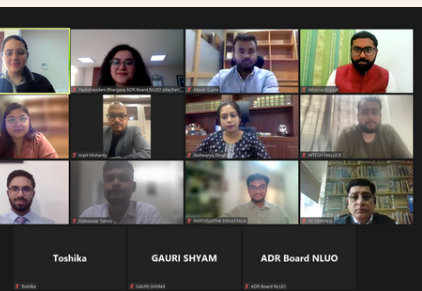




# 2nd GAJE-NLUO MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION CONCLAVE, 2025



National Law University Odisha (NLUO), Cuttack was established by the Act 4 of 2008 by the Odisha State Legislature and started imparting education in Law from the Academic Year 2009-10. The University was established keeping in mind a clearly enunciated vision of advancement of learning, teaching, research, diffusion of knowledge in the field of law and catering to the needs of society. The University has been continuously working for the betterment of the society through various seminars, conferences, consultancy programmes, etc., and in furtherance of the objectives, has established various centres of excellence to carryout research, training and extension activities and one such being the NLUO Centre for Mediation and Negotiation (CMN).

# ABOUT NLUO



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Since its establishment in 1996, the Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) has been dedicated to promoting justice through education. GAJE has organized ten Worldwide Conferences on justice education to date, held in various countries including India, South Africa, Poland, Argentina, Philippines, Spain, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia. These conferences have provided accessible and affordable platforms for individuals from developing countries to participate and contribute. With delegates from all continents and over 50 countries, these conferences have facilitated cross-national collaborations, educational exchange programs, joint research projects, workshops, and the development of teaching resources. GAJE's commitment to fostering global partnerships and knowledge sharing has resulted in a multitude of initiatives and publications that contribute to justice education worldwide. As the proud sponsor and organizer of this conference, GAJE continues to foster dialogue, collaboration, and innovative approaches to justice education.

# ABOUT GAJE



The Centre for Mediation and Negotiation is an initiative of National Law University Odisha to promote academic research on themes pertaining to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). It was first established in March 2014, with the primary aim of promoting research and training in the field of negotiation and mediation. The Centre has been reconstituted in 2022 under the guidance of Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO. The Centre aims to bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and real-world application, with a focus on the study of mediation and negotiation. In addition to conducting research, the centre seeks to organize events such as Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), seminars, training workshops, and diploma and certificate programmes on ADR to encourage hands-on learning. It also aims to familiarise students with the inner workings of various processes. The centre's long-term goal is to improve students communication abilities and instil in them the faculty of mediation and negotiation.

# ABOUT NLUO CMN



The NLUO Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Board has been established with the objective to increase awareness and promote research in the field of ADR. It strives to generate interest in ADR as an effective means of dispute resolution. The Board has trained students to represent the University in multiple National and International Mediation and Negotiation Competitions, in which the students have performed exceedingly well. The Board also has organized Virtual webinars and panel discussions on International Arbitration. In order to carry forward the objectives of the Board, the Board started the e-Newsletter to catalyse the awareness about alternative dispute resolution and to foster ADR culture with the participation of students in research avenues. The primary objective of the e-Newsletter is to disseminate knowledge relating to the current affairs in the field of ADR. The e-Newsletter intends to include articles and interviews from students, experts, academicians and reputed legal professionals practicing in the field of ADR.

# ABOUT NLUO ADR BOARD



# ABOUT THE EVENT

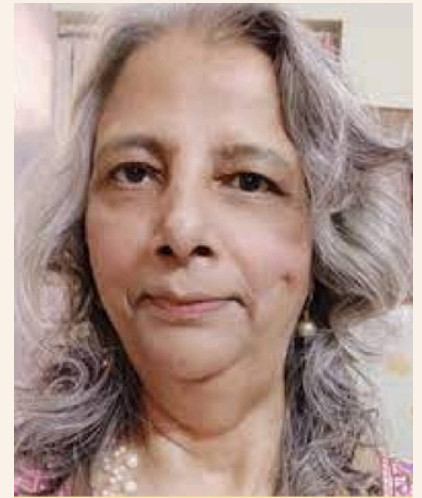
In order to create awareness and promote the very efficient mode of dispute resolution called Mediation, NLUO Centre for Mediation and Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Board of NLUO are together organizing a 5-day Mediation and Negotiation Conclave, with the generous support of the Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE).

