



## Call for Papers

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### I. About the Journal

- A. The CNLU Journal of International Trade and Investment Law (JITIL), published by Thomson Reuters, is the flagship journal of the Centre for Research in International Trade and Investment Law (CRITIL) at the Chanakya National Law University, Patna, Bihar (India).
- B. The Journal invites submissions to its inaugural issue in the categories described below. The Journal aims to release its inaugural issue by April/May 2027.

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## II. Categories of submission

- A. Submissions in the following categories are invited:
  - 1. Long Articles [8,000 - 10,000 words]
  - 2. Short Articles [5,000 - 8,000 words]
  - 3. Case Comments [2,500 - 3,500 words]
  - 4. Book Reviews [1,500 - 2,000 words]
- B. It is clarified that the word count is exclusive of footnotes. The word count is also not inclusive of any annexures that the author may wish to provide along with the submission such as in the case of empirical pieces of work.
- C. The Editorial Team may choose to solicit submissions from eminent authors and academicians upon its discretion.

## III. Guidelines Regarding the Content of Submissions:

- A. There is no fixed theme for the present issue of the Journal. The Editorial Team has intentionally kept the Call open in the interests of a broader range of scholarship being reflected in the Journal. The authors are free to choose any topic falling broadly within the domain of international trade and international investment law.
- B. While we remain open to purely legal-doctrinal submissions, we encourage submissions which touch upon larger socio-economic or geopolitical questions. Similarly, while we remain open to submissions dealing with national law(s) pertaining to trade and investment, we encourage authors to connect their work with the broader field of international trade and investment law.
- C. It is encouraged that in cases of Long Articles, Short Articles and Case Comments, the introductory paragraphs lay down the argumentative spine of the submission, as well as the structure of the submitted piece.

## IV. Submission Guidelines

- A. Authors are invited to submit their work latest by **December 01st, 2026, 11:59 PM IST**. Any submissions thereafter shall not be entertained, except upon the discretion of the Editorial Team.
- B. Submissions must be made as an MS Word document by an email to [Jitil@cnlu.ac.in](mailto:Jitil@cnlu.ac.in) with the subject line “Submission for the Inaugural Issue of JITIL” followed by the category of submission mentioned in square brackets.
- C. Number of authors:

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1. In the case of Long Articles and Short Articles, up to 2 authors are allowed.
  2. In the case of Case Comments and Book Reviews, more than one author is not allowed.
  3. In the case of more than one author for Long Articles and Short Articles, the submission email must also CC the co-author.
- D. The following stylistic guidelines should be followed:
1. Font Type: Garamond
  2. Font Size for Text: 12 | For Headings/Sub-Headings: 14)
  3. Line Spacing: 1.5
  4. Citation and footnoting: OSCOLA 4th Edn.
- E. Cover letter:
1. The submission email must be accompanied with a cover letter detailing the names of the author and co-author (if any), institutional affiliation, contact details (email-ID and phone number).
  2. In the case of more than one author, the cover letter must clearly indicate which author shall be the nodal point for communication with the Journal as the 'Corresponding Author'.
- F. Timeline:
1. The Editorial Team aims to inform authors of the outcome of their submissions within 6-8 weeks of the submission deadline.
- G. Anonymity:
1. The authors must NOT mention any identifying details in the text or the metadata of the main submission document. Doing so may lead to the submission being summarily rejected.
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  2. The Journal strongly discourages the use of generative artificial intelligence software in preparation of the substantive content of the submission. All submissions will be checked for AI use. AI tools may be used by the authors in an assistive capacity to format citations, make minor language improvements and grammar

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