

CALL FOR PAPERS

CFP: 32nd International Seminar (Virtual) on:

‘THE RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN IN THE DIGITAL AGE: RETHINKING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE RIGHT TO BE FORGOTTEN AND THE RIGHT TO REMEMBER IN A CONNECTED WORLD

[17TH OCTOBER, 2026]: Submit Abstract by 15TH September, 2026

About KLA

The Kerala Law Academy Law College (KLA), established in 1966, is a Centre for legal studies, legal research, and law reforms. Its acclaimed peer-reviewed Research Journal has been published continuously since 1977. The College, affiliated with the University of Kerala, offers Undergraduate programmes including five-year integrated courses in B.A. LL.B., B.Com. LL.B., B.B.A. LL.B., and B.Sc. (Information Technology) LL.B., the LL.B. Unitary three-year course, and post-graduate programmes comprising LL.M. (Administrative Law), LL.M. (International Law), and M.B.L. (Master of Business Law).

About the International Seminar

The 32nd INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR on **“The Right to Be Forgotten in the Digital Age: Rethinking the balance between the right to be forgotten and the right to remember in a connected world”** aims to provide a multidisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, legal practitioners, policymakers, technology experts, research scholars and students to deliberate on the emerging legal and regulatory challenges relating to privacy, personal data and digital memory. The rapid growth of social media, search engines, artificial intelligence and digital platforms has made personal information easily accessible and often permanently available in the digital space. While technology has enhanced access to information and freedom of expression, it has also raised concerns relating to privacy, reputation, data misuse and the continued availability of outdated or unwanted personal information. The issue of the right to be forgotten is particularly significant in the case of children, whose digital footprints may be created at an early age without a full understanding of the long-term consequences

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act) provides an important Indian legal framework for examining these issues. The Act recognises individuals' rights in relation to their personal data, including the right to correction and erasure. The provision allows a Data

Principal to request erasure of personal data, subject to circumstances where its retention is necessary for a specified purpose or for compliance with law. In this context, the seminar seeks to critically examine the relationship between the right to be forgotten and the right to remember, while considering privacy, freedom of expression, the right to information, public interest and preservation of digital and historical records. It also aims to encourage interdisciplinary and comparative discussions on developing appropriate legal and policy approaches for protecting individual privacy while ensuring a balanced and responsible digital environment.

The conference seeks to foster critical dialogue on contemporary legal and policy issues, comparative regulatory frameworks, technological innovations and global governance mechanisms shaping the future of digital privacy. It also aims to encourage interdisciplinary research on emerging technologies, sustainable digital development and responsible innovation, thereby contributing towards the formulation of resilient, transparent and future-oriented legal and regulatory frameworks capable of balancing technological progress with financial integrity, public interest and the rule of law.

Mode

The International Seminar will be conducted entirely in online mode.

Sub-Themes

1. Evolution and Concept of the Right to Be Forgotten
2. Privacy, Informational Self-Determination and Digital Autonomy
3. Digital Memory versus the Right to Be Forgotten
4. Freedom of Expression, Freedom of the Press and Right to Information
5. Public Interest and the Limits of Forgetting
6. Comparative Legal Perspectives: EU, UK, USA and India
7. Judicial Approaches and Emerging Jurisprudence
8. Technological Challenges in Implementing the Right to Be Forgotten
9. Balancing Test: Proportionality and Reasonableness
10. Towards a Rights-Based and Balanced Framework
11. Constitutional Foundations of the Right to Be Forgotten in India
12. Right to Be Forgotten and Article 21
13. Children's Privacy and the Right to Be Forgotten in the Digital Age
14. Informational Privacy in the Digital Age
15. Personal Data and Individual Autonomy
16. Digital Identity and the Right to Control Personal Information
17. Online Reputation and the Right to Be Forgotten
18. Children's Digital Footprints and the Right to Erasure
19. Right to Be Forgotten and Freedom of Speech

