



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

GIAN Course on
'EMPIRICAL METHODS IN LEGAL RESEARCH'
December 4 - 8, 2017

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CENTRE FOR CRIMINOLOGY & VICTIMOLOGY (CCV),
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About National Law University, Delhi

National Law University, Delhi (NLUD) established in 2008 by Act No.1 of 2008 of National Capital Territory of Delhi and with the initiative of High Court of Delhi, is a premier Law University established in India. The vision of the University is to create a Global Legal Institution which will compete with the best outside India and to prepare lawyers for a legal career that introduces them to wide range of opportunities in legal profession across the globe. The University is offering the five-year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Programme from the year 2008 and the LL.M., Ph.D. and P.G. diploma programme from the year 2011.

OBJECTIVE & VISION

The primary objective of the University is to evolve and impart comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education that is socially relevant. Furthermore, the University works toward dissemination of legal knowledge and its role in national development, so that the ability to analyse and present contemporary issues of public concern and their legal implications for the benefit of the public is improved. These processes strive to promote legal awareness in the community and to achieve political, social and economic justice.

National Law University on Promoting Empirical legal Research:

The study of Empirical Legal Research in India is yet to begin. The impressive array of National Law Schools across the country has yet to embrace the active applications of Empirical Methods to address the complex questions of policy and practice in the legal studies. There are hardly any systematic opportunity and programmes in the Law schools to train the legal scholars in the field of Empirical Legal Research.

The National Law University Delhi has made a significant beginning in this direction and it has already conducted dozens of National and International workshops in Empirical Legal Research. In fact National Law University Delhi has set up the Theodore Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal Research. This university has accelerated the momentum in this field and in the recent past several hundred legal researchers have been trained. The National Law University Delhi has set up International collaborations to further this activity. The National Law University Delhi under the UGC initiated Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN) has invited the renowned Empirical Legal Research scholar Professor William H.J. Hubbard for a short course. This short course aims at developing and improving the Empirical activities of the scholars in the legal research field.

**GLOBAL INITIATIVE OF ACADEMIC NETWORK (GIAN)
MINISTRY OF H.R.D. (MHRD), GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

ABOUT GIAN:

The Government of India has approved a new program titled Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) in Higher Education aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs, internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Empirical methods are fairly new to the study of laws and legal systems. Indeed, most law schools in the United States, India and other countries do not offer courses in empirical methods for students or aspiring academics. Yet many debates in law center on empirical questions about how court systems operate, what effects laws have, and how law changes over time. Empirical work is thus crucially important to academics, lawyers and policymakers who wish to improve their legal systems.

This short course provides an introduction to empirical methods in legal research. It addresses all aspects of empirical research, from formulating questions, gathering data, generating hypothesis and interpreting results, with an emphasis on using data for causal inference – i.e., understanding cause-and-effect relationships.

This course is useful as an introductory course for researchers who are conducting, or who are interested in conducting, empirical research. It is also useful for students, faculty and professionals who are consumers of empirical research to improve their ability to understand, interpret and critique the empirical studies they encounter.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

The primary objectives of the course are as follows:

- Introduce fundamental techniques commonly used in empirical study of law.
- Provide methods for gathering data, testing hypotheses, and interpreting results.
- Empirical research designs planning empirical research proposal.
- Writing empirical research report.

Teaching Faculty

1. Professor William H.J. Hubbard
2. Prof. (Dr.) G.S. Bajpai

TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

Interactive class sessions will incorporate a combination of mini-lecture, audio-visual presentations, group exercises and discussions

DURATION OF THE COURSE AND CREDITS:

This five days program will have 10 hours lectures and 5 hours discussion sessions. The timing would preferably be from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There would be a written evaluation in case of who wish to earn the credit for this programme.

Certificate of accomplishment will be granted upon successful assessment of the course.

As per the MHRD GIAN guidelines, this course carries one credit and the same can be earned by participants upon successfully clearing the written examination. The credit transfer in case of NLU, Delhi students would be done in their existing degree programme.

The non-NLU students will have to identify a compatible course from their institution which they are procedurally undergoing for the purpose of credit transfer. In order to get this credit transfer they need to process their application from their respective institutions.

WHO CAN ATTEND :

- Students at all levels in fields of law or social science (LL.B., B.A., Ph.D., etc.).
- Faculty of law, or faculty in other fields with interest in empirical work on law
- Practicing lawyers, government officials, and leaders of non-governmental institutions interested in engagement with empirical research on law.
- Researchers in the field of law or social sciences

Procedure for Application:

- The candidate's desirous of attending the course may send duly filled registration form and copy of demand draft for registration fees at ccv@nludelhi.ac.in
- Demand draft is to be made in favour of "Registrar, National Law University, Delhi" payable at Delhi.
- Faculty/students from academic institutions are also required to send a copy of their current valid Identity card or a bonafide certificate from their institution.
- Last date of submission of application: **14th November, 2017.**
- Short-listed candidates will be intimated by the **20th November, 2017.**

Procedure for Application:

- **The maximum number of participants will be limited to fifty only.**
- **As per GIAN Guidelines, candidates of the host institution can fill a maximum 50% of the total seats.** In the event of applications exceeding the number of available seats, selection criteria identified by the University shall be adopted to shortlist the participants.

FEES:

The participation fees for the course are as follows:

- A. Participants from outside India: US \$250/-
- B. Professionals/Lawyers/Non-Academics (without accommodation): Rs.10,000
- C. Students from academic institutions requiring accommodation (dormitory accommodation, excluding food): Rs. 7,000/-
- D. Faculty/Students from academic institutions not requiring accommodation: Rs. 4,000/-
- E. Faculty and Students from National Law University, Delhi: No Fee

The above fee includes all instructional materials, classes and internet facility. The participants will be required to pay separately for food/meals. Accommodation may be provided within the University campus only in case of availability, which will be in limited numbers. Preference shall be given to outstation students. Outstation Faculty may be provided accommodation in case of availability, which shall be separately payable.

