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CURRENT POSITION AND EXPERIENCE

March 2022 – Assistant Professor (Law), NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India
present

COURSES TAUGHT

Drafting, Pleadings and Conveyancing Clinic
Code of Civil Procedure & the Law of Limitation
International Space Law & the Cosmic Code
AI & Human Rights Laws
International Trade Law & Global Economic Governance

EDUCATION

September, 2024 Ph.D., NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India

March 2017 – March 2018 LL.M., The National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India [Gold-Medalist]; Specialisation: Corporate and Commercial Law

July 2009 – July 2014 B.B.A. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), National Law University, Jodhpur, India;
Specialisation: Business Law

AREAS OF INTEREST

International Space Law
Cyber Law
AI Laws
International Trade Law
International Environmental Law

AWARDS

- 2024 *Awarded the 'Best Presenter Award' for my track for Research Paper titled "Outer Space, Cybersecurity and International Law: Unravelling this Complex Interface" at the International Law and Technology Conference on Revolutionary Technologies and Evolutionary Laws: Challenges and Opportunities organised by the School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad, India [29 Feb. - 2 Mar., 2024].*
- 2023 *Awarded the 'Best Presenter Award' for my track, for Research Paper titled, "The Role of Tech Companies in Promoting AI Governance: Understanding the Obligations vis-à-vis Human Rights" at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Human Rights, organised by the School of Law, Bennett University, Greater Noida, India, in collaboration with the School of Law, University of Bradford, UK [28 Apr., 2023].*
- 2019 *Awarded the 'Ratna Nandy Memorial Award' for standing First in the Post-Graduate Examination at The W.B. National Law University and Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, by the Rotary Club of Calcutta, at the Annual Endowment Awards Programme held at Kolkata [May 21, 2019].*

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2025 *Ishita Das, Harnessing the True Power of the LTS Guidelines: A Critical Legal Perspective, IAC Publications (forthcoming, 2025).*
- 2024 *Ishita Das, Space Tourism: Legal and Policy Aspects (Editor Sandeepa Bhat B.). First Edition. London: Routledge. 2024. 242 pp., £29.59, ISBN 978 1 032 61795-4 225 ACTA ASTRONAUTICA 434-435 (2024).*
- Ishita Das, Airline Insolvencies in India: Construing the Legal Challenges, 29(1) UNIF. L. REV. 44-63 (2024).*
- Ishita Das, The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Right to Development: A Tale of Two Worlds, 17(2) LAW DEV. REV. 453, 482 (2024).*
- 2023 *Ishita Das, Cyber Warfare and Security of Space Assets: Unravelling the Challenges Concerning Attribution in Light of the Viasat Attack 2022 IAC PROC. (2023).*
- 2022 *Ishita Das, The Outer Space and Cyber-attacks: How India's Proposed National Space Law deals with Cyber Security 2021 PROCEEDINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPACE LAW (2022).*
- 2021 *Ishita Das, The Outer Space and Cyber-attacks: Attributing Responsibility under International Space Law 7 2020 IAC PROC. (2021).*
- 2020 *Ishita Das, The Need for Implementing a Cross-Border Insolvency Regime within the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 45 (2) VIKALPA 104, 114 (2020).*
- Ishita Das, 'Bringing a Piece of Moon to Your Honey': The Legal Challenges relating to Mining of the Lunar Resources, 8-9 INDIAN J. AIR & SPACE L. 59, 82 (2020).*

- 2019 Ishita Das, *Commercial Development and the Space Activities Bill, 2017: A Critical Analysis of the Liability System*, 3 INDIAN J. L. & INT'L AFF. 159, 176 (2019).
Ishita Das, *International Trade and Competition Policy: Reconsidering the Role of the WTO*, 2 (1) MUMBAI NAT'L L. U. L. REV. 75, 88 (2019).

Book Chapters

- 2023 Ishita Das, *Space Technology and Cyber Security: Analysing this Interface from an International Perspective*, in EMERGING CONTOURS OF BUSINESS, LAW AND GOVERNANCE IN TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS (Shefali Raizada et al. eds., Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023) [ISBN: 978-9356405196].

