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Call for Papers

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Themes:

Submissions are invited on any socio-legal, policy, or interdisciplinary theme, including but not limited to:

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- *Socio-Legal Studies.*
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The CNLU Law Journal invites original, unpublished manuscripts from all legal academics and post-doctoral/doctoral scholars from India and abroad, under the following categories:

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1. General Guidelines

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 - Funding information, where applicable.
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Submission Deadline:

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