



# RGNUL Student Research Review

## Call for Abstracts *for* Volume 11 Issue 1

### **About RSRR**

The RGNUL Student Research Review (RSRR) is an independent, biannual, student-run, blind peer-reviewed flagship journal based at the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab (RGNUL). Since its establishment in 2013, the objective of RSRR has been to publish comprehensive and interdisciplinary pieces, written by law students, academics, and professionals, on subjects relating to law and social sciences. RSRR publishes longer pieces biannually in its themed journal issues, and shorter pieces on a rolling basis on its online blog.

The recently published volume of RSRR includes Volume 10 Issue 1 on 'Evolving Corporate Frontiers: Law and Governance Perspectives' and Volume 10 Issue 2 on 'From Margins to the Centre: Exploring Third World Approaches to International Law'. RSRR has previously collaborated with IndusLaw, Saikrishna & Associates, The Dialogue, Ikigai Law, Nishith Desai Associates, Centre for Trade and Investment law, and other law firms and organisations for its journal issues and blog series. RSRR has also had the pleasure of publishing contributions by luminaries such as Prof. (Dr) Upendra Baxi, Dr Sairam Bhat, Mr Ajar Rab, Ms Shalaka Patil, Mr Naresh Thacker, Mr Ketan Mukhija, Mr Abir Lal Dey, and Mr Safir Anand, among others.

RSRR is now open for abstract submissions for its Volume 11 Issue 1.

### **About the Theme**

#### *Comparative Laws in a Changing World*

We live in an interconnected, globalised world. The idea of interdependence between countries is as natural as their existence. The same is true for their legal systems. Law, much like a family, has the capacity to grow, consume more in its ambit, compare, and become better as a result of this exercise. Comparative law can become not just a *methodology* of studying law, but effectively a *necessity* to create sound legal principles and provisions, especially when dealing with the unknown, such as digital, environmental, and gender lens regulations.

The aim of comparative law is not bare juxtaposition, but a quest for learning and improvement. It facilitates the understanding of different jurisdictions, making space for systems to learn and borrow from each other based on their developmental or jurisprudential paths.

In light of the growing need, broad application, and receptive nature of comparative legal study, RSRR seeks to delve into the theme 'Comparative Laws in a Changing World' to comprehensively review and foster discourse that analyses laws in their cultural context but also in their application to a wider world outside the limits of boundaries. The primary objective of this theme is to establish a platform for rigorous legal analysis, insightful commentary, and in-depth examination, which can effectively offer solutions and thoughts on how different

jurisdictions complement and contradict each other, and what the legal scholar can gain from their invisible debate.

As a discipline, comparative law is benevolent: adaptable, receptive, and open. It allows for analysis of legal nuances by comparing not just other current jurisdictions. Thus, we invite scholarship that incorporates elements from history, sociology, philosophy, and other interdisciplinary perspectives. We further invite arguments for diverse approaches to comparative law, including those against its use in interpreting and implementing law. Illustrative sub-themes may be found at the end of this Call for Abstracts.

### Submission Guidelines

RSRR invites submissions from students, academics, career researchers, legal practitioners, and judges, amongst others. Authors do not need to have, or be pursuing, a degree in law to submit. There are no stipulations as to the number of authors, but must reasonably comport with the length of the submission.

Submissions should be original, should not have been published elsewhere, or be under consideration elsewhere for publication. The abstract itself should not contain the name(s) of the author(s), their institutional affiliations, or any other identity markers.

All submitted abstracts shall be subject to a preliminary review, upon which select invitations to submit manuscripts shall be sent out. Upon submission, every manuscript will undergo an internal review by the Editorial Board. If approved by the Board, the manuscript shall be subject to peer review. RSRR reserves the right to reject submissions without review if found to be plagiarised. The Editorial Board reserves the right to solicit a compliant version before review.

The RSRR accepts manuscripts for the following categories:

1. **Articles** (5,000 words onwards) undertake a comprehensive and thorough analysis of issues related to the theme of the Journal
2. **Case Comments** (2,000 words onwards) analyse or critique a recent case law.
3. **Legislative Comments** (2,000 words onwards) analyse or critique an ideated, proposed, drafted, or enacted piece of legislation, including its impact and normative value.
4. **Book Reviews** (3,000 words onwards) critically examine books for their content and impact on legal scholarship.

All abstracts must be from 200 to 500 words, and submitted in [doc] or [docx] format, with the file entitled 'Name of Author(s) – RSRR Abstract Submission'. Abstracts may be submitted via this [form](#). The deadline for submission is **15 June 2025** by 11:59 PM (IST). Select abstracts shall be invited to submit their final manuscripts. The deadline for submitting final manuscripts shall tentatively be **31 July 2025** by 11:59 PM (IST).

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**Illustrative Sub-Themes**

1. Constitutional Law and Public Law
  - 1.1. Constitutional Identity and Fundamental Rights
  - 1.2. Federalism and Division of Powers
  - 1.3. Personal Rights and Religious Freedoms
2. Courts, Legislatures, and Legal Systems
  - 2.1. Legislative Drafting and Safeguards
  - 2.2. Populism and Constitutional Courts
  - 2.3. Reform of the District Courts
3. Crime, Punishment, and Criminal Procedure
  - 3.1. Notions of Crimes and Decriminalisation
  - 3.2. Procedural Fairness and Admissibility of Evidence
  - 3.3. Victim Participation and Compensation
4. Digital Platforms and Social Media Regulation
  - 4.1. Intermediary Liability and Content Moderation
  - 4.2. Data Privacy and Dark Patterns
  - 4.3. Misinformation and Free Expression
5. Commercial Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution
  - 5.1. Judicial Interference in Arbitral Proceedings
  - 5.2. Liability Regimes and Artificial Intelligence
  - 5.3. State Regulation and Market Fairness
6. Methods and Theories of Comparative Law
  - 6.1. Trends in Comparative Law Scholarship
  - 6.2. Decolonisation and the Global South
  - 6.3. Historical, Feminist, and Sociological Approaches
7. The Case Against Comparative Law
  - 7.1. Customs and Legal Pluralism
  - 7.2. Legal Transplantation and Cultural Compatibility
  - 7.3. National Experience and Constitution Making

*Note: These sub-themes are merely illustrative and not exhaustive; we invite contributions on any other relevant issues or questions under the theme at large.*