



Humane World
for Animals..



Friends beyond species



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NLUO-HWA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

Expanding Principles of
Constitutional Law and Rights
of Non-Humans under

Article 21

organised by

CLS AND SAAEW

on

5th-6th September, 2025

ABOUT NLUO

National Law University Odisha, Cuttack was established by Act 4 of 2008 by the Odisha State Legislature keeping in mind an enunciated vision of advancement of learning, teaching, research, diffusion of knowledge in the field of law and catering to the needs of society by developing the professional skills of those intending to take up the professions of Advocacy, Judicial Services, Legal services, and so on. National Law University, Odisha is committed to providing an atmosphere in which academic excellence is the foremost priority for students. In line with this vision, NLUO has enthusiastically catered to the needs of the research in various legal fields by paving way for various dedicated research centers and societies. Such endeavors enable students to pursue individual interests and take part in various literary and recreational activities throughout the academic year.



ABOUT HUMANE WORLD FOR ANIMALS



Humane World for Animals is dedicated to creating lasting change for animals by tackling cruelty and promoting stronger protections.

In India, Humane World for Animals is actively engaged in a variety of initiatives aimed at improving animal welfare. The organization focuses on humanely managing street dog populations, combating the dog meat trade, advocating against factory farming and animal testing, and assisting animals affected by disasters such as floods and landslides. During the 2024 Wayanad landslides, the organization provided shelter and emergency aid to animals. Additionally, it has been instrumental in rescuing animals from the Gadhimai festival in Nepal, offering them safe havens in sanctuaries across India.

At its core, Humane World for Animals is driven by the values of impact, resilience, respect, inclusion, and collaboration. By working with communities, policymakers, and experts, the organization continues to push for a more humane and sustainable world for all animals.

