



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY ODISHA CENTRE FOR WOMEN AND LAW

is Organising

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE ON INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION AS A HUMAN RIGHT

**ADDRESSING GENDER, AGE, AND INTERSECTIONAL
INEQUALITIES IN INDIAN UNIVERSITIES**

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INVITES RESEARCH PAPERS FOR

NHRC SPONSORED ONE DAY CONFERENCE

**THEME: INCLUSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION AS A
HUMAN RIGHT**

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The National Conference on *Inclusive Higher Education as a Human Right: Addressing Gender, Age, and Intersectional Inequalities in Indian Universities* aims to reframe higher education as a universal and inclusive right. It will explore how gender, age, caregiving roles, and socio-economic factors shape access and participation in academic spaces. Organized by the Centre for Women and Law, National Law University Odisha, the seminar will bring together scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss institutional reforms, intersectional inclusion, and global perspectives on equity in education. Through dialogue, research, and policy engagement, the seminar seeks to advance inclusive educational practices and develop a framework promoting safe, equitable, and empowering learning environments across higher education institutions.

ABOUT NHRC

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India is an independent statutory body established in 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 to uphold the dignity, equality, and fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of India and international human rights conventions. As the nation's apex human rights institution, the NHRC serves as an impartial watchdog against violations committed by public authorities or through systemic neglect. Its key functions include investigating complaints, conducting suo motu inquiries, inspecting custodial and detention facilities, reviewing laws and policies, and recommending preventive and corrective measures to ensure accountability and justice. Beyond enforcement, the Commission actively promotes awareness, education, and research on human rights issues through collaboration with academic and civil society organizations.

ABOUT NLUO

The University was established and incorporated by the National Law University Odisha NLUO Act of 2008, for advanced teaching and research in law. NLUO is recognized under Section 12(b) of the UGC Act 1956 & its degrees are recognized by the Bar Council of India. NLUO is a member of UGC-INFLIBNET and a participant in the National Knowledge Network.

ABOUT CWL

The Centre for Women and Law (CWL) at National Law University Odisha (NLUO) is a research centre committed to advancing gender justice through interdisciplinary study and action. It serves as a platform for examining social, structural, and legal dimensions of gender equality while promoting awareness and reform. CWL undertakes research projects, training, and capacity-building programmes for organizations and institutions working on women's rights. Through publications, seminars, and conferences, the Centre fosters dialogue on power, representation, and justice, striving to build a more equitable and inclusive society grounded in constitutional and human rights values.

CALL FOR PAPERS

SUB THEMES

Reframing Higher Education as a Human Right

Recognizing inclusive education as a universal entitlement essential to equality and justice.

Gendered and Age-Based Barriers in Access and Retention

Addressing systemic inequalities faced by women, elderly learners, and marginalized groups in higher education.

Institutionalizing Inclusion

Strengthening campus structures through effective implementation of UGC and POSH guidelines.

Comparative Perspectives on Inclusive Education

Learning from global approaches, particularly experiences from the UK and Global South.

Voices from the Margins

Bringing forward the lived experiences of caregivers and gender-diverse students to inform inclusive policy reform.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 December, 2025 : Last date for submission of full paper

05 January, 2026 : Date of notification of selected papers for presentation

31 January, 2026: Date of seminar

GUIDELINES

- Submissions must be in (Docx.) format only.
- The submission is to be sent only via the attached Google form.
- Submissions must contain a cover letter indicating the name of the author/s, name of the
- Institution, Designation, E-mail ID, and Contact Number.
- Document must be in the following format: [Author's name] [Title of the Research Paper]
- Each paper must be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 250 words.
- The abstract and the full paper must be submitted as a single document.
- Citations/Referencing must follow Bluebook 20th/21st edition style.
- The paper length must be a minimum of 4,000 words and must not exceed 5,000 words (excluding footnotes)
- Tables, illustrations, charts, figures, etc. may be used appropriately.
- Co-authorship is permitted (max 2 authors).
- Any submission that is found to be plagiarized beyond 10% shall be disqualified from the competition. Submit the plagiarism report along with the paper.
- Use of AI is strictly prohibited. Submit the AI-Turnitin report along with the paper.
- Submitted selected papers will be published in an edited book having ISBN number.

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Note: All the authors must send a declaration that the paper is original research work and has not been sent elsewhere for publication or presented at any conference/seminar

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All Paper Presentation Payments Are To Be Made Post Declaration Of Selected Papers Only

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PAYMENT PROCEDURE

ONLINE PARTICIPATION – Rs. 500/-

OFFLINE PARTICIPATION – Rs. 700/-

ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION
(PER AUTHOR) – Rs. 1000/-

OFFLINE PAPER PRESENTATION
(PER AUTHOR) – Rs. 1200/-

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