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NATIONAL LEGAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION, 2025

THEME

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

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The SPIL Mumbai, **National Legal Article Writing Competition, 2025** (“Competition”) stands as an annual testament to the pursuit of scholarly excellence, providing a distinguished platform for students across diverse academic backgrounds to delve into contemporary legal and policy issues. The Competition is a beacon, encouraging meticulous research and analysis in the field of International Law. The primary objective of this esteemed Competition is to stimulate intellectual curiosity and foster academic growth among participants. Following the submission phase, a rigorous review is undertaken by a panel of seasoned experts to evaluate the entries. The pinnacle of achievement lies in the recognition of the Best Article, the Second-best Article, and the Third-best Article, all of which may be chosen for publication in the prestigious GLC-SPIL International Law Journal, subject to the discretion of the Board of Editors. This publication provides a valuable platform for authors to showcase their research and contribute to the broader legal and policy discourse.

ABOUT GLC MUMBAI

Established in 1855, the Government Law College, Mumbai holds the distinction of being Asia’s oldest law school and one of the most venerated legal institutions in India. For nearly two centuries, GLC has played a pivotal role in shaping India’s legal, political, and constitutional landscape. Its legacy is not just etched in the annals of Indian jurisprudence but continues to influence the evolving nature of law and governance in the country and beyond. Throughout its illustrious history, the College has nurtured some of the most distinguished minds in Indian legal and public life.

ABOUT SPIL MUMBAI

We at SPIL Mumbai, strive towards taking legal studies to an empirical level and promoting law as an area of enquiry and study far beyond the realms of classrooms.

We, as a student-based organisation, seek to encourage communication and cooperation among students and lawyers internationally. SPIL Mumbai relentlessly strives to provide greater opportunities for comprehensive studies of international cultures and legal systems, to facilitate global interactions and to publicise educational and career opportunities in international law.

THEME

In an era marked by global integration and economic interdependence, international trade has become the lifeblood of the modern world. While it offers immense opportunities for growth, innovation, and prosperity, it also presents complex legal challenges that transcend national boundaries.



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Recognising the significance of these dynamics, SPIL, Mumbai, has selected **“International Trade Law”** as the theme for the **National Legal Article Writing Competition 2025**. This theme seeks to engage budding legal scholars in a critical exploration of the frameworks, principles, and evolving jurisprudence that shape the global trade regime today. The selection of this theme underscores the pivotal role that law plays in regulating the global marketplace and ensuring that trade is not only free but also fair. Participants will delve into pressing issues such as tariff disputes, trade wars, the regulation of cross-border e-commerce, the role of the World Trade Organization, and the growing tension between trade liberalisation and protectionist policies.

The Competition aims to foster a nuanced understanding of how international legal mechanisms can balance economic interests with broader concerns such as public health, labour rights, environmental standards, and national security. In a world where the ripple effects of trade decisions can impact millions, this theme invites future legal professionals to contribute thoughtfully to the ongoing evolution of international trade governance.

TOPICS

- The Role of International Trade Law in Global Food Security and Agricultural Subsidies
- Sanctions and Export Controls: Analysing the Weaponisation of International Trade Law
- Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) in Trade Agreement: Balancing State Sovereignty and Foreign Investment
- Trade, Development, and Inequality: Assessing the WTO's Special and Differential Treatment Regime for the Global South
- International Trade and Human Rights: Labor Standards and Trade Agreements
- The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and WTO Compatibility
- Trade and Public Health: Revisiting TRIPS, Vaccine Access, and Global Health Equity Post-COVID



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COMPETITION RULES

Eligibility

- The Competition is open to all law students currently enrolled in recognised 3-year LL.B or 5-year integrated LL.B courses.
- Participants must be pursuing their studies at any recognised institution in India.
- Participants can participate individually or co-author in a team of a maximum of two members.
- Winners of previous editions of the Competition are not eligible to participate.

Registration Process

- Teams or individuals interested in participating must register and make their submissions through the Google Form available [here](#) (“**Registration Form**”).
- Deadline for Registrations & Submission shall close on **30th September 2025, 11:59 PM IST**.
- Late submissions shall not be accepted under any circumstances.
- A non-refundable registration fee of **Rs. 200** for a single-authored submission and **Rs. 300** for a co-authored submission must be paid online before submission of the Registration Form.
- Participants must first make the payment of the registration fee towards the Bank Account mentioned herein, and upload a screenshot of the proof of payment in the Registration Form.

