

International Conference on

Women and Abusive Relationships: Challenges on path to SDG 2030

(7th & 8th March 2022)

Concept Note

The United Nation Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10th December 1948 set the common standard of achieving fundamental human rights, inclusive of all people and nations. The preamble and the articles of UDHR recognise and articulate the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women in society.

Agenda 5 of The Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDG) targets “Gender Equality” not only as a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Despite the introduction of women supportive laws in some countries, discriminatory laws and social norms remain pervasive, women continue to be under-represented at all levels of political leadership, and 1 in 5 women and girls between the ages of 15 and 49 report experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner within 12 months. Yet, 49 countries have no laws that specifically protect women from such violence. [<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>]

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), encompassing “Domestic Abuse” can take a number of forms, including physical, verbal, emotional, economic and sexual abuse that transcends socioeconomic, religious and cultural groups and spans from online trolling to domestic violence. IPV is typically manifested as a pattern of abusive behaviour toward an intimate partner in a dating or family relationship, where the abuser exerts power and control over the victim. Incidents are rarely isolated, and usually escalate in frequency and severity. Domestic abuse may culminate in serious physical injury or death. The overwhelming global burden of IPV is borne by women.

World Health Organisation (“WHO”) has also taken cognisance of the fact that Intimate Partner Violence is one of the most common forms of violence against women and includes physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and controlling behaviours by an intimate partner.

It is imperative that in the lens of Law, IPV including Domestic Abuse to be considered beyond a conventional ‘marital argument’ or a ‘private matter, best left to the couple to resolve between themselves and their families. Laws specifically need to address the intricate intertwined issues within the expansive contours of IPV and provide a viable legal and enforceable platform to Women seeking justice against IPV.

Department of Law, Vishwakarma University, Pune is organising this International Conference to initiate an informed discourse on Intimate Partner Violence including

Domestic Abuse. The conference is conceived to be a melting pot of dissected ideas and legal options to provide new legal frameworks and policies to deal with menace of IPV.

The Organizing Committee welcomes original and unpublished papers on the following sub-themes:

1. What constitutes Abusive Intimate Relationship?
2. Domestic Violence: Sociological, Psychological, and Legal Aspects
3. Addressing Gender equality to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, 2030
4. Viewing Abusive Relationships through the Judicial Lens in various jurisdictions
5. Domestic violence in the context of Socio-demographic spectrum involving the Elderly, Women, Children, Men, Homosexual Couples.
6. Mitigating Abusive Relationships and Domestic Violence
7. Law Enforcement and Justice related to Abusive Intimate Relationship. The Administrative Sanctioning System and Criminal Justice System related to Domestic Violence Cases
8. Rehabilitation of Victims of Domestic Violence and Abusive Intimate Relationship
9. The role of Social and Feminist movements
10. Role of Media and Representation of abusive relations

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER SUBMISSION:

1. The title of the paper should be followed by Name, Designation, Name of the Organization / University / Institution and Email address. It is mandatory to mention Email address, as all future correspondence will be through it;
2. The work submitted shall be the original and unpublished work of the author(s)
3. Word Limit (Inclusive of Footnotes): 4000-6000 Words
4. Citation: The Citation style should be in consonance with 19th Edition Bluebook.
5. The body of the paper shall be: Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, Line Spacing: 1.5
6. Citations Font: Times New Roman, Font Size: 10 and Line Spacing: 1
7. Headings should be Bold, in Capitals
8. Note: Selected Papers will be published in an **Edited Book with ISBN number**.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT:

1. Abstract (of about 250 words) should be sent as an attachment in a word file. Abstracts will be peer reviewed before they are accepted.

2. The following information, in the given format, should be sent along with the Abstract:
Name of the Participant, Official Designation/Institution Details, Address and Email id,
Title of Abstract
3. **Submit your abstract to events.law@vupune.ac.in**

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

There are No Registration charges for participation and paper presentation. However registration for the event is mandatory.

For Registration Click: <https://forms.gle/wuAwAk3LSz6MAhXc9>

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration starts on: 1st February, 2022

Last Date for Abstract Submission: 15th February, 2022

Communication for acceptance of Abstract: 17th February, 2022

Last Date of Registration for Paper Presentation: 20th February, 2022

Last Date for Full Paper Submission: 1st March, 2022

Last Date of Registration for Participation: 5th March, 2022

Date of Conference: 7th and 8th March, 2022

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