

CALL FOR PAPERS

ICPR Sponsored National Seminar

On

Dharma, Universality and Contingencies of Human Life

23rd and 24th February, 2018

About the Seminar: Dharma as a concept is intimately related to the concepts of ethics, morality and law. Indeed, while the concept of dharma permeates the three other concepts, it also is in a very important sense the substratum of the three other concepts. In fact, Dharma in its most general sense is the principle which ensures the uniformity of the natural world. Dharma is as it is frequently claimed the sustaining principle of natural order. The idea of Dharma therefore raises very seminal questions about the relationship between the natural, the ethical, the moral and the legal order of the human life and practices. It would be most valuable and interesting to bring the concept of Dharma to bear upon the modern debate in moral philosophy - the debate that thrives on the distinction between universal ethics and relative ethics: between ethics as transcendentally given and ethics as a creation of man in society.

Organised by: Department of Philosophy, Lakshmbai College, University of Delhi.

Call for Papers: Papers are invited for the seminar on the following sub-themes (but not strictly confined to):

1. Ethics, Universality and possibility of diverse ethical forms of life.
2. Norms of law and norms of ethics.
3. Law, Dharma and Diverse Human Practices.
4. Dharma, *Svadharmā* and the stations of human life.
5. Dharma, Modern Ethics and Gandhi.
6. Dharmik Law, Natural Law and the religious life.
7. The universal ethics of enlightenment and relativism of post modernity.
8. Plurality of religions and plurality of morals.
9. Can *Svadharmā* be understood independently of the dharma of diverse social and political functions?
10. Difference between Law and its interpretations and Dharma and its interpretation.

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Important dates:

Last date of submission of abstracts: 15th of February 2018

Confirmation of abstracts: 20th of February 2018

Kindly note that no TA/DA will be provided to the participants.

Students are also invited to submit papers.