

**Panel Two**  
**New Perspectives of Teaching EU Law in Asian Universities**  
**12.00-13.30 EET**

**Chairs:** Prof. Dr. Vesselin Popovski, Vice Dean and Executive Director, Centre for the Study of United Nations, O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana, India

**Internationalisation of legal education - an unfinished agenda: The case of SLS Pune**

**Abstract**

The beginning of 21<sup>st</sup> century has witnessed intensified discourses on internationalisation of legal education. Law has a predominant territorial streak which poses a formidable hurdle in the path of the internationalisation of legal education. Currently, legal education faces a challenge in terms of creating lawyers with technical competence encompassing national, international and comparative legal fields. There is an urgent need that law students must imbibe the requisite cultural competence and technical knowledge to operate globally. This makes the objective of internationalising legal education all the more relevant and contemporary.

The article/paper will address the process of internationalisation of legal education by projecting Symbiosis Law School, Pune as a case study. It will explore the various pedagogical as well as the cultural tools adopted to achieve the objective. Its impact and the learning will be analysed. The paper will also highlight the unfinished agenda and challenges faced from national regulations.

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**Dr. Aparajita Mohanty** is an Associate Professor at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) India. She has 24 years of teaching experience. She has a Master's Degree in Political Science with an M. Phil on Public Administration. Her area of Doctoral thesis is on higher education policy. At the law school, she teaches varied courses ranging from Political Theory to International Relations, Public Administration, Law and Governance and Comparative Constitution. She is a resource person for the Certificate Programme for EU Legal Studies.

She has been a part of DAAD Passage to India and Eurasia project. As the co-faculty-in-charge of international cell of the law school, she looks into the Eurasia and other project related activities.

**Ms. Sujata Arya**, Assistant Professor, has been associated with Symbiosis for the past 19 years. She has completed her LL.M and also has expertise in French German and Spanish languages.

Prof. Sujata Arya teaches the courses of Law of Torts, Environmental Law, Health Law, and International Humanitarian and Refugee Law. Prof. Arya has contributed immensely towards facilitating internationalisation and increasing student and faculty mobility. She has been a part of the Eurasia Project and undergone training at Catania University, Italy and Sofia University, Bulgaria.

She is also one of the faculty in charge of the Environmental Cell and has a deep interest in promoting environmental causes.

## **Dawn of a comprehensive data protection regime in India: GDPR shows the way**

### **Abstract**

The concern regarding privacy started with the increase in the use of advanced technology related to computers and internet. The data and information created, sent, shared, and stored in these digital files through the advanced technologies and platforms are prone to cyber attacks leading to breach of privacy and making public sensitive personal information and data. These concerns have led many countries to adopt data protection laws, to protect the right of privacy on one hand, and to regulate the businesses that gather, store and sell such data for commercial gains, on the other hand. The authors in the research paper have discussed privacy as a construct, then its transformation, its connotations and operation in the Information and Communication Technologies World. Further they have discussed, compared and analysed how the issues pertaining to consent, right to be forgotten and handling of sensitive personal data have been addressed in the European Union's General Data Privacy Regulation with the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 of India. The authors

conclude on the ever-changing concept of privacy also on how the relevant issues have been addressed either through the prescriptive or the outcome-based provisions of both the GDPR and the PDPB, 2019.

**Dr. Rupal Rautdesai**, currently is a Professor at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Symbiosis International (Deemed University) India. She has practiced law for 2 plus years and has more than 14 years of experience in teaching. She is a registered patent agent with the Indian Patent Office. She has guided several LL.M. students in the last 10 years. She is also a recognised PhD supervisor (Guide) and has 6 students pursuing PhD under her guidance. Further she provides training and consultations in the field of Intellectual Property to researchers, students and faculty members across seven faculty Departments in Symbiosis International University. She has published several research papers on contemporary topics of Intellectual Property Rights and International Taxation, out of which 5 of her papers are SCOPUS indexed. She has conducted invited sessions and symposiums during her visit to Leibniz University at Hannover, Germany in 2011 and Chuo University at Tokyo Japan in 2015 respectively. Recently she also visited Sofia, Bulgaria and Krakow, Poland under an Erasmus+ KA2 CBHE project called EURASIA. She is also involved in carrying out another Erasmus + KA2 CBHE project called 21st Teach Skills project, where she was the part of Group that visited Ioannina, Greece.