The GAJE-NLUO Mediation and Negotiation Conclave is set to hold its second edition, promising to be a flagship event that will build on the success of its inaugural run in 2023. This Conclave is holistically designed to cater the expectations of the participants, mainly students from various parts of the country to learn and enhance their skills of Mediation and Negotiation. The learning techniques that would be used during this conclave include Experiential Learning, Experience Sharing, Brainstorming, Group Discussions, Lecturing, etc, ensuring both theoretical and practical learning.

# ABOUT THE RESOURCE PERSONS

## **Prof. Ved Kumari, Vice-Chancellor, NLUO || Certified Professional Mediator**

Prof. Ved Kumari is the Vice-Chancellor of NLUO, and former Dean and Head, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. She began teaching law in 1983 and has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in the University of Delhi, Jammu University in India, and Vanderbilt University (USA), supervised LL.M. dissertations and Ph.D. Theses. She has written many books and innumerable articles in national and international journals. Prof. Ved Kumari's areas of primary academic interest are juvenile justice, criminal law, gender discrimination, clinical education, judicial training. She introduced an innovative full semester course in University of Delhi as part of Course Work for research scholars on 'Andragogy – the Art of Teaching Adults' aimed at training the future law teachers in the adult teaching methods and improving learning of students. She has conducted and participated in many national and international train-the-trainer workshops on a range of subjects like teaching methods, evaluation, teaching ethics, mainstreaming gender, etc



## **Sr. Prof. (Dr.) V K Ahuja, Director, Indian Law Institute**

Sr. Prof. (Dr.) V. K. Ahuja is the Director of the Indian Law Institute and a Senior Professor at the University of Delhi's Faculty of Law. He holds a Ph.D. and LL.M. from the University of Delhi and an M.Phil. from Jawaharlal Nehru University. He has over 30 years of teaching and research experience and has authored several books on Intellectual Property Rights, International Law, and Mediation. Prof. Ahuja has held various prestigious roles, including Vice-Chancellor of the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, and Joint Director of the Delhi School of Public Policy and Governance. He has also served on several important committees, including the UGC and NAAC, and has been involved in CLAT administration for the North-East region. He has published numerous articles and supervised Ph.D. and LL.M. scholars. Prof. Ahuja has also been a speaker at various judicial academies, WIPO courses, and national and international conferences.



## **Charlie Irvine, Director, University of Strathclyde Mediation Clinic**

Charlie Irvine is Director of Strathclyde's LLM in Mediation and Conflict Resolution, combining academic study with a strong focus on practice. He qualified as a solicitor in 1982 and qualified as a family mediator in 1993, commercial mediator in 2004, additional support needs (education) mediator 2004. In response to student demand he started the Mediation Clinic in 2011; from a handful of mediations per year the Clinic has grown to the point where it provides small claims mediation in most of Scotland's courts. Charlie has just completed a PhD looking at justice in small claims mediation, and his practice includes workplace, succession and professional complaints. He is a regular contributor to the Kluwer Mediation Blog.



## **Ms. Pauline Mckay, Mediation Co-ordinator and Lead Mediator, Law School, University of Strathclyde Mediation Clinic, Scotland, UK**

Pauline is currently the full-time Co-ordinator for the Mediation Clinic. Pauline has 30+ years of administration experience within the University of Strathclyde. She has worked in various roles, Departments, and Faculties that have provided the opportunity to work across many subjects. She has been a mediator for 5 years, initially training in Community Mediation; and completed the Postgraduate Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution at Strathclyde. Alongside mediating for the Clinic, Pauline also volunteers for Lothian & Borders Mediation Services as well as other community organisations.





## **Daniel Brantes Ferreira, CEO, Brazilian Centre for Mediation and Arbitration**

Daniel Brantes Ferreira is an independent arbitrator and the Brazilian Journal of Alternative Dispute Resolution Editor-in-Chief. He is a founding partner at DBF Law, a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), holds a Doctor of Law degree, and is a Professor and author of numerous books and papers on arbitration and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms. He currently teaches at EMERJ and at the Master's Degree course from Ambra University (Arbitration discipline). He holds the position of Research Fellow at The Baldy Centre for Law Social Policy at the State University of New York at Buffalo and is a Senior Researcher at South Ural State University (SUSU).



