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Committee for Law and Policy Research

Vision statement

The Committee for Law and Policy Research (CLPR) is created with the aim of making elaborate, transformative and scientific research-based policy formulations, which can assist the government, courts, public bodies and various other organizations in policy formation, adoption and execution of the same.

The Committee for Law and Policy Research (CLPR), *inter alia*, aims to hone up the practical skills of the students, researchers of the university and thereby enhance the quality of policy formulation. The aim is to make policy formulation an effective practice by means of imparting quality training to the students and researchers in the area of policy analysis. The Committee will strive to carry out thorough research in earmarked areas and support the implementation as well as create awareness regarding law and policy formulation within the country. Internationally, the development of law, calls for academic examination of executive treaties, which enable law-makers to create related domestic legislations in the country. To do so, the Committee will educate the students of the University by holding periodic lectures, conferences, competitions and promoting academic excellence through publication of scholarly journal. The goal is to create space for quality research and thereby assist public bodies/officials in their professional duties. Further, the aim is to create a strong synergy between law and policy in order to facilitate the true execution of policies, treaty-commitments, related-laws etc. at the ground level. The Committee will not only strive to create draft policies/rules for the concerned public bodies, whenever required, but will also attempt to generate key policy documents pertaining to judiciary, industry, trade, arbitration, mediation, etc., which in turn, will offer quality and reliable assistance to the policy makers.

Objectives

The Committee will strive to pursue cutting-edge research in law and policy, as well as create awareness within the country regarding policy formulations in key identified areas. To this end, the Committee will organize lectures, conferences competitions etc.



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Further, the Committee will strive to frame draft policies/rules for the concerned public bodies. In particular, the Committee will examine and formulate draft policies to give impetus to ADR mechanisms, such as mediation. For this specific purpose, a crucial component of the Committee namely, Program on Mediation will be floated to facilitate the ADR/Mediation policies of the Government.

As a part of its core activities, the Committee will organize cutting-edge discussions on contemporary legal issues. The findings from such discussions will be included and published in a periodic newsletter published by the Committee. The idea is to promote insightful study of contemporary issues incorporating doctrinal and non-doctrinal tools for understanding and augmenting research trends in law and policy making.

Given the inextricable relationship between law and policy domain, the CLPR at Law Centre-II, Faculty of Law, Delhi University aims to play a key facilitating role in connection of ongoing discourse on law and policy making. The Committee will benefit by the leadership of various academicians, policy experts, practitioners, lawyers, judges, researchers and students dedicated towards shaping a better policy environment.

Strategy

Committee firmly believes in the motto that first step to change is to know the dynamics of change. By inviting academicians, lawyers, judges and policy makers for lectures, CLPR will consistently strive to create a sound knowledge-base and thereby educate and update all the stakeholders. The members of the Committee will also hold weekly discussions on contemporary issues, which will be supervised by faculty members. Further, a dedicated blog will be used to disseminating awareness of law and policy on weekly basis, along with regular publication of monthly newsletter showcasing the key activities undertaken by the Committee. Most importantly, the Committee will provide space to members, faculties, researchers, and students to brainstorm the critical issues and develop implementable responses (both substantive and procedural) and generate key understanding and findings in relation to contemporary issues touching the domain of law and policy.



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Program on Mediation

As laid down in the objectives, one of the essential components of CLPR is to promote awareness of policies/laws relating to Alternative Dispute Resolution, in particular Mediation. As both Government and Judiciary are encouraging the society to use mediation as an amicable method for resolving disputes, therefore the Committee will undertake various activities for dissemination of knowledge and practice of mediation. Since, practice is key to understanding the conciliatory message of mediation, therefore CLPR in collaboration with Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee of Supreme Court (MCPC) and Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India will organize mediation training sessions for interested stakeholders and participants.

Identified Areas: The list of activities to be undertaken by/under CLPR, at a broad level, will touch the following identified areas:

- Access to Justice
- Arbitration
- Conciliation
- Constitutional Developments
- Consumer Affairs
- Contemporary Socio-Legal Issues
- Copyright Law
- Cyber Security Issues
- Energy Laws
- International Law
- International Trade Law
- IT Laws
- Law and Economic Development
- Law and Urbanization
- Mediation
- Patents
- Sports Law
- Trademark
- Water Management

(Note: The above-mentioned list is only indicative of the areas. The primary consideration for adopting legal-policy analysis of any issue will be fundamentally based on the contemporary values of any such issue. To this end, any other issue bearing contemporary implications can form part of CLPR's deliberations and activities).



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Platform for Blogging and Dedicated Scholarly Journal

CLPR keeping in view its stated objectives, will create space for effective dialogue amongst various stakeholders. To secure effective dialogue and communication between them, it will create blogging opportunities for writers, as well as publish scholarly journal on annual basis for facilitating and promoting cutting-edge legal research and discussions on law and policy dimensions of various contemporary issues. To this end, CLPR will invite/solicit original work of contributors from India and abroad. Being primarily student-led, it will be academically supported and guided by dedicated faculty members of Law Center- II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi.

Collaboration & Implementation

CLPR is committed to implement its vision and stated objectives with the help of institutional collaborations with like-minded bodies of repute, drawn both from public and private domain. Such tie-ups on non-profit basis will be primarily academic in nature with an aim to conduct collaborative research in the mutually beneficial areas. Such collaboration will help usher a conducive climate of research and knowledge-sharing. With such platform of mutual sharing, the aim will be to plug the existing knowledge-gaps in the identified areas. Such collaborative academic tie-ups will be extremely beneficial for creating quality output and for causing competitive spirits amongst the various stakeholders. The legal-policy analysis will be primarily driven by understanding the various nuances of policy-implementation at grass-root level while sticking to promoting the idea of a bottom-top model of policy-implementation.

Agenda of Activities

- To hold eminent-lectures by prominent policy experts and specialists associated with Law and Policy from both India and abroad.
- To annually organize moot and essay competition on a contemporary legal-policy theme.
- To run an annual scholarly journal publishing cutting-edge research in the area of law and policy.
- To conduct weekly discussions on contemporary issues among the student body of the college and to publish a monthly newsletter covering the briefs of prominent events organized under the aegis of CLPR.
- To enter into academic tie up with eminent like-minded institutions working in the area of legal-policy formulation, implementation and awareness of the same.



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Tabulated Functional Activities

Weekly	Fortnight	Monthly	Quarterly	Bi-Annual	Annual
(I) Discussion on contemporary issues and updating of online blog. (II) Meeting with members to take weekly updates and deliberate follow-up actions, including designing of new projects. (III) Student-teacher sessions on related to research methodology and for dealing with related issues.	(I) Plan guest lectures and mentorship programs with policy experts. (II) Review on the first draft of articles based on the weekly discussions.	(I) Publishing reports on progress of the Committee. (II) Publishing online newsletter based on discussions and guest lectures. (III) Feld visit to various policy and legislative hubs.	(I) Quarterly report on the functions of the CLPR. (II) Report and draft policy recommendation to be forwarded to identified stakeholder	(I) Meeting with members and stakeholders (II) Organize National/international conference on the identified theme	(I) Publishing a scholarly journal (recognized by UGC) on Law and Policy dimension. (II) Yearly Review of CLPR activities. (III) Drafting of new projects.



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