

## DURATION OF THE COURSE AND CREDITS

This one week program will have about 20 Sessions of theory and practice. The timing would preferably from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There would be a written evaluation in case of those who wish to earn the credit for this programme.

**Credit Transfer:** As per the MHRD & UGC guidelines, this course carries one credit and same can be received by the participants on the successful completion of the course. The credit transfer in case of NLU, Delhi students would be done in their existing degree programme. The student from outside have to identify a compatible course from their institution for the purpose of credit transfer. In order to get this credit transfer they need to process their application from their institution to this effect.

## ABOUT TEACHING FACULTY

Professor Lee Epstein is the Ethan A.H. Shepley Distinguished University Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. Her research and teaching interests center on law and legal institutions, especially the behavior of judges.

Professor Epstein is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Last year she was a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, a Guggenheim Fellow, and an International Visiting Professor at the Radzyner School of Law in Israel. This academic year she continues to serve as Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago, a Principal Investigator of U.S. Supreme Court Database project, and co-editor of the Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization, among other professional positions.

## EXPECTED AUDIENCE

- B.A. LL.B (Hons.) students NLU Delhi
- LL.M. Students of Empirical Law Group
- Ph.D. Students
- Faculty of NLU Delhi and invited Scholars, Faculty of Law, Law Researchers from various law schools in Delhi NCR Region

## REGISTRATION FEE

Participants from abroad: US \$250

Industry / Research Organizations: Rs. 15,000/-

Academic Institutions (Faculty, Students): Rs. 5,000/-

The above fee includes all instructional materials, tutorials, free internet facility. The participants will be required to pay separately for food/meals and accommodation. Accommodation may be provided within the University Campus only in case of availability, which will be in limited numbers, preference shall be given to faculty members. Charges shall apply. There will be no registration fee for NLU Delhi students/faculties

## PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION

The candidate's desirous of attending the course may send the filled in enclosed registration form and email @ [registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in). The last date of submitting the registration form would be 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. The applicants would be informed about their selection by 01<sup>st</sup> November, 2016.

For any query please contact Mr. Sidharth Dahiya, Mobile no. 7838782877



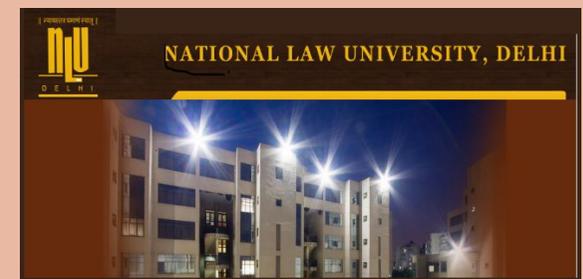
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## NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

### A SHORT COURSE ON EMPIRICAL LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS (November 07-11, 2016)

by  
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## SHORT COURSE ON EMPIRICAL LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS

The study of Empirical Legal Research in India is yet to begin. The impressive array of National Law Schools across the country has yet to embrace the active applications of Empirical Methods to address the complex questions of policy and practice in the legal studies. There are hardly any systematic opportunity and programmes in the Law schools to train the legal scholars in the field of Empirical Legal Research. The National Law University Delhi has made a significant beginning in this direction and it has already conducted dozens of National and International workshops in Empirical Legal Research. In fact National Law University Delhi has set up the Theodore Eisenberg Centre for Empirical Legal Research. This university has accelerated the momentum in this field and in the recent past several hundred legal researchers have been trained. The National Law University Delhi has set up International collaborations to further this activity. The National Law University Delhi under the UGC initiated Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN) has invited the renowned Empirical Legal Research scholar Professor Lee Epstein for a short course. This short course aims at developing and improving the Empirical activities of the scholars in the legal research field.



**GLOBAL INITIATIVE OF ACADEMIC NETWORK (GIAN) MINISTRY OF H.R.D. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

### **About GIAN:**

Government of India approved a new program titled Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) in Higher Education aimed at tapping the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs, internationally to encourage their engagement with the institutes of Higher Education in India so as to augment the country's existing academic resources, accelerate the pace of quality reform, and elevate India's scientific and technological capacity to global excellence.

## COURSE TITLE: EMPIRICAL LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS

Name of the Faculty	<b>Professor Lee Epstein</b>
Designation	<b>Professor</b>
Affiliation	<b>Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Empirical Research in the Law</b>
Course Title	<b>Empirical Legal Research Methods</b>

## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course introduces students to different methods of legal research like doctrinal research, empirical research, quantitative research, qualitative research, sample survey, case study etc. We will consider how to choose the appropriate method of conducting research out of the many available options. Studying research methodology means acquiring a scientific edge to your thinking, analysis and writing. Thinking and writing scientifically has immense values. This course is a skill development program where the fusion of knowledge with practice of research methodology would be the defining characteristic. The participant of the course would learn and apply all the facets of research methodology. This course has transforming potential for the participants. It will let the participants bring lot of objectivity and factual orientation in the way they think and write. The sessions of the course are in double mode which would require the participants to visit the field for collecting data and analyzing it for writing the assigned task. The participants will also have the opportunity to analyses data using SPSS. SPSS is a computerized data analysis programme. Cross-culture and contemporary practices along with ethical issues will be given special emphasis throughout the course.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The primary objectives of the course are as follows:

- To introduce participants to various modes of legal research
- To learn the selection process of appropriate research method
- To gain knowledge of data analysis
- To become skilled at using computerize data analysis programme
- To study the technique of effective communication of the result of empirical study
- To train participant in report writing

## COURSE OUTLINE

### **Day 1 - Understanding Empirical Legal Research**

Introduction to Empirical Legal Research  
Status of Empirical Legal Research  
Major debates

### **Day 2- Empirical Research**

Empiricism in Law- scope and applications  
Steps in Empirical legal research-overview  
Identification & Formulation of Research Problem  
Research Design-Types & applications

### **Day 3- Empirical Research**

Hypotheses-Meaning, types and function  
Sampling- Types & procedure  
Tools & techniques in Data collection (including online data bases & Internet Resources)

### **Day 4- Data Analysis & report writing in Empirical Legal research**

Handling quantitative data  
Coding & tabulation of data  
Data processing (manual & electronic- SPSS software)  
Interpretation & Analysis of data

### **Day 5 - Report Writing**

Report Writing- Style & format  
Citations  
Assignment