



Land Policies in South Asia: Promises, Practices and Challenges

First South Asian Regional
Conference of the International
Association on Planning, Law, and
Property Rights

(1st SARC-PLPR)

1-3 September 2015



National Law School of India University,
Bengaluru

Context:

The International Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights (PLPR) attracts academics in spatial planning, land use and property law, real estate and related disciplines (learn more about PLPR on <http://www.plpr-association.org>).

- Planning matters.
- Law matters.
- Property matters.

These three simple messages inspire the growing PLPR community to examine the difficult relationship between public and private interests in the use of land. Apart from the regular annual conferences that the Association organizes, it will hold their first regional conference in South Asia at the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

Call for Papers:

The land question is central to the South Asian development tale for at least two reasons: First, the majority of its population stills obtains their livelihood from agriculture and allied activities while landholding is highly skewed; Second, urban planning is facing unprecedented challenges due to a gush of migration to cities seeking livelihood resulting in burgeoning property values.

Responses to these challenges through laws and policies have been very high compared to the

academic attention they have received. Yet, practices emerging from planning and policies have exposed limited reach on the extent of problems. This paradox calls for serious introspection and academic engagement.

The conference welcomes papers that provide theoretical analysis, economic/social analysis of planning, case studies of the implementation of planning and regulation instruments, practices related to law and planning, analysis of case laws in a selected segment. We particularly encourage students who can imaginatively approach the traditional issues even if their ideas are controversial.

Some of the tentative topics to which invitation is made are:

- Property Rights and Markets
- Informal Housing
- Environmental Laws and Regulations
- Land Acquisition Practices and Policies
- Property and Exclusion
- Forest Rights
- Second Generation Land Reforms
- Real Estate Developments and Regulation
- Corruption in Planning
- Illegal Construction and Mining
- Participation in Planning
- Smart Cities with innovative land and water management systems

All abstracts will be peer reviewed and decision about the inclusion of paper in the conference will be communicated in the last week of April 2015.

Scholarships: There are ten scholarships that will cover the full costs and travel for the Conference (applicable only for academics from India). The recipients of the scholarship will be selected based on blind-folded peer review of academic papers submitted on any of the above themes. Those intending to be considered for the scholarship must submit abstracts (for deadline see below) and their full papers (7000-8000 words) **before 30 May 2015**. Results will be communicated in the first week of July.

Host:

National Law School of India University (NLSIU) is a premier law school in India. Apart from its prestigious five-year undergraduate programme in law, the University has post graduate programmes in law and public policy. NLSIU also has a doctoral programme and vibrant distance education programmes.



Accommodation:

NLSIU has a green and picturesque campus in Bangalore. For most of the participants, we will be able to provide accommodation in the campus. We will also be making arrangements with selected hotels in Bangalore from where transportation will be arranged to conference venue.



Bangalore (recently renamed as Bengaluru) is a great location you don't want to miss! Apart from being the gateway to South India, Bangalore is a great IT hub with the highest real estate development. This is also close to Mysore city, which is the home and palace of Kings from South India for centuries. We are preparing different events to introduce the city and locality to each of the conference participants. September is also a great time for weather in Bengaluru.

Dates to Remember:

Last date to send abstract (300 words):
31 March 2015

Intimation to authors regarding the selection of abstract:
30 April 2015

Last date to send full paper (for those intending to avail scholarship):
30 May 2015

Registration for the conference opens:
1 May 2015

Early bird registration closes (campus accommodation will be made available on first-come, first-serve basis):
30 June 2015

Conference dates: **1-3 September 2015**

Submit your abstract to:
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