

SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED COASTAL AND MARITIME SECURITY STUDIES RASHTRIYA RAKSHA UNIVERSITY



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CALL FOR PAPERS

"INDIA'S LEGAL APPROACH TO POLAR REGIONS"

In May 2024, Indian government hosted the 46th Antarctic Treaty Meeting (ATCM) Consultative 26th Committee Environmental Protection (CEP) Meeting. Whereunder, the host country secretariat (India) excellently chaired the intergovernmental meetings under the able guidance of Amb. Pankaj Saran, 46th ATCM Chair and Dr. Anoop Tiwari, 26th CEP Chair, guiding discussions amongst 300+ participants including diplomats, scientists, policymakers, strategist and other polar experts. The delegates discussed various issues related to new policy quidelines, recent activities and initiatives for protection of marine environment in Antarctica, usage of bio-fuels or green energy and reviewing various activities carried out through international collaboration and cooperation that occurred among members throughout the previous year.

The 46th ATCM meeting was critically important taking into consideration several international conflicts among member states and the diplomatic engagements undertaken by India to form unanimous decision on the resolutions passed. Additionally, a call related to the creation of a 'Special Working Group on Tourism Development Framework' was undertaken so as to regulate, monitor and control tourism in Antarctica, to save, protect and preserve the pristine marine environment and biosphere altogether, keeping it open only for scientific diplomacy.

Rashtriya Raksha University, in furtherance of successfully hosting of the 'International Workshop on India's Polar Region Policy', organized under the aegis of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), and the University of the Arctic Network (UArctic), is inviting interested policymakers, scientists, field experts, academicians and scholars to contribute to a special edited book on "India's Legal Approach to Polar Regions", to delve into the legal dimensions of India's Polar Policy. Focusing upon key practical challenges, analyzing relevant policies and come out with measures that can further enhance India's policy and governance role in the Arctic, Antarctic and Himalayan regions.

We invite submissions that addresses the following broad themes:

- India's polar legal framework and strategic engagement.
- Legal compliance related to the scientific research and technological contributions in the polar regions.
- Preparedness through legal and scientific processes towards climate change, environmental impact assessments and cooperation.
- Outlook on sustainable policies for effective economic and developmental activities in polar regions.
- Multilateral governance mechanism and international cooperation for scientific diplomacy.
- Advancements in polar security legal framework and geopolitics.
- Dissemination of knowledge related to polar science and law through capacity building.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts must be submitted through registrations and must be in 'English'.
- Abstract title limited to 10-15 words. Title must appear in upper and lower case (e.g. India's legal approach to polar regions).
- Affiliation and authors information. Maximum 2-3 authors. You
 must enter the name of all authors, including yourself in an order
 in which you wish it to appear in the printed text.
- Abstract should be 250 300 words.
- The editor(s) have inherent right to publish your submission on electronic media and in hardcopy if it is accepted.
- Papers should be original and not published elsewhere.
- Manuscripts must be formatted in 4th edition of OSCOLA citation style and submitted in Word document format.
- Types of submissions:
- A) Opinion-ed: 800 1,000 words
- B) Book Review: 1,000 1,500 words
- C) Article: 2,000 2,500 words
- D) Research Paper: 3,000 4,000 words
- E) Extensive Research Paper: 8,000 10,000 words

- The submission made will undergo thorough check to detect the usage of artificial intelligence through credible plagiarism check software. As paper having AI usage will not be accepted. Also, the permissible plagiarism limit for any submission is 10%.
- Please note that we will not accept late submissions.

Timeline

- Abstract Submission Deadline: March 17, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: March 21, 2025
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: May 05, 2025

Submission Process: Submit abstracts (<u>Registration page</u>) and full papers at [polar.sec@rru.ac.in]. All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review process.



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