



FOURTH GNH & LAW CONFERENCE
“CRIMINAL JUSTICE & HAPPINESS”
 11-13 NOVEMBER 2024



Conference Call for Papers

Background

JSW School of Law (JSW Law) initiated multi-year research program on “GNH and Law” and related interdisciplinary fields in 2018. While the first two conferences were based on the very broad exploration of the relationship between the Gross National Happiness and Law, starting from the third conference, we have narrowed down the scope. The fourth international conference on GNH & Law is aimed at exploring the relationship between “Criminal Justice and Happiness.” The conference will be hosted in Bhutan from 11-13 November 2024, to coincide with the Constitution Day and GNH Day of Bhutan. At the conference, participants will present final versions of their papers. After a thorough editorial review, selected papers will be published in the JSW Law’s third volume of the *Journal of GNH & Law*.

Objectives and Scope

This conference aims to bring together scholars who are interested in exploring direct or indirect correlations between criminal justice and happiness (or well-being) and exploring alternative approaches (including traditional or indigenous) to criminal justice.

This conference welcomes papers on all policy and legal issues and controversies relating to criminal justice and the GNH framework or happiness more generally. We invite submissions on diverse facets such as the interpretation and application of substantive criminal law, the rights of accused persons and victims, the role of judges, prosecutors and defence counsel, rules of criminal evidence and criminal procedure, sentencing options and practices, and approaches to rehabilitation or social reintegration of offenders back into society. The conference will explore how these facets impact on individual and societal well-being and happiness.

Join us to present your research and be part of a group of like-minded scholars seeking to both discover and find ways of promoting well-being in the realm of criminal justice.

Abstract and Paper Submission Procedure and Timeline

Researchers interested in addressing these issues are invited to respond to this call for papers by submitting an abstract of up to 250 words, along with a brief bio of up to 150 words to gnhlaw@jswlaw.bt. Researchers must adhere to the following timeline:

Date	Activity
15 February 2024	Submission of your abstract: All participants are required to submit a brief abstract and bio
5 March 2024	Feedback on abstract: All presenters will be informed whether their paper is accepted or not, and if accepted with feedback and paper submission guidelines
30 June 2024	Submission of full draft papers: All participants will submit full draft papers

Date	Activity
31 July 2024	Feedback by other contributors and editors: Full draft papers will be circulated to two other contributors in the conference and will be asked to provide written feedback to the author. The author will also receive feedback from editors
5 September 2024	Submission of final papers: Participants will improve their papers based on feedback received
25 September 2024	Editorial feedback: All papers will be subject to a final round of feedback from editors
30 October 2024	Submission of paper for the conference: Participants will improve their papers based on editorial feedback and submit them to editors
11-13 November 2024	Conference: Paper presentations
30 November 2024	Submission of paper for publication: Participants will incorporate comments received during the conference as they deem fit
20 January 2025	Confirmation of Proof: Confirmation of proof by contributors
21 February 2025	Publication of the third Volume of the Journal GNH & Law

Publication

Selected papers will be published in the JSW Law’s third volume of *GNH and the Law Journal*. Therefore, your participation is subject to agreeing to this publication requirement and to your paper not being published elsewhere without the prior permission of the editors of the *GNH and the Law Journal*.

Registration Fees

The following registration fees shall apply:

- USD250 for paper presenter
- USD350 for other attendees

The fees will cover administration costs, meals and refreshments served at the conference. A range of hotel accommodation at discounted rates will be offered to attendees.

**Students and participants from the global south may apply for waiver or discount.*

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