Registration Fee shall be payable via an online payment link which shall be communicated to registered participants.

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Address:

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Email: ccv@nludelhi.ac.in

Contact – 011-28034255

Tentative Lecture Schedule and Timings: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Day 1: Monday (4th December 2017) - Defining Empirical Methods:

- The role of empirical methods in law; economic methods of empirical study; causation, correlation, and problems of causal inference.
- Review of examples on reverse causation, empirical study of court procedure, and surveys; open discussion with Q&A.

Day 2: Tuesday (5th December 2017) - Prediction versus causal inference:

- Introduction to mathematical concepts for describing data; hypothesis testing; introduction to statistical techniques.
- Review of examples on hypothesis formation, regression analysis, and statistical significance; open discussion with Q&A.

Day 3: Wednesday (6th December 2017) –

- Research designs, including lab experiments, field experiments, and introduction to methods for causal inference from observational (non-randomized) data.
- Review of examples on lab experiments on judicial behavior and field experiments on discrimination; open discussion with Q&A.

Day 4: Thursday (7th December 2017) -

- Research designs, with emphasis on causal inference from observational (nonrandomized) data, including differences-in-differences and natural experiments.
- Review of examples on natural experiments, instrumental variables, and application to forum shopping in courts; open discussion with Q&A.

Day 5: Friday (8th December 2017) –

- Using theory to improve empirical inference; how to present and communicate empirical results effectively
- Review of examples of theory-driven empirical studies of courts; examples of presentation techniques; open discussion with Q&A.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM H. J. HUBBARD

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William H. J. Hubbard received his JD with high honors from the Law School in 2000, where he was executive editor of the Law Review. He clerked for the Hon. Patrick E. Higginbotham of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. From 2001 to 2006, he practiced law as a litigation associate at Mayer Brown LLP in Chicago, where he specialized in commercial litigation, electronic discovery, and appellate practice. From 2006 to 2011, he completed the PhD program in Economics at the University of Chicago. Before joining the faculty in 2011, he was a Kauffman Legal Research Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the Law School.

Mr. Hubbard currently serves as an editor of the Journal of Legal Studies. He teaches courses in civil procedure and has been an organizer for the Law and Economics Workshop. His current research primarily involves economic analysis of litigation, courts, and civil procedure. Other research interests include family, education, and labor economics.

He has extensively published on various aspects of Legal Education and Research.

PROF. DR. G.S. BAJPAI

Host Faculty & Course Coordinator

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Area of Interest:

Empirical Legal Research, Victim Justice , Critical Criminal Law & Criminal Justice

G. S. Bajpai serves as **Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice & Registrar** at National Law University, Delhi and also as the Chairperson at the **Centre for Criminology & Victimology**.

Dr. Bajpai has authored ten books and more than eighty papers, ten project reports and several monographs. His books (2011) '*Witness & Criminal Justice Systems*', '*On Cyber Crime & Cyber Law*', '*Situational Crime Prevention & Crime Reduction*' and '*Victimological Narratives on gender Violence*' (2014) have been well-received. As many as six students have already completed doctoral dissertations (Ph. D.) under his guidance. His two new books (2016) are : "*Victim Justice- A Paradigm Shift In the Indian Criminal Justice System*" and "*Judgments that Shaped the India Jurisprudence*" published from Thomson & Reuters.

Dr. Bajpai held **many prestigious international assignments** for advanced research in criminal law and criminal justice. He has been to the University of Paris (France) under UGC Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme (1999) to work on 'Victim's position in French Criminal Justice System. He was also the recipient of prestigious Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship at the Department of Criminology, University of Leicester, UK for an advanced research and teaching (in Crime reduction) for the year 2003-04. Dr. Bajpai also visited International Victimology Institute, Tokiwa University, Japan for delivering invited lectures in July 2007. Besides, he was also selected under the Indo-Russia Cultural Exchange programme to visit St. Petesburg (2007) and Indo-Hungarian Cultural Exchange Programme to carry out research in Budapest (2009). In 2010, Prof. Bajpai was conferred a visiting fellowship of ICSSR under the Indo-NWO Exchange of Scholars and under this visit he carried out significant research at the International Victimology Institute, Faculty of Law, University of Tilburg in the Netherlands. Apart from visiting the International Criminal Court at Hague, Prof Bajpai delivered key lectures at several universities like VU University, Amsterdam.

Dr. Bajpai, for his consistent research of high quality, has been conferred **various awards and honours**. He is the recipient of G. B. Pant Award (for writing a book on Human Rights and Police). In recognition of his contribution in the growth of Criminology in India, Dr. Bajpai' was conferred the title of Fellow of Indian Society of Criminology (FISC) by the Indian Society of criminology (ISC). He was also awarded (2005) coveted Prof S Srivastava Memorial Award for excellence in research/teaching in criminology and 'Best Social Scientist Award' of the Indian Society of Criminology (2014). He was conferred the prestigious Prof. K. Chockalingam Award 2014 in the Fourth International & Eight Biennial Conference of the Indian Society of Victimology in October 2014. Prof. G.S. Bajpai is also the **President of Indian Society of Victimology**.

Registration Form

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Accommodation Required (Y/N): (only for outstation candidates)		
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- Kindly attach a copy of the institution ID card.
- Demand Draft to be made in favour of: "Registrar, National Law University, Delhi, and made payable at Delhi
- Kindly superscribe "GIAN Course on Empirical Methods in Legal Research" on envelope.

Declaration: I hereby agree to pay the above-mentioned registration charges and declare that the information provided above is true.

Signature