



Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab

Department of Political Science

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आन्वीक्षिकी

A SEMINAR ON KAUTILYA'S ARTHASHASTRA

CONCEPT NOTE

Aanvikshiki is an national seminar on unlocking the knowledge of Kautilya's Arthashastra. Arthashastra, as penned by Kautilya, is a timeless treatise on statecraft, politics and economics. Composed of 18 books, the Arthashastra delves into a vast array of governance principles. From the nature of government, law, and judicial systems to ethical considerations, economic theory, marketplace dynamics, and diplomatic tactics, it offers a comprehensive guide for effective leadership. Notably, the treatise explores warfare strategies alongside the nuances of peacebuilding, emphasising the responsibility of a king toward his subjects.

Aanvikshiki aims to provide a platform to students, scholars and researchers to raise discourse on India's timeless treatise on statecraft and rejuvenate its significance among the Indian youth. This international seminar aims to further recognition of the wisdom of ancient Indic texts and their contemporary relevance.



DATES

17
APRIL

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

21
APRIL

DECLARATION OF SELECTED ENTRIES

29
APRIL

DATE OF THE SEMINAR (OFFLINE)



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THEMES*

1. Kautilya's Economics: How did the Kautilyan economy operate

- Kautilya's Dharmic Capitalism
- Insolvency, as viewed by Kautilya
- Chanakya's view of societal responsibility in the enforcement of Contracts

2. Political Chanakya: How Kautilya organised Mauryan politics?

- Selection of Amatya: Qualities of a minister
- State support to poorest strata: Nature of freebie by Kautilya
- Kautilya's king-making: Ideals of Political Leadership

3. Kautilya's foreign policy: Pivot to Statecraft

- Kautilya's elements of a state
- Kautilya's Sadhgunya and Contemporary application
- Kautilya's circle of states and relevance for Indian Foreign policy

4. Kautilya's Law: Punishment and Legal systems in Arthashastra

- Kautilya's legal systems and practices
- Kautilya's bid to tackle corruption
- Kautilya's Penal code: systems of punishment

***These themes aren't by any means exhaustive. Participants are free to choose other themes befitting the context of Kautilya's Arthashastra.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Writeup submissions can be made in the form of an opinion piece, research paper, article, or blog.
- The prescribed word limit is **3000-5000 words**.
- Send only original, unpublished works. Please do not send pieces that you have previously published or have submitted for publishing elsewhere.
- All submissions are to be sent in Word format only.
- The Board has a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism. Please keep your similarity percentage limited to 10%.
- There can be a maximum of two authors per submission.
- The submission must not contain any incorrect information. Double check, and provide sources for, all facts and data cited.
- All sources must be duly cited and acknowledged in the submission. The Citations must be in **APA 7th Edition**.
- The text of the main body of the manuscript must be in Times New Roman, Font Size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and automatic spacing between paragraphs, and it should have justified alignment.
- All the entries must be submitted to politicalscience@rgnul.ac.in along with payment receipt, and last date for submission of entries is **17th of April, 11:59 pm IST**.

REGISTRATION

- The participants must submit their entries at [**politicalscience@rgnul.ac.in**](mailto:politicalscience@rgnul.ac.in)
- Entry Submission Fee: **Rs 1000+GST** to be paid at this [**link**](#).
- A maximum of two authors are allowed for one entry.
- Each author has to pay their fee separately.
- The University can provide accommodation if requested, on a chargeable basis.

PRIZES

- The entries will be judged by subject-matter experts and selected authors will be invited to present their ideas at the Seminar.
- The Best paper shall be awarded with a Cash Prize of **11,000/-** and a certificate of Merit.
- The second best paper will get the Runners up Award which will come with a cash prize of **5100/-** and a certificate of Merit
- All other entries will be provided with a certificate of Participation.

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