

Article 1
We the People
Social Justice



The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University
தமிழ்நாடு டாக்டர் அம்பேத்கர் சட்டப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்
State University Established by Act No.43 of 1997
NAAC Accredited



Two day National Conference on **THEORIZING JUSTICE**

Venue: Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar
Law University

10 - 11 October 2025



CONCEPT NOTE

What is Justice? Plato raised this pertinent question in his seminal book 'Republic (375 BC)' for his intellectual quest. He asserts that justice is a topic that interests all and not just the powerful; it is doing good for all and not limited to closer networks. The intellectual discussion ignited by Plato still continues to be a major domain for theorizing justice. In 1971, the influential work "A Theory of Justice" by John Rawls was published which created a wider discussion on Justice as fairness that centred around liberty and equality. Later, Amartya Sen published the book "Idea of Justice" in 1991, which was also a response to the work of Rawls. In his book, Sen argues that Justice should be assessed based on individual freedom and he emphasises the capability approach and voice in the decision-making process to understand freedom. The works of these thinkers are highly influential, however, the scope of theorization of justice is wider.

Justice is not only discussed in the domain of academia, but also discussed and sought for in and by the society. Great social leaders and thinkers from grassroots have played an important role in theorizing and demanding justice. Dr. BR Ambedkar's contribution to India's social and legal reform process and social justice has been remarkable. There were several other leaders before and after his life time like Mahatma Jothi Rao Phule, Savitribai Phule, Shri Narayana Guru, Iyothedhasa Pandithar, Thanthai Periyar and Rajaram Mohan Roy to name a few. These leaders influenced the discourse and ideas around justice in the country based on their grassroot experiences.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ideas, lived experience, scholarship, and leadership have played a pivotal role in shaping the Constitution of India.

The preamble of constitution of India states that the constitution was enacted to secure social, economic and political justice to all its citizens. This creates an avenue to understand how the idea of justice is defined in the Indian constitution. The Supreme Court of India made several interpretations of the fundamental rights ensured to the people of India by the constitution, and Article 142 of the Indian Constitution empowers the Supreme Court of India to pass any order to establish complete justice. The legal reforms can be viewed along with the changes that take place in the broader socio-economic and political context.

This national conference on “Theorizing Justice’ calls for an active engagement from academic community, legal community and civil society organization members across India representing multiple standpoints in theorising justice in the Indian context. The conference mainly focuses on academic, grassroot and legal theorization of justice. We invite you to submit your abstract under the following domains and broad theme.

KEY DOMAINS

This national conference aims to create a dialogical space to examine justice from three broad standpoints:

1. **Academic Theorization** – Revisiting classical and contemporary frameworks of justice.
2. **Grassroot Theorization** – Exploring how justice is envisioned and enacted by social reformers, activists, and marginalized communities.
3. **Legal Theorization** – Understanding how the law, judiciary, and constitution interpret and deliver justice in India.

By weaving together these threads, the conference seeks to foster an inclusive, multidisciplinary, and transformative understanding of justice relevant to today's challenges.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that the provided domains are intended solely as thematic Guidelines. They are suggestive and indicative, and should not be used as The titles for your papers. We encourage you to craft original titles that Best reflect your unique research contributions.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This national conference invites participation from:

- Academicians and Researchers
- Judges and Legal Scholars
- Jurists and Practicing Lawyers
- Civil Society Organization Representatives
- Policy Experts and Public Intellectuals

**** Only 30 papers will be selected for presentation.***

***** The Best 3 Papers will be Awarded with cash prize!***

****** No Registration Fee !***



IMPORTANT DATES

18 July 2025	Call for Papers Opens
10 August 2025	Last Date for Abstract Submission
22 August 2025	Notification of Abstract Acceptance
30 September 2025	Last Date for Full Paper Submission
10–11 October 2025	Conference Dates

*Excellent papers will be considered for publication either as part of an edited volume by the Publication Division of the Madras Institute of Development Studies or in a special issue of the journal *Review of Development and Change*, published in collaboration with SAGE Publications. All selected papers will undergo a peer review process before publication.*

** The G-form link for abstract submission has been given in the last page*

Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- **Word Limit:** 250–300 words.
- **Authorship:** Upto 2 co authors allowed.
- **Font & Format:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 spacing.
- **Language:** English only.
- **Keywords:** Include 4–5 keywords in the abstract.
- **Submission Format:** Word Document (.doc/.docx).
- **Plagiarism:** Abstract must be original and unpublished.
- **Submission mode:** Through Google forms only.
- **Author Details:** Include name, designation, institution, email ID, and contact number must be mentioned only in Google form not anywhere inside the document.

Guidelines for Full Paper Submission

- **Word Limit:** 4,000 to 5,000 words (including references).
- **Font & Format:** Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 line spacing, A4 size, justified alignment.
- **Citation Style:** APA 7th edition style(2019) – for legal citations include footnotes for references and maintain consistency.
- **File Format:** MS Word (.doc or .docx).
- **Submission mode :** through Google forms .
- **Plagiarism Limit:** There should not be more than 15% similarity in the main content as well as less Than 10% usage of Artificial Intelligence. The submission should be original and Not simultaneously considered by any other seminar, conference, journal, chapter In a book, etc..



