



Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law,
Punjab

COGNOSCENTI

A Discourse on Justice & Liberty

November 16

Department of Political Science
School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies



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The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The Act incorporated a University of Law of national stature in Punjab, to fulfill the need for a Centre of Excellence in legal education in the modern era of globalization and liberalization.

In 2015, RGNUL became the first and the only NLU to have been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with an 'A' grade. In 2018, RGNUL was amongst the four NLUs to have been granted an autonomous status by the University Grants Commission and has been ranked among the top law schools in India in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Department of Political Science @ RGNUL

Political Science is an integral part of the social sciences and had emerged as a separate academic discipline in the second half of the 19th century. Of course, the study of political philosophy and statecraft had been prevalent for thousands of years, beginning with the first written records. It is closely related with Law, important legal concepts and constitutional principles originate in political philosophy.

At RGNUL, Punjab, Political Science is taught by two faculty members: Ms. Aditi Dubey and Mr. Saurav Kumar. Teaching at RGNUL is carried out with a multidisciplinary approach and this further enables the students of law to understand the interface between Law and Political Science. The Department of Political Science is very active in organising various seminars, conferences and workshops, in collaboration with different centres of the university.

School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies @ RGNUL

School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies is a research centre at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, (RGNUL) Punjab. It focus on interdisciplinary research in the field of Law, International Relations, Public Policy, Political Philosophy and Human Rights. The SSSIS has been established to foster the social aspect of all learning. Dr. Gurmanpreet Kaur is the Faculty Coordinator for the School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

what is cognoscenti

You enter a well-lit hall, and lo and behold! You have all the profound thinkers, luminaries shining through the ages in the firmament of political thought, sitting around a table, presenting their theories and deliberating upon them! Sounds like a futuristic, fantastic scene from a movie. Doesn't it?

This is exactly what we are trying to present before you in COGNOSCENTI: A Discourse on the idea of 'Liberty & Justice in Contemporary Times'. By making the participants engage in enthrallingly interactive role playing, our objective is the critical analysis of the origin and development of various ideas of liberty and justice through their right historical contexts.

The beginning of political consciousness is of paramount importance in the first- year law students. This November 16, RGNUL, Patiala will provide a platform for structured, informed political discourse, intellectually stimulating and visually appealing.

Participants, in teams of three, will represent the ideology of the thinker they wish to portray, of which one team member will be portraying the thinker themselves, while the others will be representing their school of thought. This will be done through immaculately designed costumes and hoodies, and accurate demeanour.

This intersection of political thought, morality and law is aimed to establish and mature interdisciplinary thought processes among prospective lawyers in a fun and entertaining manner. The idea of having thinkers from different time periods, debating and engaging in discussions over their ideas is something which has never been conceptualised before. This event would provide a platform for exploring the evolving ideas of justice and liberty in the contemporary times.

Team Cognoscenti



Flow of Debate



Round Table: Opening Statements

Open House: QnA with Moderator

Executive Board Introduces Crisis

Round Table: Crisis Solution

Open House on Written Submissions via Judges

Closing Statements

Thinkers, Matrix

Plato

Aristotle

Thomas Hobbes

John Locke

Noam Chomsky

Mary Wollstonecraft

Arundhati Roy

Mohammed Hijab

Chanakya

B.R. Ambedkar

John Rawls

Amartya Sen

Winston Churchill

John Stuart Mill

Karl Marx

Betrand Russel

Foucault

Nietzsche

Jordan B. Peterson

Slavoj Zizek

Michael Sandel

Robert Nozick

Registration Information

The competition is open to **first year students** of B.A. L.L.B. (Hons.) program only. We shall be accepting one team per institution of **Three** delegates via this [link](#).

The selection criteria for allotment of your desired Thinker shall be the Expression of Interest attached with your form. Details for the Expression of Interest are available in the Google Form. Last Date for Expression of Interest: 1st November

All Teams shall be provided with a detailed Background Guide(including Rules of Procedure, Flow of Debate, Glossary of Terms, Marking Scheme etc.) following their Registration. Registration to the event shall be subject to your acceptance of the Rules of Procedure.

All Delegates shall be provided with Hoodies representing their Thinker along with a Welcome Kit ensuing arrival on RGNUL Campus. One Speaker of each team is expected to dress up in accordance with their Thinker's garb, which shall be marked along with accurate representation of demeanour.

Awards:

11,000 INR for Winning Team

5,000 INR for Runner Up Team

Certificate of Appreciation for Best Orator

Participation Certificates for All Delegates.

Fees: 1000 + 18% GST = 1180 INR (Inclusive of Accommodation for one day, Meals, Hoodies and Welcome Kit)

The selection of the team for the event and the allotment of the desired thinker shall be conveyed latest by 2nd November along with the payment details. Last Date of Payment for the event shall be 5th November.

Important Dates

Registration Opens	26 th October
Registration Closes	1 st November 11:59pm
Allotment of Thinker	2 nd November
Last Date of Payment	5 th November 11:59pm
Arrival of Delegates	15 th November 5pm
Date of Event	16 th November



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