within a week. The decision of the expert committee is final and binding. The abstracts should be submitted at vbclseminar@gmail.com on or before 20.06.2020, stating the following details:-

- Title of the Paper
- Name of the author(s)
- E-mail address, Postal address and Contact Number

Full Research Paper:

- The paper should not exceed 5000 words (exclusive of footnotes)
- Co-authorship is permitted with a maximum of two authors only.
- The paper must be accompanied with the details of registration fees, and the cover page containing the details, which are mentioned in the abstract guidelines.
- All submissions must be the author's original and unpublished work.
- Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified.
- Selected research papers will be published in the next issue of VBCL LAW REVIEW.

Interested participants have to make a provisional registration through the link provided. All participants will be given e-certificate. All paper presenters will be given original certificates through post.

Important dates:

- Last Date for submission of Abstract; 20.6.2020
- Confirmation of Selected Abstract: 24.6.2020
- Last Date for submission of Full Paper: 5.7.2020

Expected Participants:

Papers are invited from academicians, research scholars, advocates, activists and students across the country and abroad on the areas mentioned above or connected to them.

Registration Fee:

For paper presentation : Rs.1000/- (for Indian presenter)

: \$50 (for foreign presenter)

For participants : Rs 300/- (for Indian participants)

: \$25 (for foreign participants)

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