

# IJPSL

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### WHAT IJPSL STANDS FOR...

A year after it was established, the main goal towards which IJPSL continuously strives for is the vision of making research an inclusive space for young researchers, academicians and scholars. The journal acts as a collaborative space where researchers from different backgrounds, and academicians experienced in the field come together to put forth their voice towards creating an impact. The driving force behind the IJPSL is to bridge the gap existing between research taking place among the academic community and the on-field impact it has on the stakeholders. IJPSL stands for making research accessible to researchers irrespective of their age and socio-economic background, honing in on the only thing that matters, the ideas that they contribute to the field of research.

In an effort to maintain IJPSL as an inclusive and diverse space, it covers multifarious issues including, Politics and Public Policy, Gender and Intersectionality, Globalisation and International Affairs, Environment and Sustainability, Economics and Urban Development, etc.



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## A DAY IN IJPSL

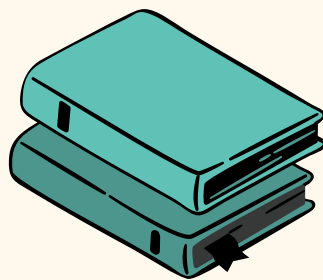
by Vrinda Tulsain

Senior Manager, Manuscript Compliance and Publication

Your first thought on working with an academic journal must be-going through what seems like an endless pile of tedious jargon-heavy academic writings, staring at the screen for hours trying to make sense out of what's written and then preparing an exhaustive review of the same with whatever is left of your last few brain cells, then attending lifeless meetings where you make to-do lists, discuss progress and try to stay awake, and telling yourself "it is all worth it for the cv."

But my experience has been entirely different- reviewing research papers on topics one hasn't even thought about and getting to learn something new each time, attending team meetings and share the things you learnt, playing games and having a merry time, having fascinating brainstorming sessions and coming up with fresh ideas for The Paper Crane and the events, getting to interact with new people from different fields, and looking forward to the next day.

As a person who's been closely associated with the journal for almost a year now, i can say that each day comes with its own set of learnings.





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## LEARNINGS FROM THE IJPSL

*by Harleen Narang  
Senior Manager, Review and Research*

It's been almost a year since I joined the IJPSL, and my journey here has been transformative, to say the least. Chronologically speaking, the extraordinary emphasis on team-building and making everyone feel at home was something that impacted me greatly and am grateful for having been able to organically imbibe some of that over the course of my tenure at the journal. As a newcomer, the warmth was something I revelled in and it was endearing to see the core team members go out of their way to come up with activities to get to know us better and let off steam in general. My second biggest takeaway from the ijpsl has been the morphing of my understanding of success from it being largely magnitude-oriented to impact-centric; after every event, the entire team would meet and it wasn't the turnout that our focus would be on, but the feedback of people who felt their lives touched by the event- and that would be something that we'd celebrate.

## TESTIMONIALS

*by Divyanshi Arora  
Lead PR and Outreach, IJPSL*

I started my journey at the IJPSL as the PR and Outreach Manager and am currently serving as the Lead PR and Outreach. Before taking up this position I did not have any prior experience in this particular field and wanted to explore the kind of work and opportunities that this department had to offer. Without an iota of doubt, I can say that I have grown by leaps and bounds working in this department. Right from learning to draft something as basic as a formal email to formulating pitch desks, MoUs and other relevant proposals for our partnerships and events, the journey has been full of new learnings. With a team full of extremely talented yet compassionate members, I've been able to pull off quite a few successful events graced by reputed panelists such as a scientist from ISRO, Co-founder of the famous brand Suta and many more.

As much as I'm grateful for this opportunity, I'm proud of my team and deeply value their sincere efforts in making IJPSL what it is today.

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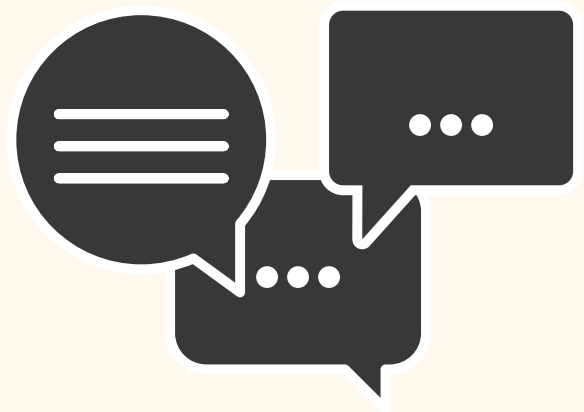
*by Marieta Valdivia Lefort  
Senior Associate Editor, IJPSL*

During the last year, I've been part of the first year of IJPSL's life through my participation in the editorial board of the journal. In this regard, I am happy to confirm that my experience has been extremely positive! First of all, I have really enjoyed being able to read the manuscripts that come to me for review. Through these, I've been surprised - in a positive way - to learn that students who are just starting their training process in higher education are so interested in getting started in the world of academic writing and research, showing great potential for innovation and deepening their understanding of issues of public interest. Secondly, I have very much enjoyed being part of events such as webinars and online seminars organised by the journal on academic writing and research, which have been positively received and appreciated by the public. These events are extremely significant as they allow attendees to clarify rather personal and specific doubts regarding the process and usefulness of academic production. In sum, I'm very grateful and satisfied with my participation in the editorial committee, and I hope to continue participating in the future with the IJPSL and to be part of its growth.