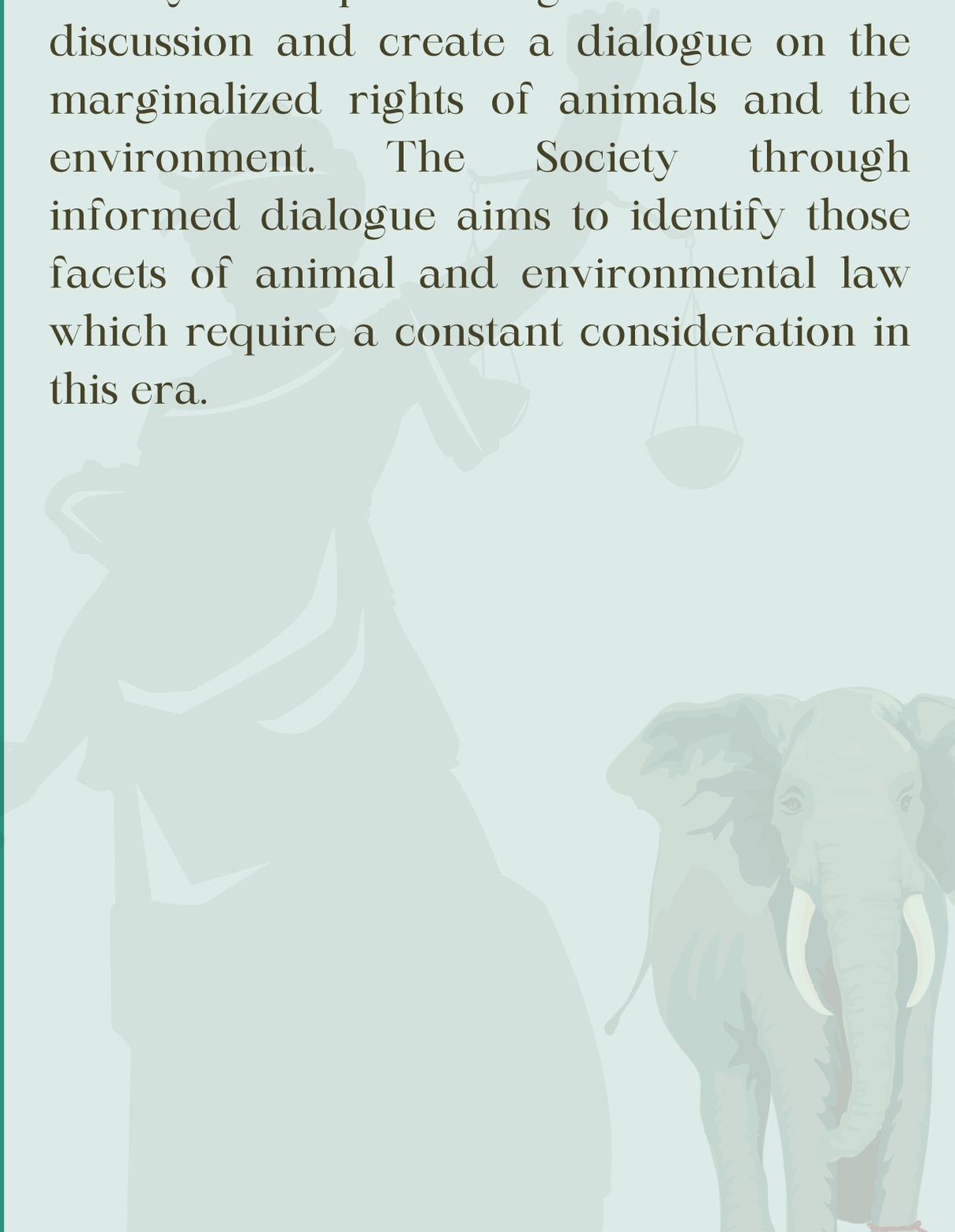
ABOUT CLS

The Constitutional Law Society of National Law University Odisha was established in 2018 with a vision to provide a platform for public discourse and deliberation vis-à-vis Constitutional Law. Constitutional Law Society NLUO seeks to supplement an accessible forum for intellectual discourse and shape the discussion of the most important and relevant issues of constitutional law through meticulous scholarship, public lectures and seminars, and research through independent projects, conferences, and co-operation with other institutions and individuals engaged in constitutional study. The Constitutional Law Society, National Law University Odisha endeavors through the course of its activities to foster awareness about the subject and its importance. The purpose behind the establishment of the Society is to generate debate and dialogue on various nuances of the subject of Constitutional Law. The activities of the committee are undertaken to enable the students to have a holistic understanding of constitutional principles and constitutional jurisprudence.



ABOUT SAAEW

The Society for the Advancement of Animal and Environmental Welfare (SAAEW) was conceived in 2017 under the aegis of National Law University Odisha, Cuttack to create affirmative discourse on issues related to animal and environmental welfare. The goal of this Society is to promote greater academic discussion and create a dialogue on the marginalized rights of animals and the environment. The Society through informed dialogue aims to identify those facets of animal and environmental law which require a constant consideration in this era.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The interpretation of fundamental rights under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution has undergone a profound transformation, extending beyond human concerns to recognize the legal personhood and rights of non-human entities. In landmark rulings, Indian courts have affirmed the legal status of nature and animals, reinforcing the constitutional obligation to protect them. This Conference seeks to examine these evolving jurisprudential developments and their intersection with contemporary issues such as indigenous rights, sustainable development, animal personhood, euthanasia, digital privacy, and social security. As constitutional law expands its scope, it raises critical questions about balancing human interests with the recognition of Rights of Non-Humans.

Through interactive sessions, workshops, and panel discussions, the Conference will engage in meaningful discourse on the challenges of integrating these rights into legal and policy frameworks.



CONFERENCE THEME

The Expanding Jurisprudence of Article 21 of the Constitution

- Indigenous rights and Sustainable Development as a Component of the Right to Life.
- The Constitutional Balance Between the Livelihood Rights of Animal Breeders and the Protection of Animal Welfare
- Role of Article 21 in Securing Animal Identity, Personhood and Rights – Analysis, Challenges and Mechanisms
- Development of the Right to be Forgotten
- The Expanding Right to Social Security and Social Welfare
- The Right to Die: Analysis of how the constitution address euthanasia for humans and non-humans

Note:

These are only suggestive sub-themes and the participants have the discretion to opt for a different sub theme, so long as it falls under the ambit of Article 21 and co-relates to the broader theme of the Conference.

