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About the Journal

Xavier Law Review is an academic-led, double-blind, peer-reviewed journal of Xavier Law School published by St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. The Journal, established in 2025, strives to promote scholarly research by both experienced and emerging scholars. It aims to publish original contributions in areas not strictly limited to law, including interdisciplinary areas such as law and economics, law and sociology, law and political science, law and linguistics, and legal history. It seeks to publish high-quality scholarship in both contemporary and traditional areas of legal studies, provided it is original, argumentative, analytical, and not merely descriptive. The Journal will be annually published, i.e. once a year.

Aim and Scope

The Xavier Law Review has the following aim and scope:

1. To publish scholarly peer-reviewed articles primarily in law and also interdisciplinary works on legal topics.
2. To offer a forum for academic collaboration to early-career, mid-career and experienced scholars who work on various aspects of local and global laws, from both within and outside India
3. To adopt a broad interdisciplinary approach to law and legal research, thereby reaching a wide array of readership besides legal academicians, such as economists, anthropologists, sociologists, criminologists, historians, political scientists, legal practitioners, and others.
4. To uphold academic integrity, academic freedom, and utmost scholarship in all the activities of the journal to foster intellectual growth.

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The Editorial Board of Xavier Law Review is delighted to announce its forthcoming inaugural issue. We invite academicians, scholars and legal practitioners to submit original, unpublished

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- Original Full-Length Research Article
- Perspectives / Opinion-based Article
- Book Review

Submission Guidelines:

- **Title, Abstract & Keywords:** The title of the paper should be concise and unambiguous. All submissions must include an abstract of no more than **250 words** summarising the key arguments and findings of the paper. Authors should also provide **5-7 keywords** that adequately reflect the precise content of their manuscript.
- **Main Document:**
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Authors are requested to submit the cover letter and the manuscript (including title, abstract and keywords) as two separate files via email to xlr@sxuk.edu.in

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