

FRIENDS BEYOND SPECIES - SOCIETY FOR  
ADVANCEMENT OF ANIMAL AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL WELFARE, NLUO

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**1ST NLUO  
NATIONAL ESSAY  
WRITING COMPETITION  
ON ANIMAL AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
AND POLICY, 2019**

**PRIZES WORTH 45K**



**NATIONAL LAW  
UNIVERSITY ODISHA,  
CUTTACK**

## ABOUT NLUO

The National Law University Odisha is a premier autonomous law university located amidst the beautiful and peaceful foliage of Cuttack, Odisha; a vibrant addition to India's national law universities. The University came into being through a Notification under The National Law University Orissa Act (Orissa Act 4 of 2008).

Within a short span, NLUO has made its mark as a university engaged in teaching and research in law. Faculty research output has always been of a remarkable standard. The student community's engagement with co-curricular activities has yielded impressive results. The liberal yet demanding academic culture coupled with the friendly environment has ensured that students harness their full potential and contribute in the area of their choice.



## ABOUT FRIENDS BEYOND SPECIES - SAAEW

Friends Beyond Species, Society for the Advancement of Animal and Environmental Welfare was established in July, 2017. The purpose for constituting this Society is to promote and protect the rights of all sentient beings, especially the most neglected ones who cannot fend for themselves.

We, at Friends Beyond Species, believe that by working together, we can fulfill our overall objective of promoting animal and environmental welfare and improving the living conditions of animals in context of human society. This aim is to be realized by addressing issues having to do with animal welfare, raising awareness, and standing in defense of animals and the environment, via youth education and citizen sensitization through programmes directly related to animals and environment, in order to achieve sustainable changes.



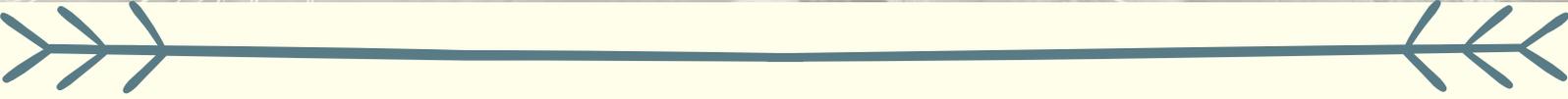


## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

Animal law and environmental law and policy is one of the most important fields of law, both on the global and national forums. It is pertinent to acknowledge this facet of law as greater problems pertaining to the ecosystem emerge every day. The ecosystem comprises of environment, humans and animals, and without co-existence, neither of the three can survive. Conflicts between the competing interests of these three subsets of the ecosystem often results in the other two becoming subservient to human interests. The role that effective policy-making and law can play in levelling the play-field is indisputable.

However, for years, discourse around the environmental and animal laws on all forms of platforms has been severely inadequate. Little has been done to amend the lacuna in these laws, create potent policies and establish a framework for their enforcement on the global and national forums. The lack of awareness amongst all the stakeholders including leaders, people and other role players is an important factor for the dearth of effective policies in this domain of law.

Through this essay competition on Animal & Environmental Law & Policy, we intend to encourage academic discourse on environmental and animal welfare issues. We aim to provide a platform for affirmative discussion on the contours of a more sustainable future.





Through this endeavor we seek to engage students, academicians and professionals across the country to contribute to the discourse on environmental and animal welfare issues, primarily surrounding policies which would further sustainability. Only through informed deliberations can we resolve issues as complex as these while simultaneously catalyzing awareness amongst the masses on them.

As a growing field of law with immense potential, we hope that this platform encourages students to contribute to the society through their education. It will also provide a platform to all institutions and individuals who associate themselves with this cause to initiate a discourse on the most relevant issues.