## **Prof. (Dr.) Sunanda Bharti, Professor of Law, Law Centre-I, University of Delhi**

Prof. Sunanda is a Certified Professional Mediator from Indian Institute of Arbitration and Mediation (IIAM). Prof. Sunanda was a Team Leader (Editorial) with LexisNexis Butterworths India for 3 years and hence has experience of the Law Publishing Industry. She completed her Ph.D., LL.M. and LL.B. from the Faculty of Law, University of Delhi. She was awarded the prestigious 'Sukhdevi Girdhari Lal Grover Prize' for being the best candidate in Constitutional Law I and II, presented at the 78th Annual Convocation of the Delhi University. She has done pioneering research work on the 'Legal Personality of Unborn/Foetus'.



## **Prof. (Mrs.) Alok Sharma, Professor of Law, Law Centre-I, University of Delhi**

Prof. (Mrs.) Alok Sharma is a Professor at the Law Centre-I, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, with over ten years of teaching experience. She holds LL.M. degree from the Faculty of Law, Delhi University, where her dissertation explored the recognition of womanhood by the Indian judiciary post-Mathura era. Prof. Sharma's research interests include Jurisprudence, Criminal Law, and mediation practices. She has actively participated in various conferences and workshops on legal aid and dispute resolution, contributing to the discourse on effective mediation techniques and their role in fostering justice. Prof. Sharma is dedicated to enhancing mediation education and practices, advocating for its potential in resolving conflicts amicably and creatively.



## **Dr. Eluckiaa Asaithambi**

Dr. Eluckiaa Asaithambi is an accomplished Assistant Professor of Law who brings extensive expertise in mediation and alternative dispute resolution. She has taught a wide range of courses, including International Trade Law, International Investment Law, Law and Justice in a Globalising World, and Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment. Her Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) course particularly emphasises a lot on mediation. Dr. Eluckiaa has completed a comprehensive 45-hour Mediation Training Programme conducted by the Centre for Consumer Law at National Law University Odisha in collaboration with the Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre "SAMADHAN." She is also deeply involved in research projects that influence policy recommendations and reforms in legal education and judicial performance. Dr. Eluckiaa's scholarly contributions, which span topics such as trade facilitation, investment agreements, corporate governance, censorship and free speech, and environmental law, have been published in respected journals and edited volumes.



# CALL FOR PAPERS

The Centre for Mediation and Negotiation at NLUO is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the upcoming 2nd GAJE-NLUO Mediation and Negotiation Conclave 2025 (29th of January, 2025 – 2nd of February, 2025). We invite interested researchers, academicians, and policymakers from Indian and foreign institutions to submit their papers for presentation at the conclave. Selected papers will also have the opportunity to be published in the subsequent editions of the [NLUO ADR e-Newsletter](#).

## THEMES

Participants may choose from the following themes for their paper presentations:

- 1. International Mediation**
- 2. Alternative Dispute Resolution**
- 3. Mediation in Matrimonial Disputes**
- 4. Mediation in the Digital Age**
- 5. Mediation and AI**
- 6. Opportunities and Challenges in Mediation Practice**
- 7. Mediation in Conflict War Zones**
- 8. Climate Conflict Mediation**
- 9. Mediation Act, 2023**
- 10. Art of Negotiation**
- 11. Communication and Conflict Resolution**
- 12. Hybrid Arbitration**
- 13. Mediation and Criminal Justice System**

# **Submission Guidelines**

- Submissions should be in the form of articles. The acceptable word limit should not be breached i.e., 3000-4500 words.
- Abstract must contain central research question and research design along with the proposed title and keywords (not more than 350 words).
- Co-authorship is permissible for the manuscripts, but the number of co-authors must not exceed two.
- All manuscripts must be original works of the authors. Plagiarized content beyond 15% will not be eligible for publication.
- Time Duration for Paper Presentation: 15 minutes in total, i.e., 12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions & answers, and comments.

## **General Guidelines**

- Each manuscript should include a title and a brief synopsis/introduction of the chosen topic.
- The title of the submission must not exceed 10 words.
- The synopsis/introduction of the topic should not exceed 350 words.
- Authors must include a brief biographical information (in no more than two lines) below the title.
- Each submission must include up to five keywords relevant to the article's theme.

## **Formatting Guidelines**

- Body: Font – Times New Roman, Font size- 12, Line spacing- 1.5, Alignment- Justified.
- Footnotes: Font – Times New Roman, Font size- 10, Line spacing- 1, Alignment- Justified.
- Please adhere to the OSCOLA format for citations.

