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IMPERIUM CAPITALIS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AS CORPORATE
HEGEMONY

LAW, CAPITAL, KNOWLEDGE AND THE POLITICS OF OWNERSHIP

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Established in 1970, Government Law College, Kozhikode is one of Kerala's most respected centers for legal education. As the third law college founded in the state, it has consistently upheld a tradition of academic excellence, institutional integrity, and public engagement. Over the decades, the college has produced a distinguished network of alumni serving across the judiciary, legal practice, academia, government, and corporate sectors.

The college offers a range of academic programs including the five-year integrated BBA LLB (Honours), three-year LLB, and LLM degrees. The BBA LLB (Honours) programme is uniquely designed to provide a multidisciplinary foundation by integrating core legal studies with essential management subjects, enabling students to navigate both legal and administrative domains.

To complement its academic offerings, the college supports co-curricular leadership through forums such as MaFLaC, its official Management Forum, which encourages professional development, peer learning, and interdisciplinary exposure.

As part of its academic structure, the programme includes a mandatory management project, carried out under faculty supervision. This component encourages applied learning and contributes to students' leadership, research, and problem-solving abilities.

Over the years, students from the institution have secured placements in prominent law firms, policy institutions, administrative bodies, and corporate entities. The college actively facilitates campus placement and community-based recruitment opportunities, encouraging engagement with both public and private sector employers. Through career guidance programs and institutional collaborations, students are equipped to pursue diverse professional paths beyond traditional legal practice.

Government Law College, Kozhikode remains committed to nurturing legally proficient, socially conscious, and professionally competent graduates with its integrated academic ventures.

ABOUT THE MAFLAC

MaFLaC, the Management Forum of Government Law College, Kozhikode, is a student-led initiative that promotes leadership, management exposure, and professional skill-building within a legal academic framework. It plays a vital role in equipping law students with competencies that transcend traditional legal training by bringing together the disciplines of law, strategy, and organisational thinking.

Formally structured with the election of its first committee in 2018, MaFLaC gained renewed direction with the election of its second committee in 2024. Since then, the forum has actively coordinated a series of impactful academic and co-curricular events that foster applied learning, professional development, and career preparedness.

One of the forum's early milestones was conducting a management fest orientation, which helped students understand event structuring, coordination, and team management. The initiative encouraged wider participation in inter-collegiate competitions, where students represented the college and brought home several accolades.

MaFLaC has also focused on professional development by organising mock interview simulations, resume-building workshops, and quiz competitions to bridge classroom learning with real-world expectations. A landmark achievement was the training and coordination of the first-ever MUN delegation to officially represent Government Law College, Kozhikode, leading to strong performances and recognition at prestigious Model United Nations conferences.

Functioning under an elected body with faculty guidance, MaFLaC continues to promote initiative, collaboration, and leadership across batches. Last year, MaFLaC hosted Ascensio, its flagship inter-collegiate management fest, bringing together participants from colleges across the region in a spirit of competition, collaboration, and leadership. The event further strengthened the forum's role in providing students with practical exposure to management, teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking.

With its philosophy rooted in "Management for Lawyers and Law for Managers," MaFLaC reflects the changing landscape of legal education, where cross-disciplinary fluency is no longer optional but essential. Through its diverse initiatives and activities, the forum continues to contribute to the holistic development of law students and remains a vital part of the college's evolving academic vision.

ABOUT THE IPR-CHAIR

The IPR Chair/Centre at Government Law College, Kozhikode (GLCK) focuses on promoting awareness, education, and research in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). It helps students and the public understand patents, copyrights, trademarks, geographical indications, and other forms of intellectual property.

The Centre conducts seminars, workshops, guest lectures, conferences, and research activities on IPR, while also providing opportunities for students to participate in internships and projects related to intellectual property law. It aims to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, improve knowledge of IPR protection, and provide practical legal guidance to innovators, startups, and MSMEs. Through these activities, it contributes to the development and effective protection of intellectual property.

ABOUT IQAC

As per National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) guidelines every accredited institution should establish an Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) as a post-accreditation quality sustenance measure. Since quality enhancement is a continuous process, the IQAC becomes a part of the institution's system and works towards realization of the goals of quality enhancement and sustenance. The prime task of the IQAC is to develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic improvement in the overall performance of institutions.

ABOUT LEGAL BITES

Legal Bites, founded in 2016 by Mayank Shekhar, is one of India's premier online legal education platforms. Recognized by DPIIT and Startup India, the platform provides valuable resources and opportunities for the legal community.

It offers a wide range of resources, including blogs, educational materials, competitions, seminars, events, and career opportunities. Legal Bites also provides affordable and high-quality content covering cases, codes, articles, and interviews, making legal knowledge more accessible.