**Sudipta Chakraborty** is a 2005 graduate of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. Sudipta is a Distinguished Visiting Faculty at Symbiosis law school, Pune. In her professional career spanning 15 years, Sudipta has worked with Big 4 consulting firms in India, USA and Hong Kong- specializing in tax laws, corporate laws and business compliance laws. Sudipta has headed in-house legal, tax and APAC compliance teams and in her last stint in industry she was the APAC indirect tax leader of an MNC, focussing on tax technology implementation across 15 countries.

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## **GDPR: Legal impact on extra-territorial commercial pressure on Indian business, trade and investment**

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European Parliament enacted the Law on GDPR in April 2016 and in May 2016 the official texts and regulations on the directive relating to GDPR were published in all the official languages of the EU. The implementation of GDPR has had an impact on sectors such as data entry, advertising, customer care, banking and IT.

As an increasing number of consumers become aware of GDPR and with instances of heavy fines being imposed on violation of the provisions of GDPR, there is a market pressure created on Indian companies to adopt the EU standards. The law on GDPR requires a company that processes personal information about EU citizens to comply with the regulation even if the company does not have a business undertaking situated within the EU. The extraterritoriality of the law on GDPR puts a pressure on the Indian companies and policy makers to re-examine the existing legal framework in India. It puts a pressure on Indian trade bodies such as FICCI and also upon government agencies to formulate a regulatory regime to achieve a synergy between Indian and EU laws.

The paper will look at the GDPR law in the EU and consider the effect it will have on Indian Businesses, the trade and investment between India and EU and the laws in India. The paper will also study the impact that the law will have in commercial exchanges especially in the context of EU-India bilateral trade negotiation and the possible free trade agreement between the two countries which is being negotiated between India and EU for a considerable period of time now.

**Dr. Bindu Ronald** is a Professor and Deputy Director at Symbiosis Law School, Pune with a teaching experience of almost 20 years.

She has been working at Symbiosis Law School, Pune since 2007. Before joining Symbiosis Law School Pune, she was working at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.

Dr. Bindu Ronald is an Erasmus Mundus Fellow and has the distinction of teaching International Trade Law and Comparative Company Law at Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany. Dr. Ronald has a number of publications to her credit and has

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She has been on the Advisory of Tea Board of India and has successfully completed research projects for the Tea Board of India, UNDP and ITC, India.

She is a recognised PhD supervisor (Guide) at Symbiosis International University. She has guided several LL.M. students on their dissertation thesis. She has published several research papers on contemporary topics in reputed journals including SCOPUS Journals

Dr. Bindu Ronald has been on various University Boards such as the Board of Studies and Academic Council at Symbiosis International (Deemed University).

**Mr. Abhijit Vasmatkar**, Mr. Abhijit D Vasmatkar is working with Symbiosis Law School, Pune in the capacity of Assistant Professor since 2007 and is a recipient of chancellors Gold Medal and Nani Palkhiwala Trust Gold Medal for Academic excellence in post-graduation of Law. He is also a recipient of ICCR Chair sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to do research and teach in the Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany for a period of 6 months. He has been teaching International Trade Laws to undergraduate and postgraduate students of law and also pursuing his Ph.D. in the same area. He has been regularly teaching Certificates Courses on European Union Legal Studies. He has published various articles in reputed journals including an article on 'EU-India Free Trade Agreements-Issues and concerns'. He has attended a two-week long training sessions on curriculum designing, organized by the Sofia University, Bulgaria and designed a course on 'EU-India Free Trade Agreement'. He has been invited as a resource person by many departments of State Government. He has been guiding dissertations of post-graduate students of law at Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

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