# Submission Process

To submit your manuscripts for the GAJE-NLUO Mediation & Negotiation Conclave, please follow the guidelines below:

- Save your manuscript in .doc/.docx format using Microsoft Office 2007 or a newer version.
- Send your manuscript as an email attachment to [cmn@nluo.ac.in](mailto:cmn@nluo.ac.in), along with a covering letter (containing your name, affiliation and other alike details) and the payment proof.
- Use "Submission\_2nd GAJE-NLUO Mediation & Negotiation Conclave 2025" as the subject line of your email.
- Make sure to send your manuscript only to the specified email address mentioned above.

## Deadline For Submission

Papers must be submitted by 24th of January, 2025 to the email address provided above. However, papers will only be entertained if payment guidelines have been followed and proof of payment has been provided. Papers submitted without payment will not be considered.

## Payment Guidelines

To register for the conclave, a nominal registration fee will be charged. The registration fee is INR 500 (5.89 USD) for single-authored papers and INR 800 (9.42 USD) for co-authored papers.

# For Indian Nationals

Payment details and guidelines can be found below:

- Visit the State Bank Collect website, given below:  
<http://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>
- Accept the disclaimer clause and click on 'Proceed'
- Select the State of Corporate/Institution as 'Odisha'
- Select the type of Corporate/Institution as 'Educational Institutions' and click on 'Go'.
- Now select the Educational Institution Name as 'National Law University Odisha' and click on 'Submit'.
- Select the required payment category 'Registration for Seminar & Events' from the drop- down.
- Fill in the challan with the required information as asked for or select from the drop-down options wherever available.
- Mobile Number as asked for in the lower part of the screen. This information is important to reprint the e-Receipt after any successful payment.
- Once the required data is filled in click on 'Submit'.Once the required data is filled in click on 'Submit'.
- The system will ask you to verify the details entered and confirm the transaction on the next page. Verify the details and click on confirm.
- The system will request you to select the desired payment mode from various options. Please note that the bank charges for various payment modes are also displayed which is to be borne by the remitter. Carefully examine the charges displayed since the charges for different payment modes are different. Select the desired payment mode.

- Now, the system will guide the remitter through the payment process. Once the payment is completed successfully one e-Receipt is generated containing a Reference Number in PDF format. Take a printout. You may also save this optionally for future reference. The e- Receipt can also be regenerated/reprinted afterward from the 'Payment History' link of the 'State bank collect'
- If 'SBI Branch' is selected as payment mode a Pre-Acknowledgement Payment (PAP) form is generated which contains the relevant details for payment at Branch. The payer takes the printout of the PAP Form and visits any SBI branch for payment through cash or cheque drawn at SBI Branch. After the branch successfully processes the payment, the branch will acknowledge payment on the PAP Form. Now any time the payer may optionally return to the 'State Bank Collect' link on the home page of [www.onlinesbi.com](http://www.onlinesbi.com) for printing the e-receipt from the 'Payment History' link of State Bank Collect.

## **For Foreign Nationals**

For Foreign Nationals: Please find below the bank details:

- Bank Name: State Bank of India
- Bank Address: FCRA Cell, 4th Floor, State Bank of India, New Delhi Main Branch, 11, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001.
- Account Holder name: National Law University Orissa
- Account No.: 40771032639
- SWIFT: SBININBB104
- Notes on the transfer: "For 2nd GAJE-NLUO Mediation and Negotiation Conclave 2025".

*We eagerly await your valuable contributions to  
the 2nd GAJE-NLUO Mediation and  
Negotiation Conclave 2025.*

# 2nd GAJE-NLUO NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The GAJE-NLUO Negotiation Competition is a national level competition providing a competitive platform for budding legal professionals to hone their negotiation skills. Organized by the NLUO ADR Board, this event fosters an exchange of innovative ideas and equips participants with essential skills in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), effective communication, and collaboration.

The inaugural edition, held on 12th of August to 13th of August, 2023, witnessed participation from 28 teams representing prominent law universities across India. The event was graced by esteemed ADR experts, including Ms. Iram Majid and Ms. Akanksha Marwah, who brought their invaluable expertise as judges. Supported by reputed collaborators such as the Global Alliance for Justice Education (title sponsor), Live Law (media partner), the High Court of Orissa, EMW Genxt, and other leading ADR organizations, the competition achieved significant acclaim.

The 2nd GAJE-NLUO Negotiation Competition, scheduled to be held physically on NLUO campus on 1st of February and 2nd of February, 2025 seeks to build on the success of its inaugural edition. The event aspires to provide participants with a meaningful platform to engage with peers and learn from esteemed professionals in the field of alternative dispute resolution.