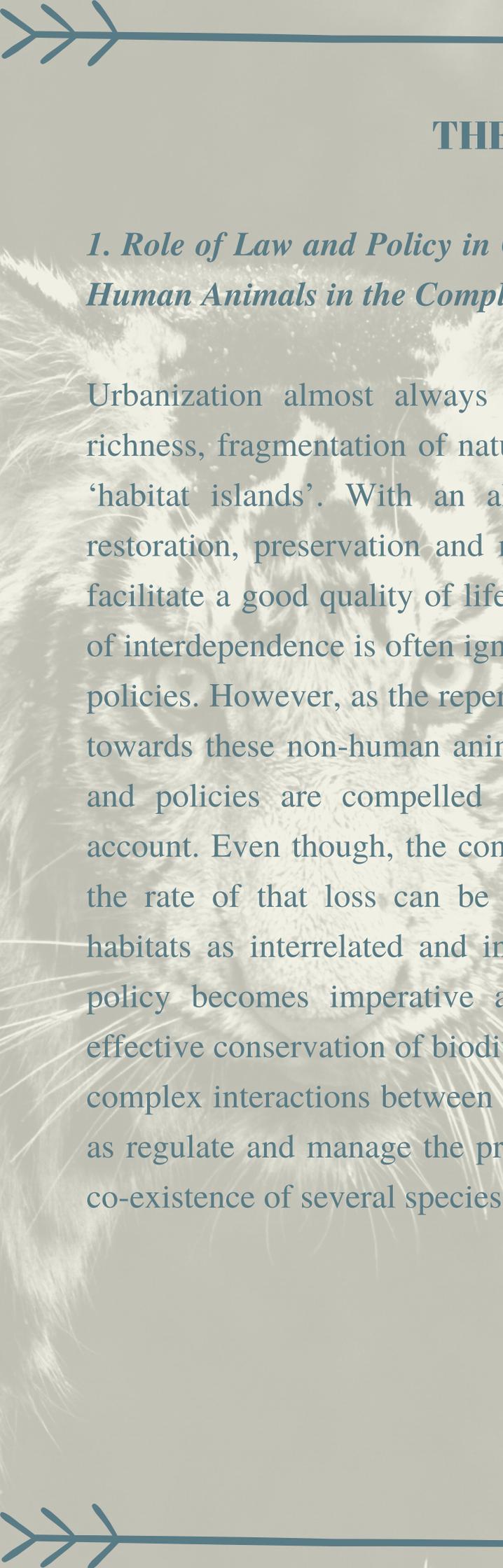
## **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Authors must be pursuing their LL.B. (Hons.) / LL.B. / LL.M. from any recognized University to be eligible to participate in the competition.
  - Academicians and professionals are also invited to send in their contributions to the competition.
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## THEMES

### *1. Role of Law and Policy in Co-existence of the Human and Non-Human Animals in the Complex Urban Ecosystem*



Urbanization almost always thrives on the reduction of species richness, fragmentation of natural habitat and isolation of individual 'habitat islands'. With an alarming increase in the urban area; restoration, preservation and management of biodiversity will only facilitate a good quality of life amongst the urban dwellers. The fact of interdependence is often ignored in the framework of short-sighted policies. However, as the repercussions of negligence and intolerance towards these non-human animals unfold themselves, different laws and policies are compelled to take their collective interest into account. Even though, the continued loss seems inevitable, reducing the rate of that loss can be achieved by considering these urban habitats as interrelated and inseparable units. The role of law and policy becomes imperative at this stage in order to ensure the effective conservation of biodiversity. These policies help address the complex interactions between people and diverse ecosystems as well as regulate and manage the process of urbanization to the beneficial co-existence of several species.





## *2. The Impact of Climate Change vis-a-vis Wildfires on Animals and Environment: Sustainable Solutions through Effective Laws and Policies*

The impact of climate change has been adamantly evident in the past few years. One of the major reasons, inter alia, is Wildfires. These fires usually occur naturally and spontaneously, however, a disconcerting increase in population has witnessed deliberate burning of these forest lands by humans in an attempt to fulfil their innumerable insatiable desires. Wildfires have a graver impact on the environment when juxtaposed with manual deforestation. It entails the destruction of wildlife simultaneously with no recourse of relocation or even survival. It has become a matter of utmost emergency which demands immediate attention. In the face of this looming predicament, law and policy is continuously becoming more sensitive and receptive of these issues. The selfish rationale behind these wildfires is being identified and tackled accordingly. It is not entirely safe to yield to the idea that a smooth resolution of this issue is underway. The reluctance and unwillingness to mend ways comes from the people in the position of power and authority. The development of law and policy in this regime persists as a challenge.





## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- There is no registration fee for this competition.
  - The authors are supposed to duly register themselves for the competition.
  - Students pursuing their LL.B. (Hons.)/LL.B/LL.M, should duly fill out the **registration form for Students**. The form should be duly signed by the head of the respective University/Institution and should carry the seal of the University/Institution for corroboration purposes.
  - For academicians and professionals, the **registration form for Professionals/Academicians** should be duly filled out.
  - The registration forms must be scanned and sent to **caew@nluo.ac.in** on or before **20th October 2019 (11:59 PM)**.
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## ESSAY GUIDELINES

- The essay should deal with the identified area under the specified themes in a comprehensive manner and should demonstrate a comparatively higher level of analysis.
- The essay must be in English language only.
- Co-authorship to a maximum of two is permitted.
- Only one submission is allowed per author. Submissions, both as co-author and single, will be treated as multiple submissions and will be disqualified as an entry to the competition.
- There should not be any form of identification mark such as the name of the author, University/College name etc. on the submission file. Any form of identification will lead to disqualification.
- The essay should be of approximately 3000 words, excluding abstract and footnotes. Authors are advised to strictly adhere to the word limit prescribed.
- The essay must contain an abstract of not more than 200 words including keywords.
- The write-ups shall have no plagiarism and should be the original work of the participants.



