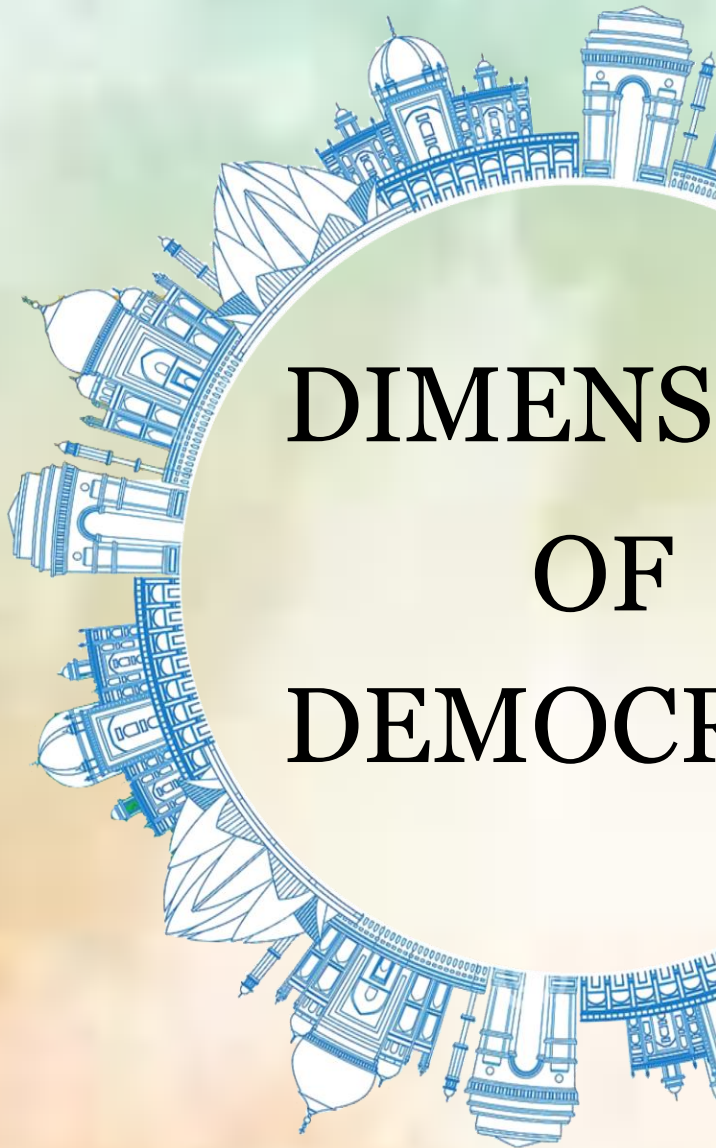




Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal's
Pravin Gandhi College of Law
Mumbai



**DIMENSIONS
OF
DEMOCRACY**

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About the College

Pravin Gandhi College of Law is an institution under the aegis of Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal and is affiliated to the University of Mumbai. The hallmark of this institution is the adoption of a holistic model of education dedicated to the pursuance of quality education through consistently evolving pedagogy with the objectives of resource generation and knowledge pooling. The institutional milieu is a fountainhead for new perceptions inculcating norms suited to academic and professional excellence. The initiative of academic deliberation by diverse stakeholders is an effective tool for generating novel ideas. In pursuance of these objectives, SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law is conducting a One-Day National Conference on: *Dimensions of Democracy*

About the Conference

The concept of democracy is central to our contemporary political lexicon, yet agreement on how to conceptualize democracy is far from widespread. As Adam Przeworski, a renowned theorist and analyst of democratic societies, has recently remarked: 'Perusing innumerable definitions, one discovers that democracy has become an altar on which everyone hangs his or her favorite ex voto.'

The most popular notion of democracy adheres to the idea of popular sovereignty; seeking an answer to the vital question: Who rules? However, any attempt to unearth the answer abounds in difficulties and challenges.

A deliberation on democracy has more at stake than merely an academic interest. The concept of democracy has gained universal appeal despite its nascent evolution. Firstly, how we understand the concept of democracy guides our practical considerations on how democratic institutions are designed. It generates a blueprint of good governance reasonably expected from a democratic set-up and ignites debates concerning political legitimacy. Secondly, the representation of a democratic rule is varied and offers many solutions to an autocratic government but it also raises pressing concerns regarding people's power, rule of law, effectiveness and human empowerment. Thirdly, exploring the interplay of various impending factors, such as, economy, age-demographics, and political convictions, all of which add fluidity to the concept of democracy. Lastly, since democracy is firmly rooted in the participative process, the development and result of democracy affects the public and stems from public opinion.

