

# ILPS 1st POLICY DRAFTING COMPETITION



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# About ILPS



The ILPS has been established to provide through research, working papers, publications, seminars, conferences, projects, and engagement, a platform for intellectual dialogue on contemporary issues of international law and foreign policy. The emphasis of this society will be on public international law, international affairs, and foreign policies of different countries. The society aims to engage with various stakeholders such as scholars, universities, policymakers, think tanks, and intergovernmental organizations. It provides students from different law universities the opportunity to publish their blogs and articles on international laws and policies on our distinguished website.



# About the Competition

In the arena of international relations and diplomacy, the key to resolving disputes is to formulate a firm and decisive diplomatic policy around which the course of action of a nation shall revolve. The world in the 21st century has witnessed a transitional shift from a complicated world order to complex world order. The complicated world order can be correlated to a game of chess that is quite intricate with infinite possibilities but it has set rules for the pieces to move. On the contrary, a complex world order can be correlated to a game of snooker where even a maestro may not be able to play the same shot again to achieve the same desired result. In this complex world order, countries bank on a fixed structured diplomatic policy to manage international relations but the said policy may not yield the same result every time. Therefore, in such a complex world there is always room for fresh and dynamic perspectives. To kindle this approach of having a dynamic perspective on international issues among the research scholars, professionals, and students, the International Law and Policy Society at National Law University Odisha brings forth the 1st edition of the Diplomatic Policy drafting competition.

# Structure of the Competition



We hereby invite submissions from students, academicians, lawyers, professionals and all others who wish to contribute in policy making. Participants have to register for the competition before the last date of registration, post which they shall make the payment of the registration fees.

Please note that a maximum of 2 co-participants are allowed to take part in the competition. The participants are supposed to submit a diplomatic policy in accordance with the manuscript guidelines mentioned below for both sides of the dispute.

## Competition Problem and Guidelines

The Competition Rules and Guidelines (Refer to Annexure 1) and the Competition Problem (Refer to Annexure 2) have been attached herein for the Participants.

## Prizes

Best Policy Submission- Rs. 5,000

Second Best Policy Submission- Rs. 3,000

Third Best Policy Submission- Rs. 2,000

## Important Dates

Registration Opens: 15 March 2023  
Release of problem statement: 15 March 2023  
Last date for registration: 05 April 2023  
Last date to seek clarification on Problem Statement: 25 March 2023  
Last date for submitting manuscripts: 10 April 2023

## Registrations

The registration link for the competition is:  
<https://forms.gle/WzsVfNK3kaqk1Pni7>  
Please Note that the registration fees is Rs. 250 for a single participant & Rs. 400 for 2 co-participants

## Payment Details

All the payments shall be made through SBI Collect as mentioned here in the payment process. Please note that the SBI Collect portal accepts payment through all gateways like UPI, Debit Card, Credit Card, Net-Banking, etc. The Last date for payment is 5th April 2023. Further, all the participants are requested to attach the SBI collect payment receipt in the registration form as well.

## Submission Procedure

All the submissions must be submitted through the google form link given below:  
<https://forms.gle/pHUG3gQb64HAMzjK8>



**Note-** Merit certificates shall be awarded to all the winners & Certificate of Participations shall be awarded to all the participants. Eagerly awaiting an enthusiastic response. For further information please visit the ILPS website and keep an eye on our social media handles.

***Participants are requested to mail their clarification to [ilps@nluo.ac.in](mailto:ilps@nluo.ac.in) with the subject "clarifications for ILPS NLUO policy drafting competition"***

# Annexure -1

## Rules and Guidelines of the Competition

### Guidelines regarding Structure of Policy

The draft policy submitted must contain the following:

- Policy Title:** A short and simple title apt with the body of the submission
- An Abstract:** A summary of the Policy.
- Statement of Problem:** A concise statement of the problem dealt with in the policy.
- Definitions:** Defining uncommon or complex terms used in the policy.
- Stakeholders:** Enumerate the concerned stakeholders involved in the policy solution
- Policy Statement:** A detailed policy statement which provides a diplomatic solution to the problem.
- Implementation Procedure:** Reference to detailed procedures that are recommended in order to carry out the intent of the policy. It is advised to list the procedures in the order in which they are to be carried out. If there is no particular order, procedures should be listed alphabetically.
- Cost-benefit Analysis:** An indication of the costs involved and the benefits aimed through the policy.
- Concluding Remarks:** A brief concluding observation outlining the future roadmap.

# Formatting Guidelines

- The language of the submission should be in English.
- Font of the submission must be Times New Roman with size 12 for the main body (size 10 in case of footnotes).
- Line Spacing should be 1.5 for the main body (1 for footnotes).
- Citation format should be uniform throughout the Policy Submission.
- The word limit of Policy Submission should be between 2000-3000 words, exclusive of footnotes.
- The similarity is allowed up to a maximum of 10%.
- File Format must be only in .doc/.docx format.
- The file should not contain any details of the Participants.
- The organizers reserve all rights over the submissions received.
- The decision of organizers is final and binding.
- The organizers reserve the right to amend any condition or rules in the competition.
- Non-adherence of any of the guidelines may lead to disqualification of the participants.