TIMELINE

Call for Abstracts	4 th April 2025
Deadline for Abstract Submissions	10 th May 2025
Selection of Abstracts	25 th May 2025
Deadline for Registration and Fee Payment	15 th June 2025
Deadline for Submission of Research Papers and Posters	5 th August 2025
Dates of Conference	5-6 th September 2025



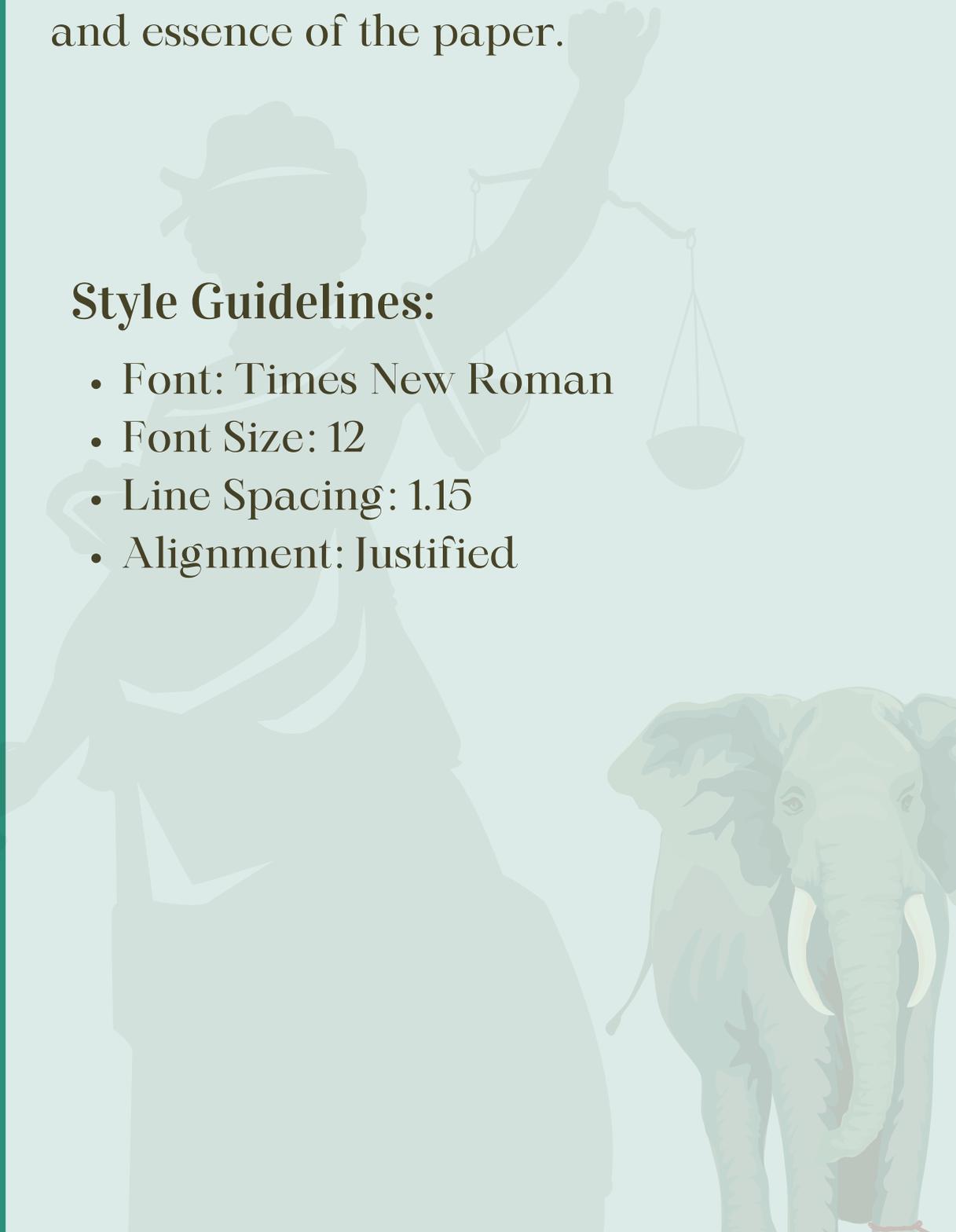
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission

The abstract should not exceed 250-350 words and must be submitted on or before 11:59 pm, 10th May 2025. The abstract must contain maximum five relevant keywords. All abstracts must be submitted in .doc/.docx format via the [Google form](#). The abstract must highlight the structure and essence of the paper.