20. Right to Be Forgotten and Freedom of the Press
21. Right to Be Forgotten and the Right to Know
22. Privacy versus Public Interest in Digital Spaces
23. Historical Memory and the Right to Remember
24. Digital Archives and Preservation of Public Memory
25. Right to Be Forgotten and Search Engines
26. Children's Privacy and the Right to Be Forgotten
27. Social Media Platforms and Digital Permanence
28. Digital Footprints and Long-Term Privacy
29. Artificial Intelligence and the Right to Be Forgotten
30. Generative AI and Personal Data Protection
31. AI Training Data and the Right to Erasure
32. Deepfakes, Digital Identity and Privacy
33. Algorithmic Profiling and Individual Autonomy
34. Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and the Right to Be Forgotten
35. Right to Correction and Erasure under the DPDP Act, 2023
36. Data Principal Rights under the DPDP Act, 2023
37. Data Fiduciaries and Responsibilities under the DPDP Act, 2023
38. Consent and Withdrawal of Consent under the DPDP Framework
39. Data Retention, Purpose Limitation and the Right to Erasure
40. DPDP Act, 2023 and the Protection of Digital Privacy in India
41. GDPR and the Right to Erasure: Lessons for India
42. Google Spain and the Development of the Right to Be Forgotten
43. European and Indian Approaches to Digital Erasure
44. The United States Perspective on Digital Privacy and Erasure
45. Cross-Border Data Protection and the Right to Be Forgotten
46. Jurisdictional Challenges in Digital Erasure
47. Remedies and Enforcement of the Right to Be Forgotten
48. Cybersecurity, Data Breaches and the Right to Erasure
49. Emerging Challenges in Implementing the Right to Be Forgotten
50. The Future of the Right to Be Forgotten in an AI-Driven Digital World

Note: The above themes are illustrative and not exhaustive. Authors may submit papers on any topic aligned with the central theme of the seminar.

Publication Opportunity

Selected research articles will be published in the Seminar Book with ISBN.

Guidelines for Paper Submission

- Papers must align with the theme of the International Seminar.

- The paper must be in Times New Roman, heading - 14 pt, Text - 12 pt, A4 size, single line spacing, justified, not exceeding 2500 words including title, author details, and footnotes.
- Authors are encouraged to follow The Bluebook (20th ed.) citation style.
- Footnotes must be in Times New Roman, 10 pt, and inserted using the Word footnote option. Speaking footnotes are discouraged.
- An abstract not exceeding 250 words must be submitted for consideration.
- The abstract should contain a synopsis of the paper, proposed subtitles, reference materials, and a brief conclusion reflecting the author's perspective.
- The abstract must be mailed to internationalseminar32@gmail.com on or before 10 SEPTEMBER, accompanied by a cover page stating:
 - Title of the Paper
 - Sub-Theme
 - Name of Author(s)
 - Name of Institution/Organization
 - Official Designation
 - E-mail Address
 - Postal Address
 - Contact Number
- Submission must be in Word format.
- References need not be provided separately and must be included as footnotes.
- Precedents may be italicized but not bold.
- All subheadings must be left-aligned and in bold.
- Papers will be screened by a committee. Approved full papers will be accepted for presentation. Intimation will be made via email.
- The final paper must include a cover page with Name, Designation, Discipline and Year of Study (if applicable), Address, E-mail ID, and Contact Number.
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- A soft copy of the publication will not be provided unless an extra payment of Rupees 200 is made, and for a hard copy, Rupees 600 is to be paid additionally

Submission Procedure

Kindly send the abstract on or before 15th SEPTEMBER 2026 to internationalseminar32@gmail.com

Important Dates

- Submission of Abstract: 15th SEPTEMBER
- Communication of Abstract Acceptance: 20th SEPTEMBER
- Submission of Full Paper: 25th SEPTEMBER
- Intimation of Full Paper Acceptance: 27th SEPTEMBER
- Date of Payment of Registration Fee: 30th SEPTEMBER
- Date of the Seminar: 17th OCTOBER

Registration Fees and Payment Details

- Paper Presentation: 1000
- Author - 1000
- Co-Authorship - 1200
- Seminar Participation: 250

Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/g9D9Ko3FGJYfRwhT6>

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