Under the leadership of Mayank Shekhar, Legal Bites has received several prestigious recognitions, including "Best Legal Education Platform 2021 – Asia" and "Best Legal EdTech Platform 2023 – India." It has also been ranked 6th among the Top 60 Indian Law Blogs by Feedspot.

By simplifying complex legal concepts, Legal Bites serves as a valuable learning resource for students, legal professionals, and educators, while also helping teachers enhance classroom learning.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

Every empire needs a currency. Once it was land, then gold, then oil. Today, it is knowledge ; patented, copyrighted, licensed, and locked behind paywalls before it ever reaches the people who need it most.

Imperium Capitalis is not a seminar about intellectual property law in the way law students are used to hearing it as a neutral toolkit for protecting inventors and rewarding creativity. It is an argument that IP has quietly become something else entirely a mechanism of empire. A drug remains too expensive to save lives, not because the science is incomplete, but because a patent says so. An algorithm trained on millions of unpaid, unconsenting creators becomes someone else's billion-dollar asset. A farmer's seed, cultivated over generations, becomes a corporation's exclusive property. The law does not merely record ownership it manufactures it.

Over two days, Government Law College, Kozhikode, through MaFLaC, brings together lawyers, research scholars, economists, technologists, and policy thinkers to sit with an uncomfortable question: when the right to own an idea becomes the right to rule over it, Who really owns knowledge and Who gets left outside the gates?

This is not a seminar that will hand you settled answers. It will hand you the empire's blueprint and ask you to decide whether it deserves to stand. With this objective in mind , the Seminar is divided into 10 broad sub themes



ABOUT IMPERIUM CAPITALIS - EMPIRE OF CAPITAL

Where knowledge becomes territory, ownership becomes the rule. In an age where patents guard medicines, algorithms hold data hostage, and corporations claim dominion over ideas themselves, knowledge has become the last great empire ruled not by kings, but by capital. Imperium Capitalis is MaFLaC's national seminar confronting this new order: an interdisciplinary reckoning with Intellectual Property as the modern architecture of corporate power.

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BROAD SUB - THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

SUB-THEME 1 : PHILOSOPHICAL JUSTIFICATION OF IP : DEVELOPING COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

SUB- THEME 2 : POLITICAL ECONOMY OF IP

SUB - THEME 3 : TRIPS & THE GLOBAL SOUTH

SUB - THEME 4 : PHARMA PATENTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH

SUB- THEME 5 : AI , COPYRIGHT & DIGITAL CAPITALISM

SUB - THEME 6 : IP , AGRICULTURE & FOOD

SUB - THEME 7 : IPR, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, & BIOPIRACY

SUB - THEME 8: OPEN SOURCE, OPEN ACCESS & COMMONS

SUB - THEME 9 : PUBLIC INTEREST LIMITATION ON IP

SUB - THEME 10 : IP, CAPITAL, CORPORATE POWER

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. AUTHORS

Paper can be submitted by an Author or with one co-author.(Max. of two authors)

2. ABSTRACT

2.1 Prospective authors must submit an abstract of 250-500 words outlining the research question, methodology, and key arguments of the paper.

2.2 Abstract shall contain 4- 5 keywords.

2.3 Abstract must adhere to 21st edition of Bluebook.

3. FULL RESEARCH PAPER

3.1 Full papers should be between 3,000 to 4,000 words, following academic standards.(Introduction → Research Problem → Research Questions →Objectives → Literature Review → Methodology → Analysis → Findings → Recommendations → Conclusion → References)

3.2 The main text should be in Times New Roman font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.

3.3 The footnotes should be in Times New Roman font size 10 with single line spacing.

3.4 Full paper must adhere to 21st edition of the Bluebook.

The paper should be the original, unpublished work.

Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified.

4. LANGUAGE

The paper should be written in English.

METHOD OF SUBMISSION

All the details you need for submitting your abstracts, full papers, and related materials are outlined in the Participants' Guide Shared in the link below

[PARTICIPANTS GUIDE LINK](#)



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SELECTION PROCESS

1. All abstracts and full papers will undergo a peer -review process by the Paper Review Committee and Academic Committee.
2. Selection will be based on relevance to the themes, originality, and quality of research.
3. Selected papers will be invited for presentation during the seminar, and authors will be notified via email.

DETAILS OF PRESENTATION

Presentation Format (Hybrid mode) : Authors will have 5-7 minutes to present their papers, followed by 3 minutes for question - and - answer session with the audience

PRESENTATION AIDS

1. Projectors and other audiovisual equipment will be available for presenters. Authors are encouraged to prepare visual aids or slides to enhance their presentations.
2. Language: Presentations should be delivered in English.
3. Physical presenters should carry three hard copies.

