

Dignity Rights Clinic

Overview:

The course will examine the concept of Dignity, both as a value and as a fundamental right in the Constitution of India. The preamble to the Constitution assures that the dignity of the individual will be respected. Dignity appears in the preamble along with other values of the constitution such as equality, liberty and fraternity along with social political and economic justice. The Indian Supreme Court has developed a significant body of caselaw interpreting the Art. 21 right to life as the right to live with dignity. The course will explore the impact of dignity on these other values and the influence of these other values on dignity.

Dignity along with equality, liberty and other values are abstract in conception and are invoked in different jurisdictions of the world. The principles and application of these principles has varied in different jurisdictions allowing the concept of dignity to evolve in multiple ways. This course will examine how the concept has evolved in India and reflect upon the different ways in which the concept has evolved in other jurisdictions with the understanding that the evolution of law has benefitted from an exchange of ideas, concepts and principles.

Dates	8th to 12th July
Participants	Number of participants is limited to 30.
You should attend if	• You are a lawyer with an interest in comparative constitutional theory and practice with a particular focus on dignity rights • You are a master's student of a social science discipline with an interface with law • You are a student of law having completed a course in constitutional law • You are a faculty from an academic institution interested in researching or teaching comparative constitutional law or clinical legal education
Fees	• The participation fees for taking the course is as follows: • Participants: INR 1,000 (Bank account details are given below) • NALSAR Students: Free • The above fee include all instructional materials, free internet facility at NALSAR University of Law. The participants will be provided with accommodation on payment basis. For the participants from Hyderabad, University bus may be arranged depending on the number of local participants. • Note: There is no central registration on the GIAN portal (gian.iith.ac.in); registration will be managed directly by NALSAR University of Law. • Registration Link: https://forms.gle/LdZiTib5Fk1bZV3m6 • Registration on the basis of first come first serve basis • Registration fees are to be paid only to the following bank account: Name: Registrar NALSAR University of Law A/c No.768053142 Bank: Indian Bank, Shameerpet Branch IFSC Code: IDIB000S166 SWIFT Code: IDIBINBBHYD (For International Participants) Registration Open From: 1st June 2025 to 24th June 2025

Host Faculty Details



Name: Prof. N. Vasanthi

Department: Law

Nimushakavi Vasanthi is a Professor of Constitutional Law and has been instrumental in designing and teaching courses in constitutional law at the undergraduate and post graduate level at Nalsar University of Law for over 20 years. A graduate from Osmania University she has been at the University since 2000. She teaches courses in the area of constitutional law, labour law and clinical legal education. Her recent work has been in areas at the intersection of labour, gender and rights. She currently serves on the Advisory Board on Minimum Wages constituted by the Telangana State Government as an independent member.

International Faculty Details



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QS Ranking: 219

Times Higher Education Ranking: 103

Erin Daly is Professor Emerita of Law and Director of the Dignity Rights Clinic at Widener University Delaware Law School, Wilmington, Delaware. She is the Executive Director of Dignity Now!, an NGO dedicated to dignity rights education and awareness around the world. She has published extensively in the area and supported the first federal court stand-alone dignity rights claim regarding excessive use of force with the American Civil Liberties Union (Delaware).

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