Style Guidelines:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.15
- Alignment: Justified



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Research Paper Submission

The following guidelines must be followed while submitting the final paper:

- The word limit of the paper shall be between 4000-8000 words (exclusive of footnotes).
- The citations must strictly conform to the standards laid down in the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (4th ed., 2012).
- Speaking or substantive footnotes are permitted.
- Co-authorship up to three authors is permitted.
- When using acronyms and short forms, the full phrase must be spelled out in the first instance and the short form must be mentioned in parentheses. For example: K.S. Puttuswamy v. Union of India (“Puttuswamy case”). These acronyms or short forms must be uniformly followed at all further instances in the paper.



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- The research paper must be submitted in .doc/.docx format via the Google form. The deadline for the submission of the paper is 11:59 pm, 5th August 2025.
- The use of PowerPoint presentation is encouraged but not mandatory.
- The file must be named in the following format: Participant Code_Title of Paper
- The similarity index of the paper must not exceed 15%.
- The use of AI in writing is prohibited.
- All submissions should be original and should not have been submitted for publication/published elsewhere in any form.

Style Guidelines:

Main 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

POSTER PRESENTATION

Poster Presentation

To accommodate diverse forms of academic engagement, select teams will be allowed to present their research exclusively through posters instead of formal paper presentations. This segment offers an interactive platform for researchers to visually communicate their work and engage in direct discussions with attendees.

Poster Guidelines:

Title:

The title should be at the top of the poster in large, bold font. The full title of the research paper must be included.

Authors:

The names of all authors, along with their affiliations must be listed.

Size of Poster:

The poster should be 36 inches (width) by 48 inches (height).

Orientation:

Posters should be in portrait orientation.

Font Size:

Title: 72 pt (or larger)

Section Headers: 36 pt

Body Text: 24 pt

Captions: 18-20 pt

POSTER PRESENTATION

Image and Graphics:

Use high-resolution images. Avoid overcrowding the poster with text; use bullet points and visuals to convey information succinctly.

White Space:

Leave adequate white space to avoid clutter and ensure readability.

QR Codes

Optional, but encouraged. QR codes can be used to link to additional resources, full papers, or contact information.

Submission Format

The poster must be submitted in pdf format.

Evaluation Criteria

Posters will be evaluated on the basis of:

- Clarity and organization of content.
 - Visual appeal and design.
 - Depth and originality of research.
- Presenter's ability to explain and discuss the poster.

Note:

After abstract submission, the abstracts will be selected separately for paper and poster presentation. The abstracts selected for poster presentation will only be allowed to present their poster and not a research paper.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Eligibility

We invite students from undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral courses, practitioners, academicians, policymakers, and scholars to participate in our conference to share valuable insights on the subject and start a dialogue on issues not discussed before.

Registration Fees - Presentation

After confirmation of selection of abstract, the participants are required to make the requisite payment for registration. The participants must fill the Google form for registration and upload the fee receipt for confirmation of registration.

Registration Fees (per person)			
Category	Single Author	Co-authorship (Two)	Co-Authorship (Three)
Students	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 1,500	Rs. 1,500
Full-time Researchers	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 2,000	Rs. 2,000
Academicians/ Professionals	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 2,500	Rs. 2,500

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Note: The fee mentioned is not for the entire participating team but the per person fee. The Registration fees shall be equal for both paper presentation and poster presentation. Registration fee includes registration kits, lunch and refreshments for both days of the conference. No accommodation will be provided by the organisers.

How to Register?

- Click on the URL – <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/>
- Click on ‘Educational Institutes’ on the SBI Collect Home Page.
- In the search bar, type ‘NATIONAL LAW UNIVERISTY ODISHA’ and select the same from the drop-down menu.
- Select Payment Category ‘Registration for Seminar and Events’. Fill ‘Presentation: NLUO-HWA Conference’ in the ‘Name of Event’ column and furnish the other required details to make payment.
- Download the SBI Collect Receipt to be attached in the form.
- Fill the Google form for Registration for Presentation.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Fees - Participation

All those who want to attend the conference only for the purpose of participation will be provided with a certificate of participation. All such students, professionals, academicians or research scholars are not allowed to make any type of submission or presentation at the Conference.

