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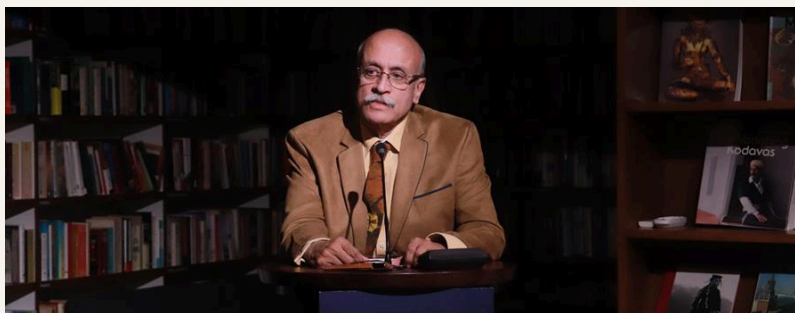
### HIGHLIGHTS



#### Contextual Integrity: Privacy as Data Governance

"Contextual Integrity (CI) is a different way of defining privacy – not as secrecy and not as control over personal information but as appropriate flow". Prof. Helen Nissenbaum, Cornell Tech delivered an insightful lecture at the NLS campus in January 2025. Her talk reviewed key theoretical ideas behind contextual integrity, provided evidence of its empirical robustness, and explained why successful regulation of privacy needs to be accompanied by effective data governance, which is aimed at protecting legitimate societal institutions ('contexts') and their associated ends and values. The talk was jointly organised by NLSIU and the Infosys Science Foundation.

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#### Exploring Historical Foundations of Indian Political Thought

Our interdisciplinary conference on **Indian Political Thought** in January 2025 explored the historical foundations of political thought in the country, assessed their

contemporary relevance, and envisioned future trajectories. Renowned scholars, researchers, and practitioners participated in critical discussions to analyse the dynamics, intersections, and evolving contours of Indian political thought and practice, offering fresh perspectives and valuable insights.

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## Centre for Child and the Law at NLSIU Launches Child Rights Index

The India Child Rights Index (ICRI), launched by CCL in November 2024, is a tool to understand the comparative status of children in all States and union territories of India in three domains: Nutrition and Health; Education and Protection. The Index is developed based on 60 indicators across these three domains. The index categorises groups of States based on their performance across these indicators, and also ranks them domain wise.

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## Exploring Themes Around 'Equality and the Law'

Equality is a foundational concept of legal systems. Equality before the law and the equal application of law are centrepieces of the legal system. There is wide ranging discussion about what equality means within the general legal framework and in the practice of law. These questions are not only questions of legal system, but concern problems that have deep roots in the long reflection about what justice in ethics and politics actually means.

These themes were explored during our 'Equality and the Law Workshop' in collaboration with the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich (UZH) in December 2024. The workshop aimed to foster interdisciplinary engagement around problems of equality in the law, and catalyse collaboration between early-career scholars of the two universities.

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## BOOK TALKS @NLS LIBRARY



The NLS Library Committee launched a new series called 'Book Talks @NLS Library' aimed at making our library space a vibrant site in the city for discussions on recently published and academically relevant books. Beyond engaging with the NLS community, this is also an opportunity for the university to engage with the broader public. The book talks had a considerable number of attendees from outside the NLS community.

## FACULTY SEMINARS & PUBLIC LECTURES



This trimester, we hosted 10 Faculty Seminars covering a range of topics to bring our cutting-edge academic research into the spotlight. We also had three guest speakers presenting their work in these seminars: Dr. Rochelle Pinto, Azim Premji University; Prof. Andrew Newcombe, University of Victoria, Canada; and Dr. Natalie Sedacca, Durham University.

For the full list of our faculty seminars, click [here](#).

In our recent public lecture, we had a presentation by Dr. Supriya Routh, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Labour Law & Social Justice, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Canada. During the lecture, he discussed his book titled '[Labour Justice: A Constitutional Evaluation of Labour Law.](#)'

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## PUBLICATIONS BY NLS FACULTY

February 16, 2025

[“TikTok and the Free Speech Conundrum”](#)

Deccan Herald

By Dr. Nigam Nuggehalli

February 12, 2025

[“Income Tax Law: Semantics and Beyond”](#)

The Hindu Business Line

By Dr. Ashrita Prasad Kotha

February 1, 2025

[“Caste Inequality in Occupational Exposure to Heat Waves in India”](#)

Demography

By Dr. Sneha Thapliyal

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