ABOUT US

The Tamil Nadu DR. Ambedkar Law University was established by Government of Tamil Nadu under an Act [Act No.43 of 1997] for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in learning, teaching and research in the field of law. His Excellency Shri. K.R. Narayanan, former President of India inaugurated it on September 20, 1997. The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, was started with 8 students and now groomed into leaves and buds having reached a strength of over 30,000 students on its roll, it is the second largest law university in South Asia. The University is the first full-fledged sui generis Law University and; it is unique among all the Law Universities in the Country.

The Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centre for Economics, Socio-Legal Research was established in TNDALU in the academic year 2023-2024. The objective of the Centre is to expand knowledge on Economics and Socio-Legal Research. The core thrust area of the Centre is to disseminate the contributions of Baba Saheb Dr. B. R Ambedkar and to promote knowledge on justice, equity



ABOUT MIDS

The Madras Institute of Development Studies was founded by Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and Mrs. Elizabeth Adiseshiah, in January 1971, shortly after Dr. Adiseshiah's retirement as Deputy Director-General of UNESCO. In 1976, the Government of India through the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, sent a mission to study the possibility of developing MIDS into a national institute of social science research. On the recommendations of the mission, the Institute was reconstituted as a National Institute in March 1977 under the joint sponsorship of the Government of India through the ICSSR and the Government of Tamil Nadu. The founders gifted to the reconstituted National Institute its land and buildings, its library, furniture and equipment and a cash endowment. The Reserve Bank of India established a Chair in applied research in Regional Economics in the Institute in 1985.



Scan to Know More

CHIEF PATRONS



**Hon'ble Thiru. Justice
V. Bharathidasan,
Former Judge, High
Court of Madras.**



**Thiru. S. George Alexander,
Secretary to government,
Law Department,
Government of TamilNadu**



**Thiru. E. Om Prakash,
Senior Advocate, High
Court of Madras**



**Prof. (Dr.) M. Suresh Babu
Director - Madras institute
of Development studies**

PATRON



**Prof. (Dr.) Gowri Ramesh
Registrar - Tamil Nadu
Dr Ambedkar Law
University**

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR



**Prof. (Dr.) V. Balaji
Dean - School Of Excellence
in Law - TNDALU**

CONVENOR

Prof. Capt. (Dr.) D. Jaisankar
Director - Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
Centre for Economics &
Socio Legal Research

CO-CONVENOR

Dr. Mujahid Ul Islam
Associate Professor - Deputy Director
Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centre for
Economics & Socio Legal Research

ORGANISING SECRETARIES

Dr. V. Gajendran
Assistant Professor
Member- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
Centre for Economics &
Socio Legal Research

Dr. K. Jafar
Assistant Professor
Madras Institute of
Development Studies

FACULTY COORDINATORS

Ms. G.V. Vidhusha
Assistant Professor
Member- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
Centre for Economics &
Socio Legal Research

Dr. M. Nirmal Kumar
Assistant Professor
Member- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
Centre for Economics &
Socio Legal Research

Ms. A. Niranjanaa
Assistant Professor
Member- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
Centre for Economics &
Socio Legal Research

Mrs. S. Seema
Assistant Professor
Member- Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
Centre for Economics &
Socio Legal Research

Mrs. K. P. Praveena
Assistant Professor
Department of Constitutional
Law and Legal Order

Mr. Rahul Reghu
Assistant Professor
Department of Political
Science

STUDENT CO-ORDINATORS

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Aananya | 11. Nagavalli |
| 2. Tanuj S | 12. Rakesh |
| 3. Philip Vaseegaran G | 13. Arjun Ramamoorthi |
| 4. Sri Hari Vignesh G | 14. Jhanvi Rajput |
| 5. Varshiga R | 15. Aditya Dhruv |
| 6. Hema sudanthira G | 16. Rajasvi D |
| 7. Nandhika K | 17. Anbarasi |
| 8. Sangamithraa KL | 18. Dejitha L |
| 9. Abirami Sri A | 19. Dhanuja G |
| 10. Jisha | 20. Ishwarya V |

CONTACT DETAILS

For Further Details :
theorizingjustice.conference@gmail.com

Dr. V. Gajendran
Assistant Professor
Organizing Secretary
Phone 📞: +91 90950 46033

Mrs. S. Seema
Assistant Professor
Faculty Co-ordinator
Phone 📞: +91 95977 36394

Ms. Aananya
V year B.C.A. LL.B. (Hons)
Student Co-ordinator
Phone 📞: +91 91766 11104

Mr. S. Tanuj
V year B.C.A. LL.B. (Hons)
Student Co-ordinator
Phone 📞: +91 94434 37533



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

<https://forms.gle/EkDe7A4z88Z7Hut97>