



Seven-Day Capacity Building Programme on Critical Criminal Law

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Critical Criminal Law: A Brief

The growth of Criminal Law in India has been stymied by a lack of alternative and critical insights. The traditional pedagogy in Criminal Law does not offer causal, critical, functional and radical insights into the manner in which the law is conceived, designed, applied and interpreted. Our pedagogy tends to focus heavily on traditional paradigms of Criminal Law concerning the content of the law. This too is limited to a concentration on the general and specific parts of Criminal Law or criminal procedure rather than focusing upon the more foundational aspects fundamental to criminal justice. It is a travesty that criminal law is examined and studied as a super specialization devoid of cutting-edge inputs from other fields.

This mode of enquiry in our legal pedagogy – answering the ‘what’ of criminal law rather than the ‘how’ and ‘why’, has limited the growth of the discourse. Consequently, several debates including those on principles of criminalization and punishment, are also conspicuous only in their absence. Our legislatures too are unguided by a discourse on the most foundational issues in criminal laws. There is a need to shift our pedagogy beyond the paradigm of criminal law to include holistic insights from criminology and criminal justice. Therefore, this capacity building programme has been conceived with the vision to shift the focus of academics and researchers in field of law from the traditional paradigms of criminal law to an approach which makes space for interdisciplinary and contemporary understanding.

Such a shift has the potential to have far reaching implications. Many emergent issues and their complex interaction with its stakeholders in India require to be answered. Plain implementations and interpretations have been unable to answer these issues. The capacity building programme intends to empower the faculties and researchers in the field of criminal law with the perspective to identify and document the radical and critical insights which are relevant to criminal law.

Eligibility

The programme is open to Faculty of Law.

Structure of the Programme:

The programme will be held as per the following format:

- a. Five Day Intensive Learning and Discussion Programme
- b. Two day follow up workshop (assignment based)

The learning and discussion programme shall be based on lecture method, panel discussions and intensive discussions. The programme will ensure that the pedagogy framework for Criminal Law teaching is transformed; critical thinking and insights to find space in the teaching. The objective is to further the realm of present Criminal Law teaching and motivate teachers and scholars to explore and engage with alternative paradigm in this field. The Participants would be encouraged to take part in discussion during sessions.

Topics to be Explored include:

- Introduction of key thinkers in critical criminal law jurisprudence
- Relevance of alternative and critical enquiry in exploration of the criminal law
- Facets of critical traditions in the criminal law
- Exploration of Emerging Paradigms, contemporary issues and critique of criminal justice institutions.

Important Instructions:

- i. The programme shall be held in Offline Mode. However, the university reserves the right to shift the mode of programme online in

case of any contingency.

- ii. All correspondence regarding the programme may be addressed to ccv@rgnul.ac.in with the subject titled 'Capacity Building Programme'
- iii. All participants are required to pay the Registration Fee of Rs 2000/- (inclusive of GST)
- iv. The last date for registration is December 30, 2021. The shortlisted candidates will be intimated by 4th January 2022. Participants will be selected on a first come first serve basis.
- v. No TA/DA will be paid for participation in the event.
- vi. Lodging and Boarding to the participants will be provided free of cost.
- vii. Reference material will be provided to the selected participants prior to the commencement of the event. Participants are encouraged to study the material before joining.
- viii. The schedule of the event shall be communicated to the selected candidates in due course.
- ix. The Certificate of Participation will be given to every participant on the completion of the Capacity Building Programme.

The link for the registration:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6k_RhyYL2LGOIErt8GpXaSbwZS_0PFC1roWLDLQKDLRuTsw/viewform

The link for the payment:

<https://www.rgnulrp.org/lisa/eventPortal/loginFrom.jsp>