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2026

About the Conclave

The *2nd South Asian Technology Law Conclave, 2026* is a flagship international academic–policy forum under the *3rd South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2026*, organised by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation*, in collaboration with the *Meta Blueprint* and *Cambridge - Teachers of Tomorrow*. Powered by the *Community for Academic Research and Development Foundation*. Conceived as a high-impact platform for interdisciplinary engagement, the Conclave seeks to examine the evolving intersections of *technology, law, governance, and society across South Asia and the Global South*. At a time when digital transformation is rapidly reshaping economies, governance structures, and social interactions, South Asian jurisdictions are confronted with complex challenges including *data governance, AI regulation, cybersecurity risks, platform accountability, digital inequality, and emerging technology disruptions*. The Conclave aims to foster critical dialogue on how legal systems can effectively respond to these transformations while ensuring *innovation, human*

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rights, and inclusive development. Bringing together legal scholars, policymakers, technologists, industry leaders, international organisations, and emerging researchers from across the globe, the Conclave offers a truly international platform to bridge *legal theory, technological advancement, and policy design.* It situates South Asian experiences within broader global debates on *digital governance, technological ethics, and regulatory futures,* while emphasising context-sensitive and regionally grounded approaches.

Conclave Objectives

- *To critically analyse the evolving role of law in regulating emerging technologies*
- *To promote comparative and interdisciplinary dialogue on technology governance in South Asia*
- *To examine intersections between law, technology, society, and public policy*
- *To explore regulatory frameworks addressing digital rights, innovation, and accountability*
- *To provide a platform for scholars, practitioners, and young researchers in technology law*

Conclave Date & Format

- **Dates:** 30th April 2026
- **Format:** Virtual Mode

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Participants are invited to submit papers engaging with the following thematic tracks:

1. Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and Legal Accountability

- *Regulation of AI systems and algorithmic governance*
- *Bias, fairness, and transparency in automated decision-making*
- *Liability frameworks for AI-driven actions*
- *Ethical AI and human-centric technology governance*
- *AI in public administration and legal implications*

2. Blockchain, FinTech and Digital Economies

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- *Regulation of crypto-assets and decentralised finance (DeFi)*
- *Legal status of smart contracts*
- *Financial inclusion and blockchain innovation*
- *Cross-border regulatory challenges in digital finance*
- *Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and law*

3. Data Protection, Privacy and Digital Rights

- *Comparative data protection regimes in South Asia*
- *Cross-border data transfers and localisation policies*
- *Privacy rights in digital ecosystems*
- *Surveillance, state power, and civil liberties*
- *Data governance and accountability mechanisms*

4. Cybersecurity, Cyber Warfare and International Law

- *Legal frameworks for cybersecurity governance*
- *State responsibility and cyber-attacks*
- *Cyber warfare and international humanitarian law*
- *Critical infrastructure protection*
- *Regional cooperation in cybersecurity*

5. Metaverse, Web3 and Virtual Jurisprudence

- *Legal recognition of virtual assets and property rights*
- *Jurisdictional challenges in virtual environments*
- *Taxation and regulation of digital assets*
- *Consumer protection in immersive technologies*
- *Governance of decentralised digital ecosystems*

6. Digital Identity, Inclusion and Access to Justice

- *Legal implications of biometric and digital ID systems*
- *Access to justice in digital governance frameworks*
- *Inclusion and exclusion in digital public infrastructure*

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- *Identity, citizenship, and digital rights*
- *Technology-enabled legal services*

7. Platform Governance and Intermediary Liability

- *Regulation of digital platforms and social media*
- *Content moderation and freedom of expression*
- *Fake news, misinformation, and legal responses*
- *Liability of intermediaries and safe harbour provisions*
- *Competition law and platform economies*

8. Technology, Labour and the Future of Work

- *Gig economy and labour law reforms*
- *Algorithmic management and worker rights*
- *Remote work and digital employment frameworks*
- *Workplace surveillance and privacy concerns*
- *Social security in digital labour markets*

9. Emerging Technologies and Future Legal Challenges

- *Quantum computing and post-encryption regulation*
- *Internet of Things (IoT) and liability frameworks*
- *Autonomous systems and legal accountability*
- *Biotechnology, AI in healthcare, and legal ethics*
- *Anticipatory regulation for disruptive technologies*

