



SYMPOSIUM ON PUBLIC POLICY
THEME: URBANISATION AND
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

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About the Organisation:

LexQuest Foundation

LexQuest Foundation is an independent, non-profit law and policy think tank, striving to develop effective solutions to public policy challenges.

At the core of our vision, is the idea of a proactive citizenry, and to endorse the same, we actively seek engagement with students and professionals to make policy formulation a more democratic process. Through the Foundation's varied initiatives in the law and policy arena, we are carving out a consolidated space for policy awareness, ideation, deliberation, and innovation.

We conduct policy research, training and project-specific consultations for effective policymaking, independently and in collaboration with the government as well as private entities. Through our multidisciplinary research initiatives and programs, we intend to reach out to the masses to acknowledge and share their insights, so that together we can find solutions to some of the most pressing issues that we, as Legal Systems, Democracies and Countries, face today.

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Symposium on Public Policy

Theme:

Urbanisation and Environmental Policies

Overview:

[LexQuest Foundation](#) is organizing an immersive one-day public policy symposium, for students and young professionals.

The Symposium aims to reflect on the environmental policies and analyze their impact concerning the contemporary urban growth landscape of our country. The discussions and presentations will focus on the need to better the present legislative framework and to fill the prevalent policy gaps.

This Program will bring together students and professionals from diverse backgrounds, with a keen interest and experience in the field of Environment, Law and Public Policy. In the company of field experts, the participants will gain perspective about the existing policy landscape besides getting an opportunity to be a part of a high profile policy discourse.

The recommendations put forth by experts and participants will be collated into a **Working Document on Urbanisation and Environmental Policies**, and will be presented to the relevant ministries and stakeholders.

At the Symposium, selected participants will present their ideas on the theme of the Program in the form of a **Policy Brief**. A **Book** bearing an **ISSN** will be published, which will comprise Policy Briefs submitted by the participants.



Who will the Participants get to engage with?

- ❑ Eminent Scholars working on environment protection and preservation policies.
- ❑ Professionals engaged in urban planning and settlement policies.
- ❑ Legal Professionals exposed to conflicts related to environment and urban spaces.
- ❑ Specialists in the field of Public Policy.

Participants' Age Limit:

18-30 Years.

Program Date:

28th September, 2019

Place:

New Delhi, India



Program Itinerary:

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Refreshments and Networking
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Understanding Public Policy
11:30 p.m.-01:30 p.m.	Challenges related to 'Urbanisation and Environmental Policies'
01:30 p.m.-02:30 p.m.	Lunch
02:30 p.m.-03:30 p.m.	Learning through Case Studies
03:30 p.m.-04:30 p.m.	Policy Brief Presentations and Discussion
04:30 p.m.-05:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks and The Way Forward

Program Fees:

INR 2000

Note: This is a non-profit event. The speakers are not paid and the ticket fees is only to cover the venue cost and hosting.

Perquisites for the Participants:

- Connect with Professionals from Institutions and Organisations across the Country.
- Learn from and network with Field Experts, Scholars and Eminent Personalities.
- Enhance exposure in the domain of Public Policy.
- Opportunity to present policy ideas to field experts.
- Publication in a Book bearing an ISSN.



Selection Process:

Click [here](#), to fill the form. We will make the selections on a rolling basis.

Important Dates:

Last Date for Registration for attending the event: 20th September, 2019

For Participants interested in Policy Brief Publication and Presentation:

Last date for submitting the Abstract: 8th September, 2019.

The selected participants will be informed by 10th September, 2019.

Last Date for Policy Brief Submission: 15th September, 2019.



Guidelines for the Policy Brief:

At the Symposium, selected participants will get to present their ideas on the theme of the Program (Urbanisation and Environmental Policies), in the form of a Policy Brief. The **Working Document** will include the names and suggestions of the participants. A **Book** bearing an **ISSN** will be published, which will comprise Policy Briefs submitted by the participants. Participants will be informed about the publication of the book through email.

Kindly note that this is not a compulsory requirement to attend the event.

What is a Policy Brief?

A Policy Brief is a summary of a particular issue, the options to deal with it, and some recommendations on optimal solutions. It could be aimed at policymakers and other stakeholders interested in formulating and influencing policy.

The audience for a Policy Brief may not be interested in the research conducted to produce the evidence but are highly interested to know the author's perspective on the problem and potential solutions based on the evidence.

The Policy Brief is thus an action-oriented tool. As such the brief must provide arguments based on what is happening in practice with a particular policy and propose recommendations that seem realistic to the target audience.



A Policy Brief could be structured in the following way:

Title: A good title quickly communicates the contents of the brief in a memorable way.

Executive Summary/Abstract: This section is often one to two paragraphs long; it includes an overview of the problem and the proposed policy action.

Context or Scope of Problem: This section communicates the importance of the problem and aims to convince the reader of the necessity of policy action.

Policy Alternatives: This section discusses the current policy approach and explains proposed options. It should be accurate while convincing the reader why the policy action proposed in the brief is the most desirable.

Policy Recommendations: This section contains the most detailed explanation of the concrete steps to be taken to address the policy issue.

Consulted or Recommended Sources: These should be reliable sources that you have used throughout your brief to guide your policy discussion and recommendations.

Suggestive Indicators for the Policy Brief:

- Environment and Urban Planning
- Environment and Migrant Population in Cities
- Environment and Slum Dwellers
- Increase in Vehicular Emission
- Urban Congestion and Noise Pollution
- Degradation of Air Quality
- Depletion of Water Resources



- Segregation of Waste

Note:

The aforementioned is not a list of topics; the indicators have been mentioned to help you choose a topic for your Policy Brief. Participants are free to come up with a Policy Brief on any issue that falls under the Theme of the Program, i.e., Urbanisation and Environmental Policies.

Participation Guidelines:

- Participants are required to first submit an Abstract, explaining the idea of their Policy Brief.
- Abstracts will then be assessed and shortlisted.
- Co-Authorship upto a maximum of two people is allowed. However, it is mandatory for at least one author to attend the event. Both authors are allowed to attend the event as well, by paying the requisite fees.
- Payment of fees is to be done after the intimation of selection of the Abstract. It is mandatory to pay the fees prior to the submission of the Policy Brief.
- All Policy Briefs will be published in a Book, bearing an ISSN, which will be sent to the relevant Government Departments.
- A few selected Policy Briefs will be a part of our Working Document, which will be presented to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- A few shortlisted participants will also get to make oral presentations on the day of the event.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- Language of the Abstract must be English.
- Word Limit for the Abstract will be 300 Words including title and keywords.



- Abstract must be submitted in either the MS Word or Google Document Format. We do not require or accept Hard Copy Submissions.
- Your Abstract must be mailed to events.lexquest@gmail.com, with the subject: “Abstract: Symposium on Public Policy (Urbanisation and Environmental Policies)”.
- Each Author/Team (Co-Authors) must submit only one Abstract. Multiple or incomplete submissions will lead to disqualification.
- The Abstract must not be plagiarized. Only original Abstracts will be considered for selection.
- A Cover page consisting of the Name, E-mail ID and Contact Number of the Author(s) should be submitted along with the Abstract.
- Footnotes must conform to the authoritative standard rules of citation and must include a description of each authority adequate enough to allow a reasonable reader to identify and locate the authority.

Policy Brief Submission Guidelines:

- Language of the Policy Brief must be English.
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