Account Details

- Account Holder: SPIL Government Law College Mumbai
- Account Number: 35514475304
- Account Type: Current Account
- IFSC: SBIN0004283
- Branch: PBB CHURCHGATE, MUMBAI

Submission Guidelines

- Each individual or team is allowed only one submission.
- Both co-authored and single submissions will be treated as separate entries. Submissions falling into both categories will be disqualified from the Competition.
- The article must constitute the original work of the author (s). The plagiarism limit is 15% (excluding footnotes). Any article beyond the plagiarism limit will be disqualified.
- Each entry must be the previously unpublished work of the author (s). Articles that have been published elsewhere or selected/submitted for publication elsewhere will be disqualified.
- No part of the article should contain any form of identification of the participant, such as the author’s name, university/college name, etc. Inclusion of any form of identification may result in disqualification.
- Articles must address one of the provided topics related to International Trade Law.



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- All articles must be written in English.
- The word limit for each article is between 1500-2000 words, exclusive of footnotes and bibliography.
- The article must include an abstract with at least five keywords. The abstract should not exceed the maximum limit of 250 words, exclusive of the overall article word limit. The abstract should clearly indicate the chosen topic of the article.
- Citations and footnotes must follow the Harvard Bluebook (21st edition) referencing style. Endnotes or bibliography is strictly not allowed.
- Avoid the use of extensive footnotes or quotations. It is acceptable to reference or paraphrase thoughts and ideas from standard works without using quotations, provided proper acknowledgement is given in footnotes or other suitable methods.
- Articles should be submitted through the Registration Form by **30th September 2025, 23:59 hours (IST)**.
- The article must be attached in either '.doc' or '.docx' format. The document must be renamed as the chosen topic.
- The article must be accompanied by a separate document containing the following information about the participant:

1. Full Name of the Author (s)
2. Chosen Topic
3. Title of the Article
4. Name and Address of College / Institute / University.
5. Programme Enrolled & Current Year of Study
6. Email Address & Contact Number of the Author (s)
7. Full Postal Address of the Author (s)
8. Brief bio of the Author (s)

Formatting Guidelines

Main Body:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5

Footnotes:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 10
- Line Spacing: 1.0

Margins:

- All margins should be set to 1 inch or 2.54 cm on all sides.

Rubric

The scoring factors to be considered, in no particular order of relevance or priority, will include:

- Overall Evaluation of Topic
- Legal Content, Use of Authorities, and References.



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- Issues Covered, Relevance & Ingenuity of Ideas;
- Originality, Language, and Creative Writing Skills;
- Flow & Structure.

Miscellaneous

- By participating in the Competition, the participant(s) agree to indemnify the organisers against all claims, suits, and damages based on allegations of copyright infringement, plagiarism, or unauthorised use.
- Any proven copyright infringement or plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.
- The organisers retain the right to recall any prize if it is later discovered that the submitted article suffered from copyright infringement/plagiarism.
- The article shall be considered the property of the SPIL, Mumbai, which reserves the right to publish it as deemed appropriate. Any further publication after the declaration of results will only be pursued with express permission from the organisers.
- Winners of the Competition authorise the organisers to use their names and photos, if required, to publicise the Competition and its results.

- The administration of the Competition, including determining the eligibility of participant (s) or article, evaluation of the article, and awarding of prizes, is within the sole and absolute discretion of the organisers.
- In situations not explicitly covered by the rules, the organisers' decision shall be final and binding.

FEEDBACK

The organisers welcome any feedback or any thoughts on this Competition (before or after) including structuring, timings, rules, regulations, etc. at glcspilmumbai@gmail.com.

AWARDS & MERITS

Best Article

- Cash Prize: INR 7,000/-
- Certificate of Merit
- Publication in GLC-SPIL International Law Journal Volume VI Issue II, subject to the approval of the Board of Editors.

Second Best Article

- Cash Prize: INR 5,000/-
- Certificate of Merit
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Third Best Article

- Cash Prize: INR 3,000/-
- Certificate of Merit
- Publication in GLC-SPIL International Law Journal Volume VI Issue II, subject to the approval of the Board of Editors.

- The top five articles will be awarded a 'Certificate of Merit.'
- All participants shall be awarded the 'Certificate of Participation.'

CONTACT DETAILS

In case of any queries, kindly drop an email at glcspilmumbai@gmail.com or contact:

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Submissions shall be made exclusively via the [Google Form](#) available [HERE](#).

Please do not email your manuscripts.



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