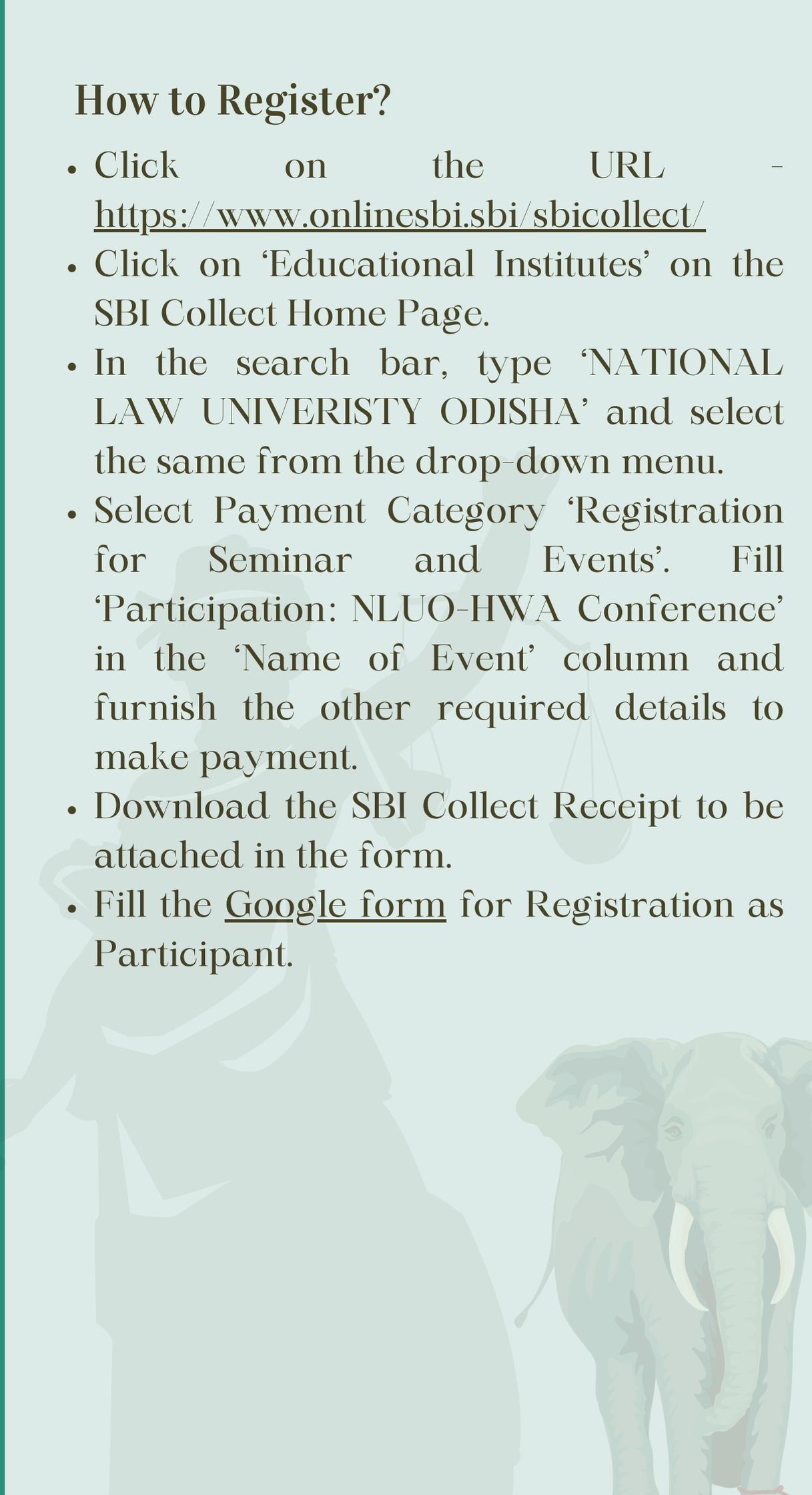
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ORGANISER'S DETAILS

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