*by Vani Shandilya  
Clinical Dietitian, and Speaker at an IJPSL Event*

Thank you International Journal of Policy Sciences and Law for having me on the panel on the topic - Transformative Adaptation of Food Systems: Synergizing Youth towards Healthy Consumption. I was pleased and honoured to share the platform with two other dignitaries who imparted knowledge on the same. Sharing the platform with such an informative panel had always been a dream.

I was elated to see such a passionate yet patient audience asking questions on varied aspects related to the overarching theme. Wonderful event in a nutshell! Congratulations IJPSL! Many more to come.





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*by Dr. TP Sasikumar*

*Former scientist at ISRO, Chairman at SHIKSHA - JNAANAM, and Speaker at an IJPSL Event*

I was invited to be the Guest Speaker for one of the events on "Greener Consumption" hosted by the IJPSL. It was undoubtedly one of the most well planned and organised events. The theme of the event was well researched and deliberated upon, communication with the organizers was pretty smooth and the team treated all the panellists with utmost respect and warmth. I enjoyed addressing the audience with my co-panellists and got to know their contributions that have impacted the lives of their beneficiaries.

I always love to make my sessions interactive and enjoy questions. Unlike the conventional webinars, IJPSL made it more interactive. Audience was actively participating and brimming with eagerness to get their queries resolved. As I look forward to more such events with the IJPSL, I'm extremely happy for the organisation to have successfully completed one year since its inception and wish all the very best for their course ahead.

*by Participants from our events*

Event: Skills for conflict resolution and transformation

The workshop was super engaging and insightful. The topic was unique and the speaker explained each and every aspect of the theme with precision. She was patient enough to lend an open ear to the audience's opinions and answered all the questions convincingly. I am already looking forward to the upcoming events at the IJPSL.

Event: Navigating LGBTQIA+ Discrimination in different fields with special emphasis being laid on Research and Academia

I appreciate the team for having speakers hailing from the LGBTQIA+ Community to address this sensitive issue. It was an absolute delight to see such experienced panelists share their first hand experiences, problems and their solutions. I am sure this event will help many homosexual folks to come out of their closets and proudly accept their true identities.

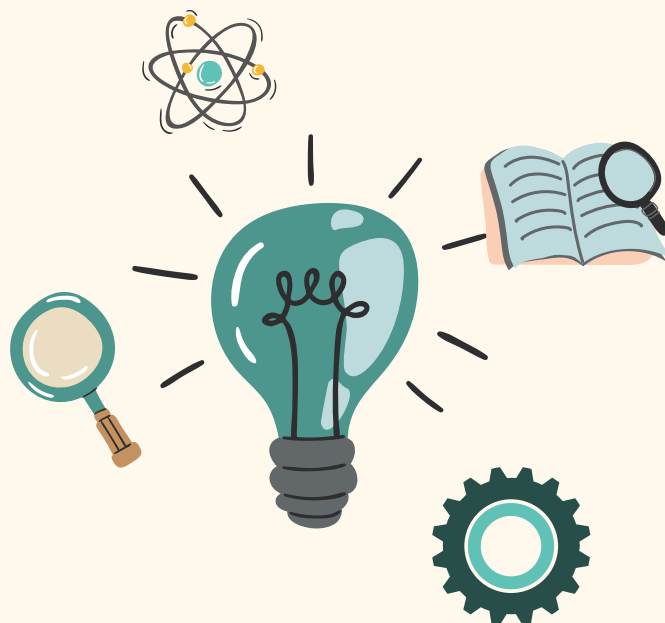
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## ACHIEVEMENTS/ IMPACT REPORT

Through its one year journey, the IJPSL has managed to maintain an upward growth trajectory and further added new feathers to its cap. IJPSL provided a platform to 130+ authors to publish their papers and create an impact through their research. During this one year, we've been able to pull off several enriching and insightful events.

From Understanding the Interdisciplinary Nature of Academic Research in Policy Sciences and Law, to acquiring Skills for Conflict Transformation and Resolution, our events have been graced by several amazing panelists with eye-popping credentials and industry experience. After receiving positive feedback from our audience, we've been able to help and impact huge audiences with our recent webinar crossing the benchmark with 200+ registrations and 130+ turnout. We climbed another step of success and concluded our year by receiving our International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) and got indexed at Google Scholar and Microsoft Academic.

We successfully released 5 issues of our e-newsletter, The Paper Crane, featuring opinion pieces and artwork on burning issues of global significance such as Protest and Pop-Culture, Discrimination faced by the LGBTQIA+ Community, the Need for Holistic Curricula and Quality Education, Sustainability and Minimalism, etc. We not only organized events in collaboration with academic institutions but also provided financial assistance at various steps to make publication as accessible as possible.







## Call for Entries!

The field of research encompasses several internalised prejudices which leads to a convenient alienation of marginalised communities from research and academia. Very often, if not always, they are exploited at the hands of the privileged and avoid entering this space due to the fear of repression, biases and stigma. It is no wonder that the research gap is widening as large portions of the population are being excluded from research due to multiple factors such as economic background, language barriers, gender, class and caste, disability, etc.

Through our next issue we aim to throw some light upon inaccessibility to research in terms of access to resources (research and publication), structural barriers such as socio-economic background, vernacular constraints, role of the state in academia, etc. Additionally, we aim to evaluate the impact of such inaccessibility on different communities and the loopholes in policies designed to steer clear of this issue.

**Send in your entries:** Short opinion pieces, thought snippets, poems, book and film reviews (200 words) and artwork or photographs now!

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