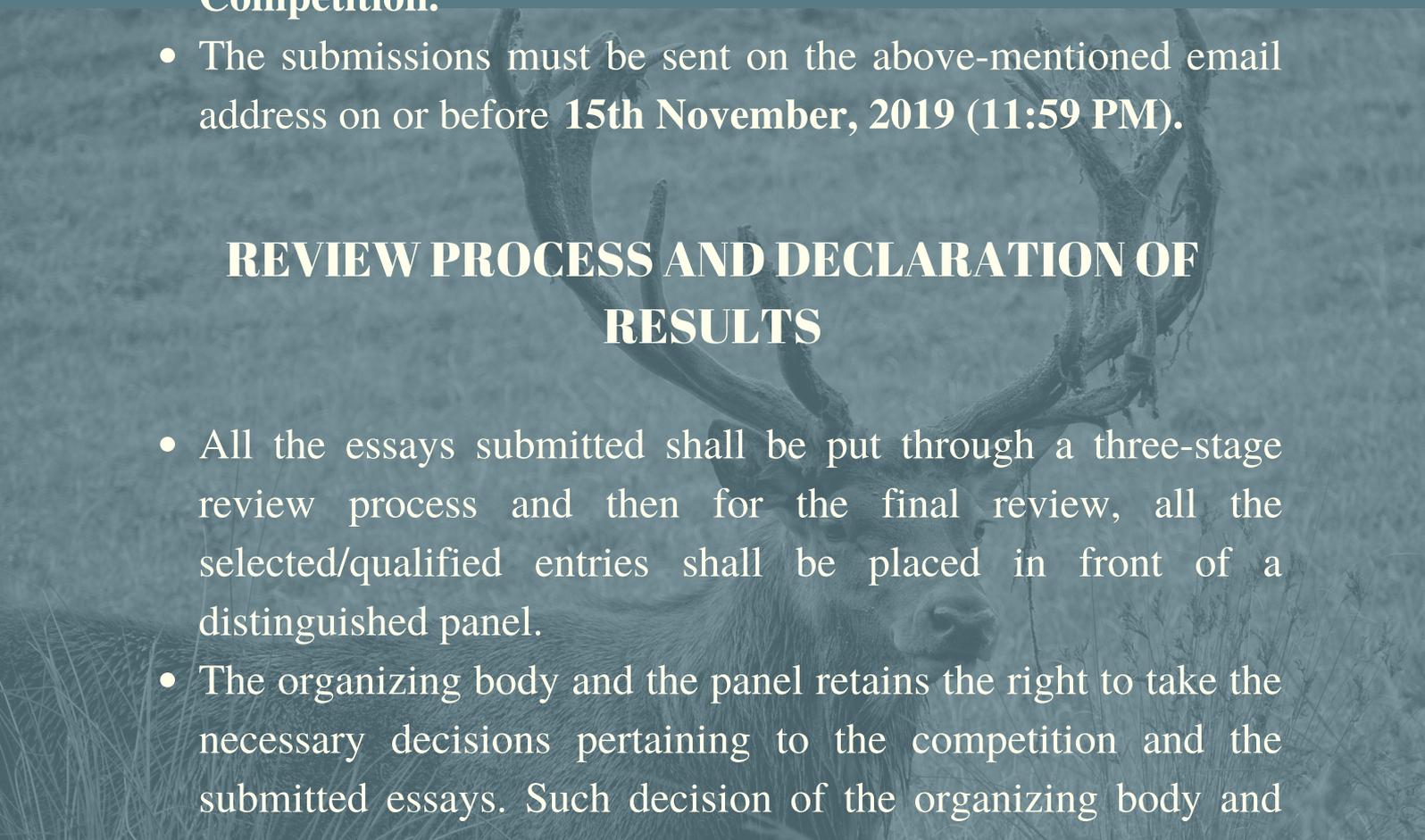
## FORMATTING CRITERIA

- **Title:** Times New Roman, size-15, Bold, 1.5-line spacing, centre-aligned.
  - **Abstract:** Times New Roman, size-11, Italicized, 1.5-line spacing, justified.
  - **Main Body:** Times New Roman, size – 12, 1.5-line spacing, justified.
  - **Headings:** Times New Roman, size-14, Bold, 1.5-line spacing, centre-aligned.
  - **Sub-headings:** Times New Roman, size-13, Italicised, 1.5-line spacing, centre-aligned.
  - **Footnotes:** Times New Roman, size – 10, 1.0-line spacing, justified.
  - Margins should be 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides.
  - The participants shall follow the **Harvard Bluebook 20th Edition** as the mode of Citation. Submissions must use only footnotes as a form of citation. Substantive footnoting and/ or running citations are not advised.
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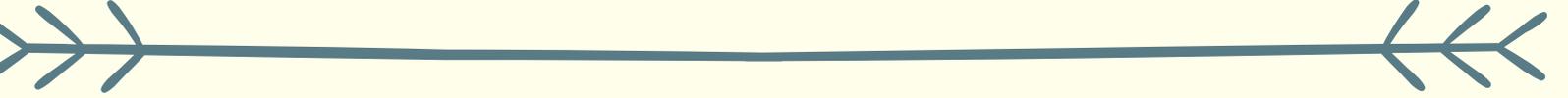
## SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

- The submission shall be in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx format).
- Essays must be sent by email to **caew@nluo.ac.in** with the Subject **"Submission for 1st NLUO National Essay Competition."**
- The submissions must be sent on the above-mentioned email address on or before **15th November, 2019 (11:59 PM)**.



## REVIEW PROCESS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

- All the essays submitted shall be put through a three-stage review process and then for the final review, all the selected/qualified entries shall be placed in front of a distinguished panel.
  - The organizing body and the panel retains the right to take the necessary decisions pertaining to the competition and the submitted essays. Such decision of the organizing body and the panel shall be final and binding in nature.
  - The results shall be declared on **20th January 2020**.
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## REWARDS

- In the very first edition, we shall be offering exciting awards to the winners. The prizes shall be as follows:
  1. **First Prize:** Cash reward of **20,000 INR** and publication on our official blog.
  2. **Second Prize:** Cash reward of **15,000 INR** and publication on our official blog.
  3. **Third Prize:** Cash reward of **10,000 INR** and publication on our official blog.
- In addition to the top three winners, **12 selected essays** shall be published on our official blog and the authors will be awarded a publication certificate.
- **All the participants** who clear the first stage review **shall be awarded a certificate of participation.**

*Copyright: The submissions for the essay competition must not have been previously published or submitted for consideration elsewhere. The contribution presented and accepted for consideration and the copyright therein shall be the intellectual property of National Law University Odisha, Cuttack.*





## IMPORTANT DATES

- Last day for registration: **20th October 2019 (11:59 PM)**
- Last day to submit the essay: **15th November 2019 (11:59 PM)**
- Declaration of results: **20th January 2020**

*Note:* Both the registration date and the date of submissions are different.



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