



1ST HNLU ILS NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION 2015 ON INTERNATIONAL LAW



THEME: PEACE AND SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

ORGANISED BY

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HNLU: AN INTRODUCTION

"*Dharma Sansthanartham*" (for the sake of establishing the primacy of the laws of eternal values) is the motto of Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, established by the Government of Chhattisgarh under the Hidayatullah National University of Law, Chhattisgarh, Act (Act No.10 of 2003). HNLU has been included in the list of the Universities maintained by the University Grants Commission under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and has been declared fit to receive Central assistance in terms of the rules framed under Section 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The University is recognized by the Bar Council of India under Section 7 of the Advocates Act. The campus is built over 65 acres of land abutting a beautiful lake and is situated in a serene and a pollution free environment. Apart from spacious classrooms, the academic block also has a three-storied library with a reading hall and a well-equipped computer lab.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice H. L. Dattu, The Chief Justice of India is the Visitor, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Navin Sinha**, The Chief Justice, High Court of Chhattisgarh is the Chancellor and **Prof. (Dr.) Sukh Pal Singh**, is The Vice-Chancellor of the University.

HNLU is named after one of the great legal luminaries of India, Justice Mohammad Hidayatullah, who has the rare distinction of being the youngest Advocate General, the youngest Chief Justice of a High Court and the youngest Judge of the Supreme Court of India as well as the only person to have served in all the three offices i.e. the Chief Justice of India, Vice-President of India and Acting President of India. HNLU holds a strategic position in developing spheres of legal education and contributed immensely towards research in new avenues such as International Law, Environment Law, Competition Law, Trade Law and Corporate Laws. HNLU ILS is one more step in that very direction.



ABOUT HNLU ILS

The HNLU International Law Society is an organization comprising of students of HNLU and guided by Faculty members under the tutelage of Hidayatullah National Law University, dedicated to the promotion of International Law. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Hidayatullah National Law University is the Patron of HNLU ILS. Our motto "*Ideate, Educate, Elevate*" thrives on our zeal. Our primary objectives are:

- To brainstorm and formulate ideas to incorporate the various principles and purposes of International Law;
- To create interest in International Law amongst peers and teachers alike, by touching stone at our institutional level and subsequently and gradually, reaching out to the entire academic fraternity;
- To elevate such enthusiasm into creating opportunities by engaging in activities devoted to the development and promotion of International Law.
- Finally to identify the existence of problems/issues due to socio-economic-political-cultural disparities amongst nations and to encourage co-operation towards the development of understanding among the international community for achieving peace, justice, diversity and independence.

The newly found International Law Society of HNLU is enthusiastic to foster International Law among the fraternity of law students. We want to show the world that a National Law University in India is not only keeping pace with the developments of the international legal community, but trying to develop a niche in every category of International Law, whether private or public. For fulfilling these objectives, the society endeavors to undertake various activities and this National Level Essay Competition is one such step taken in that direction.



CONCEPT NOTE

THEME: PEACE AND SECURITY IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

The world as we know today is more 'global' than ever before. In this increasingly homogenous backdrop of seamless liberalization, the seismic upheavals in the world's political and economic milieu have gained equal traction. The past few years alone have witnessed such enormous activity in the International Law province that forte disciplines like cyber and air and space law have attained full significance. The emerging domains of maritime law, non-state actors, humanitarian law, have become even more relevant.

In this piercingly provocative time of rapid changes, the International Law Society at Hidayatullah National Law University perceives an unalloyed opportunity for young scholars and students to participate at the National Level in an essay competition on pertinent aspects of International Law. We seek to encourage students to undertake stimulating independent research while maintaining detail and academic rigor.

SUB THEMES

- Torture under International Law
- Cyber Attacks
- Maritime Disputes under UNCLOS
- Rise of Non State Actors in light of the Middle East and Ukrainian Crisis
- Viability of Arms Trade Treaty
- Drone Attacks
- Surveillance vs. Privacy



RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

- There is **no** registration fee for the competition.
- The competition is open only for Law students pursuing Undergraduate, Postgraduate and PhD. Programmes.
- To participate in this competition, the students will have to submit the soft copy of the contact details in a separate document along with the essay (soft copy) on or before 10th of August 2015 by 23:59 IST at ilsa@hnlui.ac.in.
- The essay can be submitted in any version of MS Word only.
- The essay must contain an Abstract, not exceeding the limit of 200 words, whereby the keywords are mentioned and the tentative conclusions are set out.
- No part of the essay should contain any form of identification of the participant, and any such information should be provided in a separate document.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The participants may choose to write on any topic within the ambit of the broader theme of the competition mentioned below.
- The submission must not exceed 3000 words (excluding footnotes) and any violation of the prescribed word limit will result in a penalty of 1 mark per 20 words.
- All submissions must be original and bona fide work of the participants.
- The contestants by entering in the contest agree to indemnify the organizers from and against all claims, suits, and damages based on any claim of copyright infringement or plagiarism or unauthorized use.
- All entries shall be considered to be the property of the HNLUI ILS for, which also reserves the right of publication of the same in any book, journal, or in any other manner as it may deem appropriate, without providing any royalty or compensation.
- The essay should not be submitted for any other competition and/or for publication whatsoever.
- Font type should be **Times New Roman** and Font Size should be **12** for the text and **10** for the footnotes.
- **Line spacing** between two lines and a paragraph should be **1.5** for the body and **1.0** for footnotes.
- Participants should use Harvard Blue Book 19th Edition as the uniform footnoting style.



ESSAY JUDGEMENT RULES

- The decision of the review board with regards to evaluation of the essay shall be final.
- The essay judgment shall follow the following marking rules/scheme:
 1. Originality of Idea in Content: 20 marks
 2. Quality of Research: 25 marks
 3. Argumentation: 25 marks
 4. Use of Authorities and Conformity with Citation style: 20 marks
 5. Presentation: 10 mark

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission Deadline-10th August,2015
- Declaration of Results-20th September, 2015



PRIZES

The top three essays shall be conferred with “*Merit Certificates*” and “*Cash Prizes*” and all the participants will be awarded “*Certificate of Participation*”. The details of prizes are mentioned herein below:-

1.	FIRST PRIZE	₹ 12,000/- and Certificate of Merit
2.	SECOND PRIZE	₹ 8,000/- and Certificate of Merit
3.	THIRD PRIZE	₹ 5,000/- and Certificate of Merit

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