In an era of fluctuating collective identities and divergent dogmas, societies are increasingly becoming a randomized toolbox of inconsistent identities. The changing character of identities, fault lines and representative politics give rise to a number of questions that deserve a closer examination: In what ways are conflict structures and democratic institutions changing? Are we witnessing a period of de-politicization and apathy, or re-politicization and novel forms of engagement? Is there strength in populist movements? Does local politics undermine or overwhelm national identities? How participative is participative democracy?

Objectives of the Conference

This conference aims to understand and explore the conceptual foundations of various dimensions of democracy; beginning from its contested evolution, navigating through its identification marks, questioning its effectiveness, and foreseeing its future. For an idea to thrive, contestability plays a pivotal role in providing diversity, alternatives and plurality. The conference aims to facilitate a democratic debate on democracy analysing the procedural shell, the cultural pith, human empowerment, and the deeper core of democracy. This core interlinks the political with the non-political, the public with the private, the actual with the realized, and the rights with the duties, in the larger arena of democracy.

With this national conference, we hope to delve deeper into the varied theories and models of democracy: The evolution and types of democracy, the existing and new interlinkages between democracy and governance, the conferment of rights and duties, the effectiveness of democratic governance, and the role of democracy in human empowerment.

An interdisciplinary approach to democracy also incorporates economics, liberal arts, architecture, and science and technology. We endeavour to understand the future of democracy in the era of international relations and the growing virtual world.

Call for Papers for Book Chapters

We invite scholarly contributions for the following chapters. Select research articles will be published in a book in corresponding chapters.

1. The Idea of Democracy

- Theory of evolution
- Jurisprudential concepts
- Political theories
- Philosophical underpinnings

2. Democracy and Governance

- Interplay between economics and politics
- Case studies on democracy
- Comparative studies

3. Democracy and Law

- Human rights in democracies
- Law making in democratic systems
- Justice system
- Legislative theories

4. Literature, Culture and Liberal Arts

- Artistic expressions of and in democracy
- Cultural realities in democracy

- Social media and representations of democracy
- Interplay of literature, language and democracy

5. The Future of Democracy

- Technology
- Artificial intelligence
- Changing paradigms

The listed subthemes are merely indicative; any other topic may be covered within the broader ambit of democracy.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Only original, unpublished papers may be submitted.

- Language: English
- File Type: MS Word Document
- Font: Times New Roman, Size 12, Line Spacing 1.5, Margins 1" (All sides)
- Full Paper Length: Min. 3000 words - Max. 6000 words
- Citation are essential and footnotes must be in the format of the Harvard Bluebook 19th edition:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15Xil2biqNMvZg0Jg9okZNjttNtJnmdSn/view>
- Abstract and Full paper to be mailed to dimensionsofdemocracy@gmail.com
- Abstract length: 800 words – to be submitted by 2nd March, 2020
- Abstracts must contain references, 3 keywords and the tentative title of the paper.
- Full paper submission to be made by 15th March 2020.

The best paper-presentation will receive a Certificate of "Best Paper Presented".

Note: The abstract will be reviewed only after the payment of the Registration Fee.

Registration Fee:

Details	SVKM Students and Faculty (INR)	Outside SVKM (INR)
Single Authors	1000	1200
Co-authored Papers	1200	1500
Participation for Students	500	700
Participation for Professionals	800	1000

Spot registrations may be accepted subject to the availability of the seats.

*The fee is inclusive of GST.

The Registration form must be filled only after the payment of fee.

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<https://forms.gle/7CeVM4x5tD1UFg26>



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- Cash at college counter
- Online Payment to Pravin Gandhi College of Law,
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IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submissions	2nd March 2020
Confirmation of Selection of Abstracts through e-mail	5th March 2020
Final Submission of Research Papers	15th March 2020
Date of the Conference	21st March 2019

VENUE

Seminar Hall, 1st Floor, Mithibai Campus, Vile Parle West, Mumbai 400056.
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