VIT School of Law in Collaboration with
Intellectual Property Association of South India
Presents

International Conference

on

POLICIES IN TECH LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Date

5th - 6th February 2027

Mode

Hybrid

Venue

VIT Chennai



Organised by VIT School of Law, VIT Chennai

About VIT

Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) was established with the aim of providing quality higher education on par with international standards. It persistently seeks and adopts innovative methods to improve the quality of higher education on a consistent basis. It was established under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956, and was founded in 1984 as a self-financing institution called the Vellore Engineering College.

The Union Ministry of Human Resources Development conferred University status on Vellore Engineering College in 2001. The University is headed by its founder and Chancellor, Dr. G. Viswanathan, a former Parliamentarian and Minister in the Tamil Nadu Government. In recognition of his service to India in offering world class education, he was conferred an honorary doctorate by the West Virginia University, USA. Dr. Sankar Viswanathan, Dr. Sekar Viswanathan and Dr.G.V. Selvam are the Vice-Presidents; Dr. V. S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran is the Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Dr. T. Thyagarajan is the Pro-Vice Chancellor.



About
VIT School of Law

Established in 2014 and approved by the Bar Council of India, VIT School of Law is dedicated to achieving excellence in teaching, research, and advocacy, shaping visionary leaders in law and public policy at both national and international levels. Guided by our motto, “Sui Generis Sine Dubio”—meaning “unique, without a doubt”—the institution currently nurtures over 1,200 students across its B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., and Ph.D. programs. Our community is powered by 55 core faculty members, a substantial number of whom hold doctoral degrees across diverse branches of law. Moving beyond conventional rote memorization, VITSOL embraces Problem-Based Learning, empowering students to critically analyze statutory provisions, interpret case laws, and apply legal principles to real-world scenarios. To ensure holistic professional development, the school regularly organizes national and international moot court competitions, national debate tournaments, scholarly conferences, seminars, workshops, and vital legal aid programs, positioning itself among the premier law colleges.



About the Conference

Countries in the Global South face fundamental challenges ranging from technology accessibility and resource allocation to data privacy, infrastructure, and institutional shortcomings. As these jurisdictions voice the need for context-appropriate frameworks, policymakers must navigate emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, digital platforms, data flows and autonomous systems. At the same time, countries in the global south are increasingly voicing the need for frameworks that are suited to them, owing to their contributions to global data and consumer markets. This International Conference aims to bring together policymakers, researchers, legal professionals, academicians and students to advance evidence-based, context-appropriate, and equitable technology governance. The conference will explore practical evidence-based implementation strategies, examine global data justice, and address international trade relationships.



Call for Papers

The Conference invites well-researched original papers from policy makers, academicians, practitioners, research scholars, administrators and students for presentation across following sub-themes and tracks:

Sub-Themes and Tracks

1. Artificial Intelligence Governance

- AI, Socio-Economic Rights and Inequality
- Inclusive AI, Accessibility, and Disability Rights
- Gender, AI, and Tech-Facilitated Violence
- AI, Culture, Belief, and Harm
- Safeguarding Children in the Age of AI
- AI Accountability, Transparency, and Safety

2. Data Protection and Privacy

- Data Sovereignty and Countering Digital Rights
- Privacy Rights of Vulnerable and Marginalised Groups
- State Surveillance, Biometric Databases, and Civil Liberties
- Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) & Data Governance
- Cross-Border Data Flows and Regional Privacy Frameworks
- Health, Data Privacy and Bio-Tech Governance

3. Alternative Dispute Resolution and Tech Law Governance

- Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and Access to Justice
- AI in Judicial and Arbitration Workflows
- Cross-Border E-Commerce and Digital Dispute Resolution
- Smart Contracts and Decentralised Dispute Mechanisms
- Protection of Consumer Rights in Tech-Enabled Disputes
- Institutional Frameworks for ADR in Tech Law

Sub-Themes and Tracks

4. Technology and Sustainable Development

- Tech Law and Policy for the UN SDGs
- Environmental Impact of AI and Digital Infrastructure
- E-Waste Management and Circular Tech Economy
- Climate Tech Transfer and Resilient Agriculture
- Smart Cities, Urban Governance and Digital Rights
- Tech-Enabled Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management

5. Intellectual Property and Access to Technology

- IP Monopolies v. Public Interest and Essential Access
- Open Source Models and Technology Transfer
- Copyright, Fair Use, and Data Mining for AI Training
- Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions
- Patent Thickets, Anti-Competitive IP Practices, and Innovation
- IP Governance in Emerging Tech (Biotech, Quantum, & Space etc)

6. International Trade and Technology Law

- Digital Trade Agreements and Global South Interests
- Regulating Big Tech Monopolies and Competition Policy
- FinTech, Cross-Border Payments, and Financial Inclusion
- Technological Sovereignty and Supply Chain Security
- Digital Taxation and Revenue Distribution
- Trade Secret Regulation v. Open Technology & Public Interest

Submission Guidelines

Presenters must submit an abstract of 500 words, clearly indicating the sub-theme of the proposed research with relevant keywords. Co-authorship is allowed to a maximum of two co-authors per submission.

The abstract must be accompanied by a cover page which should include:

1. **Title of the Paper**
2. **Name of the author(s)**
3. **Designation**
4. **E-mail/Institutional e-mail address**
5. **Postal address and Contact Number**

The abstracts will undergo a double-blind peer review and only shortlisted abstracts will be invited to submit final papers. The final submission shall be concluded within the prescribed deadline. No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last dates of submission.

Participants/Paper Presenters can register after the acceptance of abstract with payment of required fees. Only registered participants will be allowed to take part in the Conference.

Note: All Abstract submissions along with relevant documents are to be uploaded on the link provided.

Important instructions for full length paper submission:

1. **Word Limit:** 4000 to 8000 [Excluding footnotes and Abstract]
2. **Citation Format**: APA 7th Edition
3. **Font:** Times New Roman (12),
4. **Line-Spacing:** 1.5.

Participation

Participation is open for academicians, policy practitioners, industry experts, researchers, early career professionals and students from diverse backgrounds

Note: For UG/PG/ Ph.D. students, there is no bar on the number of participants from the same College/University/Institution.

Important Dates

Abstract submission	**30 November, 2026**
Intimation of selected abstracts	**15 December, 2026**
Registration	**27 December, 2026**
Full paper submission	**30 December, 2026**
Conference	**5th- 6th February, 2027**

Publication

Selected papers will be published by a reputed publisher

Certificate

Presenters will be awarded a certificate of presentation.

Best paper presenters will be awarded a certificate of merit.

Registration Fees

National Participants

Single Author (Students and Scholars)	**INR 2000**
Co - Author (Students and Scholars)	**INR 2500**
Single Author (Academicians/policy practitioners/professionals)	**INR 2500**
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Fees are exclusive of GST and any other applicable taxes

International Participants

Single Author (Students and Scholars)	**USD 40**
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Single Author (Academicians/policy practitioners/professionals)	**USD 50**
Co - Author (Academicians/policy practitioners/professionals)	**USD 60**

Fees are exclusive of GST and any other applicable taxes

Abstract Submission

Registration and Full Paper Submission

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