# General Information

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Participation is limited to students pursuing their Bachelor's Degree in Law.

## **FORMAT**

A team shall comprise of 2 members: 1 Client and 1 Counsel.

2 preliminary rounds, of 40 minutes each, shall be held for each team.

Qualifying teams would appear for Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and the Final round.

The Competition will be held in offline mode.

## **TIME LIMITS**

The time limit will be 40 minutes for the preliminary rounds and 60 minutes for the advanced rounds.

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

INR 11,000 per team

# IMPORTANT DATES

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATES</b>
<b>Commencement of Registrations</b>	<b>22.12.2024</b>
<b>Last Date for Provisional Registration</b>	<b>30.12.2024</b>
<b>Last date for Payment and Final Registration</b>	<b>05.01.2025</b>
<b>Release of Problem for Preliminary Rounds</b>	<b>06.01.2025</b>
<b>Last Date for Seeking Clarifications</b>	<b>15.01.2025</b>
<b>Release of Clarifications</b>	<b>18.01.2025</b>
<b>Preliminary Round 1 and 2</b>	<b>01.02.2025</b>
<b>Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final Round</b>	<b>02.02.2025</b>

The format of the competition is tentatively offline. In case there are any changes in the mode of the competition due to unforeseeable reasons, the teams shall be informed before 8th of January, 2025. The teams are requested not to make any travel plans or travel expenditure until the mode is confirmed. In case of changes, the registration fees shall be reimbursed/refunded proportionally.

**DISCLAIMER** - The dates, schedules, and details pertaining to the tournament are tentative in nature and subject to change. In case of any change, the organising committee shall communicate the details to the participants. All the discretionary power with respect to outcomes of the tournament rounds vests with the Organising Committee. The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.

# SCHEDULE

**29**

**JAN 2025**  
**WED**

- Opening Ceremony (Hybrid Mode) – 3:00 pm (IST)
- Workshop/ Seminar (Offline Mode)
  1. The Art of Communication - 3:30 pm (IST)  
By Prof. Ved Kumari
  2. The Art of Negotiation - 5:00 pm (IST) -  
By Prof. (Dr.) Sunanda Bharti

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**JAN 2025**  
**THUR**

- Workshop/ Seminar (Offline Mode)
  1. Krishna and Mediation - 2:15 pm (IST) -  
By Sr. Prof. (Dr.) V K Ahuja
  2. Mediation and Criminal Justice System -  
3:30 pm - By Prof. (Mrs.) Alok Sharma
  3. Overview of the Mediation Act, 2023 -  
4:45 pm - By Dr. Eluckiaa A.

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**JAN 2025**  
**FRI**

- Workshop/ Seminar (Online Mode)
    1. Mediation Clinics and their Working - 3:45 pm  
By Charlie Irvine & Pauline McKay
    2. Hybrid Arbitration - 5:00 pm (IST)  
By Daniel Brantes Ferreira
  - International Conference on Dispute Resolution Mechanisms (Paper Presentation) (Hybrid Mode) - 11:00 pm – 2:30 pm (IST)
- [For any queries refer to the Call for Papers part.]

# SCHEDULE

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**JAN 2025**

**FRI**

- **Negotiation Competition – 3:30 pm (IST)**
  1. **Opening Ceremony for Negotiation Competition**
  2. **Training Session for Negotiation Competition**

**01**

**FEB 2025**

**SAT**

- **Negotiation Competition**
  1. **Preliminary Round 1**
  2. **Preliminary Round 2**
  3. **Socials Night**

**02**

**FEB 2025**

**SUN**

- **Negotiation Competition**
  1. **Quarter Final, Semi-Finals and Finals**
  2. **Valedictory Ceremony**

# **Registration for the Conclave**

*(Day 1, 2 and 3)*

<https://forms.gle/kES6rm79G5ELK7n39>

# **Registration for the Competition**

*(Day 3, 4 and 5)*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfj4H61HZrZrA04QZ\\_Zy8sG6Dw4yhpJNB2xryjM2Qg8OJrIC6w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfj4H61HZrZrA04QZ_Zy8sG6Dw4yhpJNB2xryjM2Qg8OJrIC6w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## **NOTE:**

- *Registration for the negotiation competition shall be invitation-based.*
- *Registration for days 1, 2 and 3 of the conclave shall be free of cost.*
- *The detailed schedule of the negotiation competition shall be released in due course.*

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