10. Technology, Environment and Sustainable Development

- *Legal frameworks for green and sustainable technologies*
- *Digital technologies in climate governance*
- *E-waste regulation and environmental accountability*
- *Technology for sustainable development goals (SDGs)*
- *Climate justice and innovation policy*

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11. Regional Cooperation and Technology Law Harmonisation

- *South Asian approaches to technology regulation*
- *Comparative legal frameworks and policy convergence*
- *Regional cooperation in digital governance*
- *South–South collaboration in technology law*
- *Institutional mechanisms for harmonisation*

Format and Presentation

The Conclave will be conducted entirely in *virtual mode*, ensuring wide participation across regions of the Global South. Selected authors will present their papers in moderated academic panels before an international audience of scholars, practitioners, and policy experts.

Recognition & Awards

Selected contributors will receive:

- *Publication in the International edited Volume titled, “Technology, Law and Society: Law, Policy and Emerging Technologies in South Asia” with ISBN 978-81-998939-3-1.*
(To be published and distributed across 15 nations, with international editorial and institutional collaboration.)
- **International Certificate of Presentation**
- *Best Papers to be Featured in the Special Special Technology Law & Policy Review Edition, 2026 by the Cambridge - Teachers of Tomorrow*
- *Top 15 Presenters to receive the Technology Law Research Fellowship by the Community for Academic Research and Development*
- *Technology Policy Innovation Award for impactful and forward-looking research in emerging technologies*
- *Emerging Scholar Award for students and early-career researchers demonstrating academic excellence*
- *Opportunities for publication in policy briefs, international blogs, and partner platforms*

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- *Invitations for future international collaborations, conferences, and research initiatives*
- *Selected works will be highlighted through international academic blogs, policy briefs, and partner platforms*

Call for Papers Timeline

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 20th April, 2026**
(Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Conclave themes.)
- **Notification of Abstract Selection: 22nd April, 2026**
(Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: 27th April, 2026**
(Full-length papers should be 3,000–4,000 words and follow the Conclave's *Submission Guidelines*.)
- **Presentation Confirmation by Authors: 28th April, 2026**
(Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)
- **Date of Conclave: 30th April, 2026**

Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/sJQMkiyEtDa9Jcv49>

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Submission Guidelines

Categories:

- Research Article: 3,000 to 6,000 words
- Policy Paper / Legislative Analysis: 3,000 to 5,000 words
- Case Studies / Legal Commentaries: 2,000 to 4,000 words

Format and Structure:

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12pt, Justified Alignment
- **Headings:** 14pt, Centre Alignment
- **Subheadings:** 13pt
- **Footnotes:** 10pt, Left Alignment
- **Citation Style:** Bluebook 21st Edition
- **Spacing:** 1.5
- **Language:** English only

Abstract: Each submission must include a concise abstract not exceeding **300 words** summarising the core ideas of the paper with 5 keywords.

Originality:

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
 - Plagiarism should not exceed **10%**, and **AI-generated content is not allowed**.
- Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.

Co-Authorship: Papers may have up to **two authors**.

Review Process:

- A **two-stage internal review** will assess submissions.
- Authors may be required to revise their papers based on feedback regarding content, structure, or formatting.

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Why Participate?

- Present your research at a premier international conclave dedicated to **technology law, policy, and emerging technologies in South Asia and the Global South.**
- Engage with leading scholars, policymakers, technologists, industry experts, and international organisations shaping the future of digital governance.
- The 2025 edition witnessed participation from 65 countries and over 120 institutions and research centres across South Asia, reflecting its global reach and academic impact.
- Be published in an International Edited Volume titled, "**Technology, Law and Society: Law, Policy and Emerging Technologies in South Asia**", Co-curated with Meta Blueprint and Cambridge - Teachers of Tomorrow.
- Contribute to critical debates on **AI governance, data protection, cybersecurity, digital rights, and emerging technology regulation.**
- Gain recognition through **international presentation certification, awards, and global publication opportunities.**
- Build meaningful connections and expand your **academic visibility, policy engagement, and global professional network in the field of technology law.**

Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/sJQMkiyEtDa9Jcv49>

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