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**Call for Chapters for Annual Survey of Child Rights (ASCR) on
Latest Developments of Child Rights in India- A Critical Appraisal
under Centre for Child Rights, National Law University, Odisha**

The National Law University Odisha was established by Odisha Act IV of 2008 and has been imparting legal education since 2009 and known for its high standard of legal education and community outreach programmes. It has been running a Child Rights Centre since 2014 with support from UNICEF and has carried on various researches and made suggestions for policy change. Recently it has adopted few villages in its close proximity to convert them into Child Friendly Villages.

We are happy to inform that NLUO is hosting the 9th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) on theme “**Global Childhoods: Critical Perspectives Promoting Theoretical, Empirical and Policy Understandings**” from 14-16 Feb 2024 in Bhubaneswar Odisha. This Conference will focus on three aspects of child rights, welfare and wellbeing with reference to Sustainable Development Goals at the policy and implementation levels as well as children’s perception about the same at home, school and neighbourhood. More detail about the Conference is available at www.isci2024.nluo.ac.in .

Annual Survey of Child Rights (ASCR)

The “**Annual Survey of Child Rights**” will be published as a book (Volume with ISBN no.) entitled, “*Latest Developments of Child Rights in India- A Critical Appraisal*” to be released during the ISCI conference by NLUO. ASCR aims to provide a comprehensive platform for presenting critical research and practical policy development in the field of child rights. It also seeks to identify viable solutions to existing issues and challenges, while reflecting upon diverse perspectives. By upholding the rights of children enshrined in various international human rights and child rights instruments as well as in various laws enacted in India

including the Constitution, we acknowledge that children are individuals with their own distinct needs, perspectives, and capacities. Surveying the rights of children leads to a better understanding of their realities and experiences. It enables informed decision-making and supports efforts towards the realization of desired outcomes for ensuring their well-being. Addressing child rights is not just a legal and moral obligation but also an ethical imperative. Children deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness, ensuring their voices are heard and their best interests are prioritized.

The ASCR will be designed to have chapters on the following themes-

THEMES

1. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and Protocols
2. International Child Protection and Welfare Framework
3. Children's Right to Environment
4. Children in Conflict Situation
5. Children affected by Natural Disasters
6. Child Rights to Health and Hygiene
7. Children's Right to Education
8. Offences against Children
9. Children in Conflict with Law
10. Children in Need of Care and Protection
11. Adoption of Children
12. Family and Alternative Care
13. Children with Disabilities
14. Child Labour
15. Child Protection in the Digital Age
16. Child Marriage
17. Teen Pregnancies, Mother's health, and Mother Mortality
18. Child Trafficking
19. Child Budgeting in India
20. Child Advocacy
21. Welfare Schemes for Children
22. Children of Women Prisoners
23. Sexual offences against children under the POCSO Act

Submission Guidelines

1. Submission Category:

Submissions are requested as **book chapters** with similar outlines on the above-mentioned themes as follows-

2. **Scheme of the chapters /chapter outline-**

Each of the chapters should be focused on the selected themes with a focus on the most recent developments with respect to child rights in the last couple of years and critical analysis covering the following aspects-

- i. International instruments
- ii. Domestic laws
- iii. White papers, policy statements, commissions' committee's reports
- iv. Relevant decisions of the court
- v. Critical appraisal of the latest development in summary/conclusion.

3. **Word Count**

The word count for the book chapters is 6000-10,000 words

4. **Submission Guidelines:**

All manuscripts must adhere to the following guidelines:

- 4.1. It should contain an abstract of not more than 250-300 words excluding the keywords.
- 4.2. The citation style should conform to the rules prescribed in ***The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th edn.)***
- 4.3. The manuscript must be in Times New Roman, the main body text should be in font size 12 and the footnotes in size 10. The line spacing for the main text should be 1.5, and 1.0 for the footnotes
- 4.4. The submissions should be made in MS Word format (.doc). The submissions must not infringe the copyright or any other rights of any third parties.
- 4.5. Manuscripts not in conformity with these guidelines may be rejected at the sole discretion of the Editorial Board.

5. **Abstract Submissions to be made in the link- <https://forms.gle/878K2qj7BifvaerZ8>**

6. **Deadlines for submission**

Submission of Abstract- **1st November 2023**

Communication of Acceptance of Abstract- **8th November 2023**

Submission of Full Paper – **4th December 2023**

There will be no further extension of the deadline, as the book volume is slated to be released by the month of February 2024 during the ISCI conference.

7. General guidelines

- 7.1 Authors must submit their original work. Plagiarized submissions will be rejected.
- 7.2 All manuscripts must be accompanied by:
- 7.3 A cover letter with the name(s) of the author(s), official designation institution/affiliation, the title of the manuscript and contact information (correspondence address, email, phone number etc).
- 7.4 A Certificate that the paper submitted is a piece of original and bona fide research work and has not been published or submitted for publication elsewhere.
- 7.5 Co-authorship only up to two is permitted.
- 7.6 Contributions should be in the English language only.
- 7.7 For any queries, please mail to- ccr@nluo.ac.in
