

Law and Public Policy
National Law School of India University, Bangalore
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Date	Day	Break Up	Time (Hours)	Session Name	Session Description	Speaker
Public Policy						
2-Jan	Saturday	8:50 - 10:50 am	2	Social Change and Public Policy	This sessions aims to create a case for why public policy is the most effective means of achieving social change that is sustainable and has the greatest impact	Prashant Narang
		11:30 am - 1:30 pm	2	10 Principles of Sound Public Policy	This sessions aims to introduce principles of sound public policy and apply them to analyse a select policy to crystalize the theoretical principles.	Prashant Narang
3-Jan	Sunday	8:50 - 10:50 am	2	Why is India Poor	This session aims to debunk popular myths about the causes of wealth and poverty in India, including: -Overpopulation -Illiteracy -Scarce Resources -Colonial Exploitation -Chaotic Democracy -Culture and Attitudes And to suggest the importance of institutions in creating prosperity and make the argument that lack of economic freedom is the reason India is poor.	Prashant Narang
		11:30 am - 1:30 pm	2	New Public Management	To explore how principles of business management can be applied to the field of public administration, thereby increasing accountability, transparency and efficiency in government functioning. The core principles of NPM will be explored which are: -Expanding Choice and Competition -Seperating provision from production -Contracting out non-core functions -Charging user fees, not general revenues/taxes -Giving clean subsidises -Creating an efficient and corruption-free procurement system -Increasing transparency and accountability -Do no harm!	Prashant Narang
4-Jan	Monday	4:30 - 6:30 pm	2	Public Choice: Benefits & Cost of Collective Action	This session introduces the field of Public Choice Economics which uses the insights of economics to explain political processes such as elections and bureaucracy. It explains that the probability of "market failure" must be compared with the probability of "government failure" in order to make rational choices about what should be done by governments and markets.	Prashant Narang
5-Jan	Tuesday	4:30 - 6:30 pm	2	Reading Group: Simple Rules for a Complex World	Intuitively, it is assumed that a complex society requires numerous laws. In this session, through a reading of Richard Epstein, this premise will be examined and challenged, arguing that more individual freedom and choice allows a comprehensive legal order capable of meeting the technological and social challenges of today on the basis of just six core principles.	Prashant Narang
Specific Sectors						
8-Jan	Friday	6:00 - 8:00 pm	2	Rule of Law	This session will discuss the fundamental principles of Rule of Law and definition of Rule of Law	Prashant Narang

9-Jan	Saturday	8:50 - 10:50 am	2	Environment Law	This session aims to demonstrate how most environmental problems are the result of the tragedy of the collective (Garret Hardin), which is in turn caused by poorly defined property rights. It will provide potential market solutions to common environmental problems.	Prashant Narang
		11:30 am - 1:30 pm	2	Law and Education: Education in India		Prashant Narang
10-Jan	Sunday	8:50 - 10:50 am	2	Ease of Doing Business	The session will ential an economic/legal analysis of Article 19(1)(g);	Shubho Roy
		11:30 am - 1:30 pm	2	Constitution Law	The session will discuss the economics of definition of 'State' and the doctrine of Horizontal Application of Fundamental Rights (applicability of FR to private actors)	Shubho Roy
11-Jan	Monday	4:30 - 6:30 pm	2	Documentary and Discussion: India Awakes		Prashant Narang
12-Jan	Tuesday	4:30 - 6:30 pm	2	Reading Group: Use of Knowledge in Society	This reading will highlight the impossibility of central planning, contrasting it with spontaneous order. It will also make a case for why prices are essential and their utility in transmitting information that cannot be transfered in any other fashion amongst independently acting individuals.	Prashant Narang
Law and Economics						
22-Jan	Friday	4:30 - 6:30 pm	2	Anarchy, State & Utopia	Exploring Nozick's theory of the role of the state: To support the idea of the minimal state, Nozick presents an argument that illustrates how the minimalist state arises naturally from anarchy and how any expansion of state power past this minimalist threshold is unjustified.	Nikhil Mehra
23-Jan	Saturday	8:50 - 10:50 am	2	Reading Group: Man's Rights	This reading from Ayn Rand discusses the fundamental nature of property rights and individual rights, and emphasises that only negative rights are true rights. We are born with the right to life, liberty and property, these are not granted to us a posteriori	Nikhil Mehra
		11:30 am - 1:30 pm	2	Law and Economics: Roots of Pre-legislative Rights & Jurisprudence	Examining rights from the perspective of John Locke	Nikhil Mehra
24-Jan	Sunday	8:50 - 10:50 am	2	The Moral Limits of Free Speech	Should there be limits to free speech? Or is free speech as absolute right which cannot be curbed by 'resoanble restrictions'? This session explores the moral limits of free speech, legal implications and the current scenario in India, and emphasises the crucial nature of creating a marketplace of ideas in a democracy, through free speech.	Nikhil Mehra
		11:30 am - 1:30 pm	2	Polycentric Law: Regulation and Tort	Exploring the voluntary arbitration alternative to civil disputes and the technicalities of civil law, separating it from regulation and criminal law.	Nikhil Mehra
25-Jan	Monday	4:30 - 6:30 pm	2	Spontaneous Order & Price System	This session aims to introduce the following: Spontaneous Order The Price System Use of Knowledge in Society Competition as a Discovery Procedure Connection between private property and economic calculation Knowledge Problem Prices as Knowledge Mahalanobis statistics and an example of the pretence of knowledge	Nikhil Mehra
26-Jan	Tuesday	2:00 - 4:00 pm	2	Closing - Zero Hour		Samta Arora