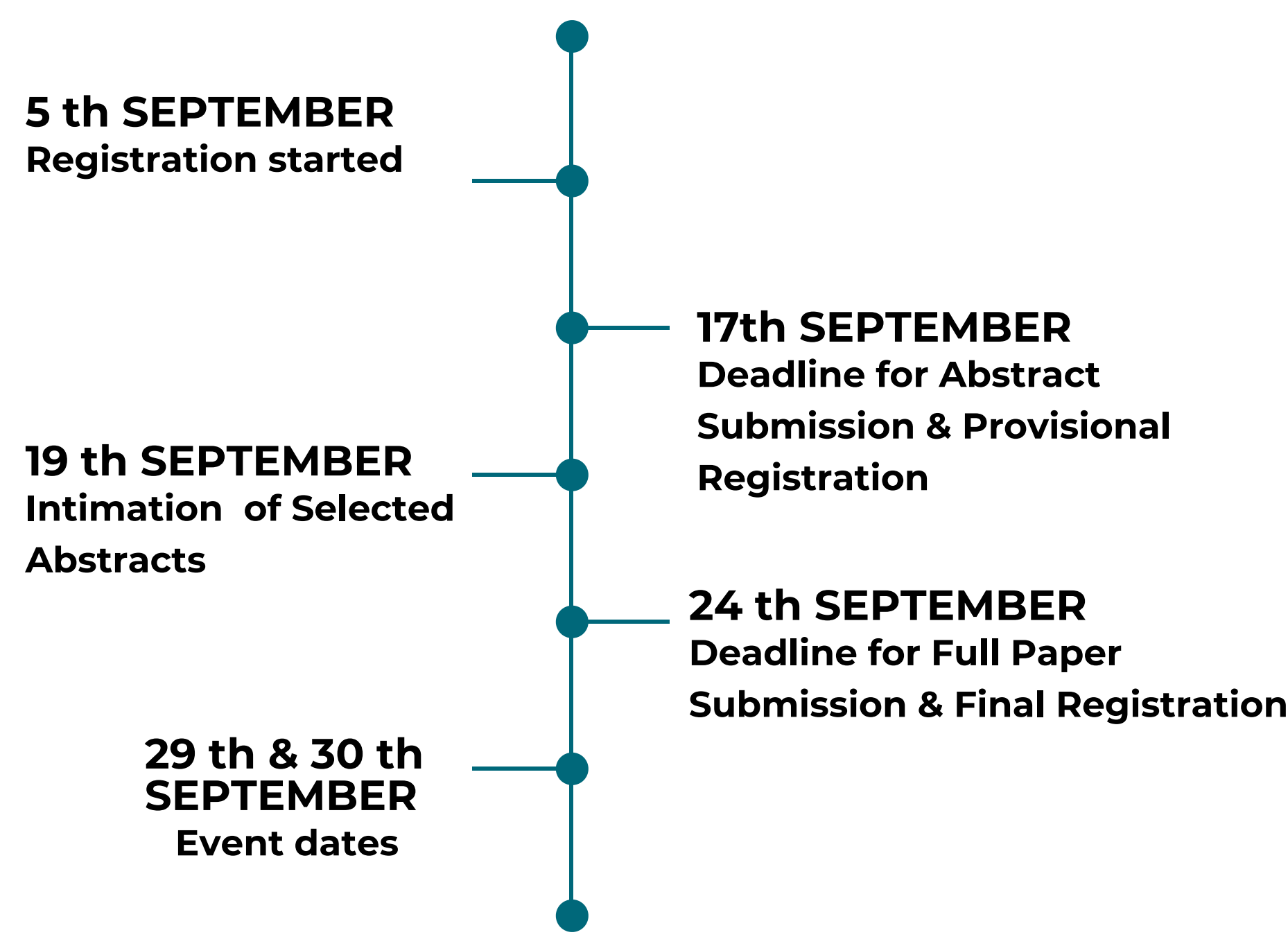
CALL FOR PAPERS

The seminar invites students, researchers, academicians, and professionals to submit research papers on themes related to Intellectual Property as Corporate Hegemony . Selected papers will be presented during the seminar, providing a valuable opportunity for participants to showcase their research and contribute to this academic discourse

PUBLICATION

- 1.Selected papers will be published in an edited volume with ISBN.
 2. Selected Papers shall have below 10% plagiarism include AI generated, will be published in the conference proceedings, providing contributors with academic recognition and a broader audience for their work.
 3. Papers published in the proceedings will be distributed to participants, institutions, and libraries, making a meaningful addition to the discourse on IPR.
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REGISTRATION FEES

CATEGORY	FEES	
	Paper Presentation & Participation	Participation Only
GLCK Students	300	FREE
Other UG / PG Students	500	100
Research Scholars	600	250
Faculty / Academicians	750	250
legal practitioners [Industry , Management professional]	1000	250

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