# Annexure -2

## Competition Problem for the 1st Edition of the ILPS NLUO Policy Drafting Competition

### The River's Wrath

Rajesh was furious as he watched the news on his phone. The reporter was standing near the banks of Ganga, where a thick layer of foam and garbage covered the sacred water. He could see people wearing masks and gloves, trying to clean up the mess.

“The pollution in Ganga has reached alarming levels,” the reporter said. “According to local environmental activists, the main culprits are corporations that have set up factories along the river and dumped their toxic waste into it. They claim that these corporations have violated Indian laws and international treaties and have ignored repeated warnings from the government and civil society.” One of the biggest emitters was a Canada-based mining company called Plenbore. Plenbore is headquartered in Toronto.

Rajesh felt a surge of anger and sadness. He remembered how he used to swim in Ganga as a child, how he used to worship it as a goddess, how he used to drink its pure water. Now, he could not even touch it without risking his health.

He decided to join the protest that was planned for tomorrow outside the Canadian embassy in Delhi. He wanted to make his voice heard, he wanted justice for his river.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, President Alexa was having an emergency meeting with her advisors. She had just received a phone call from Prime Minister Solanki of India, who had expressed her outrage over the pollution in Ganga and demanded an immediate action from the Canadian government.

Madam President, this is a serious situation,” President Alexa’s secretary of state said. “India is one of our most important allies in Asia, and we cannot afford to lose their trust and cooperation. We need to hold these corporations accountable and make them pay for their damages.”

“I agree,” President Alexa said. “But we also need to be careful not to harm our economic interests in India. These corporations provide thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in revenue for both countries. We need to find a balance between environmental protection and business development.”

President Alexa looked at her secretary of commerce, who had a worried expression on his face.

“What do you suggest?” she asked him.

He cleared his throat and said,

“Well, Madam President Alexa, I think we should try to negotiate with Prime Minister Solanki and offer her some incentives in exchange for easing his pressure on these corporations. Maybe we can increase our aid or trade or investment or military support for India.”

President Alexa frowned.

“That sounds like bribery,” she said.

“No, no,” he said quickly. “It’s diplomacy.”

She shook her head.

“I don’t like it,” she said. “It’s unethical and unfair. We should wait for Delhi’s official response.”

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Solanki's office are discussing matters in Delhi and thinking of devising a policy plan to resolve the issue of water pollution whilst handling the crisis in Canada-India's diplomatic relationship.

You are the foreign secretary to Prime Minister Solanki and your role is to draw a policy statement and propose a diplomatic solution. The policy statement should be diplomatic, non-coercive yet strong in wording.

This Competition Problem has been Drafted by our Mr Justin Jos

*Please note that if any participant or their affiliates, directly or indirectly, attempts to contact the drafter of the Competition Problem in any manner whatsoever, the same would lead to an immediate disqualification of the participant from the 1st ILPS, NLUO Diplomatic Policy Drafting Competition.*

# Meet the Problem Drafter: Justin Jos

Justin Jos is an accomplished alumni of the National Law University Odisha, Cuttack, India. He completed his B.B.A LL.B (Hons.) from the university from 2010-2015. During his time at the university, he not only excelled in his academics but also captained the football team showcasing his leadership skills and team spirit. His academic achievements and determination earned him the prestigious Commonwealth Shared Scholarship in 2015, which he used to pursue his LL.M. degree at the University of Exeter, United Kingdom.



At Exeter, Justin pursued his passion for law by earning a Master of Laws with distinction in 2016. He then went on to work as a research fellow at the Centre for Health Law Ethics and Technology at Jindal Global Law School, where he got involved in the gay rights and transgender rights movement. He was also selected as a Teaching Associate at The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA).

He is currently completing his Doctorate from The University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. His passion for human rights is evident from his extensive work and various publications in the field. His contributions to the field extend beyond his academic and professional accomplishments. He has actively participated in various conferences, seminars, and workshops related to human rights and social justice, making a significant contribution to the field. Justin's current doctorate research aims at developing jurisprudence on cases of corporate human rights violations to help develop a remedial framework in consonance with international law.

Justin is a dedicated and passionate researcher who aims to enter academia. His current work at the Macquarie Law School in Sydney, as a Research Assistant, reflects his commitment to the field of law and his passion for human rights. He is assisting with research projects and initiatives related to the field of law, especially Business-Human Rights.

He is an exemplary alumnus of the National Law University Odisha and a dedicated researcher in the field of law. His work and commitment to social justice and equality have made him a role model for students and researchers alike.

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