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Call for Papers - Volume 1

About the ACLSC Journal

The Advanced Criminal Law Studies Committee Journal (ACLSC Journal) is proud to announce the launch of its issue—Volume 1, Issue 1—a milestone that reflects our ongoing commitment to academic excellence, critical legal thought, and meaningful student engagement in the field of criminal law.

As the official, student-run, annual, peer-reviewed flagship publication of the Advanced Criminal Law Studies Committee, this journal is more than just a publication—it is a platform to spotlight emerging voices, challenge orthodoxies, and cultivate a vibrant scholarly community dedicated to exploring the evolving landscape of criminal law and justice.

The Advanced Criminal Law Studies Committee at the School of Law, Christ (Deemed to be University), is a premier student-led initiative that strives to advance discourse in criminal law through research, debates, panel discussions, workshops, and more. Rooted in academic rigour and a passion for reform, the Committee continuously provides students with opportunities to engage with complex legal issues and contribute meaningfully to the development of legal scholarship.

In celebration of this landmark launch, we warmly invite submissions from students who are passionate about criminal law and wish to be part of a journal that is both visionary and grounded in justice.



About the Theme

"Comparative Criminal Law in the Contemporary World"

In an era of increasing globalization and legal pluralism, the field of comparative criminal law has emerged as an essential tool to understand how criminal justice systems across jurisdictions respond to shared challenges, such as transnational crimes, digital threats, terrorism, restorative justice, and procedural reforms.

The committee encourages critical and interdisciplinary engagement with themes of criminal law, criminal justice reform, and comparative criminal jurisprudence. The upcoming volume is focused on understanding and analyzing how legal systems across the world adapt to evolving challenges in the criminal justice domain. The aim is to generate ideas, facilitate legal discourse, and provide a platform for emerging voices in the field.

With Volume 1, Issue 1, the ACLSC Journal aims to foster critical scholarship and meaningful dialogue on how legal traditions in criminal law can learn from critique, and complement one another. We encourage submissions that evaluate not only statutory and procedural differences but also the sociological, historical, and philosophical underpinnings of criminal law systems across jurisdictions.



Submission Categories

We welcome original, unpublished manuscripts in the following categories:

- 1. Long Articles (3,000–6,000 words, excluding footnotes)**
- 2. Short Articles/Essays (1,500–3,000 words, excluding footnotes)**
- 3. Case Notes and Legislative Comments (1,200–2,500 words)**



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Who can submit?

Submissions are invited from both students and faculty members of the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University).

Authorship

Co-authorship is permitted for up to two authors.

Originality

All submissions must be the original work of the author(s), unpublished, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Blind Review Policy

To ensure a fair and unbiased review process, both the abstract and the full manuscript must not contain the name(s) or any identifying details of the author(s). A separate cover page must be submitted, clearly mentioning the name(s) of the author(s), their year of study or faculty designation, and institutional affiliation.

Submission Format

The abstract must clearly outline the research question, methodology adopted, and the expected contribution to existing legal literature. It must be between 300 to 500 words and submitted in .doc or .docx format, titled as:

Name of Author(s) – ACLSC Full Paper Submission

All submissions must follow the Bluebook 21st Edition for citations.

Submission Link

The Full Paper must be submitted via the official Google Form {<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cqeifLpXyqNr837HcfvYZete9UnmCC2JIB19DrA-QBA/edit>}

Deadline: The deadline for the full paper submission is 15 June 2025, 11:59 PM (IST).



SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

We welcome original, unpublished manuscripts in the following categories:

- 1. Long Articles (3,000–5,000 words, excluding footnotes):** In-depth research-based analysis offering comprehensive insight into a specific issue within the broader theme.
- 2. Short Articles/Essays (1,500–3,000 words, excluding footnotes):** Concise yet insightful explorations of focused topics, offering innovative arguments or critiques.
- 3. Case Notes and Legislative Comments (1,200–2,500 words):** Analytical pieces examining recent judicial decisions, draft or enacted legislation, and their broader legal and societal implications.



ILLUSTRATIVE SUB-THEMES

- 1. Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – Analyzing how different legal systems approach criminal law.**
- 2. Cybercrime and Digital Evidence – The impact of technology on crime and legal responses.**
- 3. The Evolution of Criminal Liability – Historical and contemporary perspectives on criminal responsibility.**
- 4. Human Rights and Criminal Justice – Balancing human rights protections within criminal proceedings.**
- 5. Sentencing and Penal Reform – Examination of current sentencing practices and potential reforms.**
- 6. White-Collar Crime – A deep dive into corporate, financial, and economic crimes.**
- 7. Juvenile Justice – The treatment and rehabilitation of young offenders in criminal law.**
- 8. International Criminal Law – Prosecuting crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide.**
- 9. Mental Health and Criminal Responsibility – Exploring insanity defenses and the role of mental health in criminal law.**
- 10. Gender and Crime – How criminal law intersects with issues of gender and gender-based violence.**



- 11. Police Powers and Accountability – Examining the scope and limits of police authority.**
- 12. Organized Crime and Terrorism – Legal approaches to combating organized criminal networks and terrorism.**
- 13. Forensic Science and Criminal Investigations – The role of forensic evidence in the criminal justice system.**
- 14. Victimology and Criminal Law – The rights and role of victims in criminal proceedings.**
- 15. Drug Offenses and Policy – Legal frameworks surrounding drug crimes and decriminalization debates.**
- 16. Restorative Justice – Alternative approaches to criminal punishment focused on rehabilitation and reconciliation.**
- 17. The Death Penalty and Its Abolition – Exploring the legal, ethical, and societal debates on capital punishment.**
- 18. Criminal Law and Emerging Technologies – The impact of AI, blockchain, and other technologies on criminal behavior and law enforcement.**
- 19. The Role of Public Opinion in Criminal Law – How societal attitudes shape criminal justice policies and law reforms.**
- 20. Environmental Crime – Addressing legal responses to offenses against the environment and wildlife.**

Note: These sub-themes are illustrative. We welcome papers addressing any relevant issue under the broader theme.



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