

# Empirical Legal Studies in Law and Psychology

## Overview

The focus of this course is interactions between individuals and the state through the lens of legal psychology. Students will learn to identify risks to justice in the individual-state relationship (e.g., bias, erroneous assumptions, systemic or institutional weaknesses) and will examine evidence-based measures to manage those risks. Using interdisciplinary materials, law students will become acquainted with applications of the psycho-legal empirical evidence base to analyse law in action and support legal reforms.

Each lecture examines current issues and debates in a particular domain, e.g., criminal law, mental health law, family law. Each topic is examined in five ways to develop a legally integrated and comprehensive consideration of the impact of evidence-based approaches across the range of legal practice.

<b>Modules</b>	<b>Dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Number of participants for the course will be limited to Sixty (60).</b> However effort will be made to constitute a class from all of the below mentioned callings.</li> </ul>
<b>You Should Attend If...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You are a lawyer, prosecutor, police investigator</li> <li>▪ You are a human rights, child rights or women rights activist</li> <li>▪ You are a counsellor, therapist or</li> <li>▪ You are a student or faculty from an academic institution interested in comprehending the interphase between law and psychology.</li> </ul>
<b>Registration procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please go to the GIAN website at <a href="http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/">http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/</a> and look for course registration and participants login. Look for register for new user sign up. Enter your details as required by the website and submit after making <b>payment of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) as directed on the site. Registration at the GIAN site is mandatory.</b> After you register at this site, the course coordinator will select the participants and inform them about the further process of registration. <b>After registration at Gian site, please send an email to the Course Coordinator: <a href="mailto:amitadhanda@nalsar.ac.in">amitadhanda@nalsar.ac.in</a> with your details i.e. name, affiliation and contact numbers.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professionals, Lawyers, Practitioners Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) including Food, hostel accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Students registration has been reduced to Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) following requests by students. This is inclusive of food, hostel accommodation.</b></li> <li>• The above fee will include all instructional materials, computer use for tutorials and assignments, 24 hour free internet facility.</li> <li>• Participants needing accommodation must inform organizers at the time of registration.</li> <li>• Last date for registration: <b>25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.</b></li> </ul>

## The Faculty



Jane Goodman Delahunty is **Research Professor**, Charles Sturt University, Faculty of Business, Justice and Behavioural Sciences, Manly Campus, Manly, Australia. Professor Goodman-Delahunty has through her multi-disciplinary research shown that police interview tactics using coercive practices do not work. Provided guidance on interpreter use in legal proceedings and on critical features of children's memory. Her research examines factors that mediate the integrity of fact-finding in legal settings for example social persuasion in questioning witnesses; expert witness evidence (e.g., DNA, child sexual abuse) and disruptive technological innovations:



Prof Amita Dhanda is the Head of the Centre for Disability Studies and Centre for Legal Philosophy and Justice Education. Her doctoral work on the rights of persons with mental illness was a pioneering effort in the country and was subsequently published as a book titled "Legal Order and Mental Disorder". She has worked on the issue of legal capacity of persons with disabilities and most importantly persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and has written widely in national and international journals on the issue. Dr Dhanda has been running a seminar course on Law and Psychology at NALSAR for the last several years.

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