Aisha A. Sharfi & Ishita Das, *Product Liability in Civil Aviation*, in HANDBOOK ON INTERNATIONAL AVIATION LAW (Sandeepa Bhat et al. eds., Thomson Reuters Publication, 2023) [ISBN: 978-9395696098].
- 2022 Ishita Das, *A Review of the Draft Space-based Remote Sensing Policy 2020: Challenges and Opportunities*, in FUNDAMENTALS OF NATIONAL SPACE LAWS (Sandeepa Bhat B. & Souvik Kumar Guha eds., Thomson Reuters Publications, 2022) [ISBN: 978-93-93702-83-8].
- 2021 Ishita Das, 'Rethinking Rainwater Harvesting for Addressing Climate Change: Policy Measures for Water Conservation in India' in AGRICULTURAL WATER GOVERNANCE: SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND STRATEGIES (M.K. Ramesh & Sairam Bhat eds., NLSIU, UAS & IIWM Joint Publication, 2021) [ISBN 978-93-91111-06-9].
- 2018 Ishita Das, *Special Provisions for J&K and the North-East States: Boon or Bane?* in RULE OF LAW IN REPUBLIC INDIA (Abir Dey & Parag Agarwal eds., Jus Dicere Publications, 2018) [ISBN: 978-93-5300-724-9].

Others (Blog/Op-ed)

- 2023 Ishita Das, "E-commerce and International Trade: Striking a Balance between Technological Developments and Sustainability", Law School Policy Review, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru (June, 2023).
Ishita Das & Kanishka Bhukya, "The Outer Space, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security: Navigating the Legal Challenges", Indian Journal of Law & Technology, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru (Jan., 2023).
- 2022 Ishita Das, "Private Space Companies and Insolvency: Unravelling the Legal Quagmire", Lex ad Coelum [Centre for Aviation and Space Laws, The W.B. NUJS, Kolkata] (Dec., 2022).
- 2020 Ishita Das, "A Study of the Baghjan Oil Field Disaster: Unravelling the Legal Implications", National Law University, Orissa [NLUO] Blog for Animal and Environmental Jurisprudence and Rights (July 2020).
- 2018 Ishita Das, "Cross-border Insolvency under the IBC 2016: Opportunities and Challenges", The Centre for Business and Commercial Laws [CBCL, National Law Institute University, Bhopal] Blog (June 2018).

Conferences/Seminars

- 2025 *Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘Harnessing the True Power of the LTS Guidelines: A Critical Legal Perspective’ at the Global Space Exploration Conference (GLEX), organised by the International Astronautical Federation, and hosted by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) [Delhi, India, 7-9 May, 2025].
- 2024 *Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘Outer Space, Cybersecurity and International Law: Unravelling this Complex Interface’ at the International Law and Technology Conference on Revolutionary Technologies and Evolutionary Laws: Challenges and Opportunities organised by the School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad, India [29 Feb. - 2 Mar., 2024] and was awarded the Best Presenter Award for my track.
- 2023 *Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Right to Development: A Tale of Two Worlds’ at the 2023 Law and Development Conference on Law and Development Post the Pandemic organised by The Law and Development Institute and the Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (NUS) [Singapore, 8-9 Dec., 2023].
- Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘Navigating the Troubled Waters: International Trade and Blue Governance’ at the International Conference on Climate, Energy, and Environmental Justices and Transitions: Rethinking Global Environmental Law organised by the Florence School of Regulation (FSR-Energy & Climate), RSCAS, European University Institute, in collaboration with the University of Portsmouth [online, 6-7 July 2023].
- Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘The Role of Tech Companies in Promoting AI Governance: Understanding the Obligations vis-à-vis Human Rights’ at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Human Rights, organised by the School of Law, Bennett University, Greater Noida, India, in collaboration with the School of Law, University of Bradford, UK [28 Apr., 2023] and won the best Presenter Award for my track.
- 2022 *Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘Airline Insolvencies in India: Construing the Legal Challenges’ at the International Conference on Aviation Financing, UNIDROIT and Growing Concerns organised by the Centre for Aviation and Space Laws (CASL), The W.B. NUJS, Kolkata [online, 12 Nov., 2022].
- 2020 *Co-presented* with Bharati Das, a Research Paper titled, ‘Innovation in the Education Sector Post COVID-19: Challenges and Solutions’ at the Conference for Higher Education Research (CHER) organised by the Lingnan University, Hong Kong [online, Nov., 13-14, 2020].
- Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘The Outer Space and Cyber-attacks: Attributing Responsibility under International Space Law’ at the 71st International Astronautical Congress [online, 12-14 Oct. 2020].
- Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘The Legal Challenges relating to Mining of the Lunar Resources’ at the International Legal and Policy Conference on The Future of Transport-Opportunities and Challenges in Aviation and Space Industry at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad [2-3 Feb., 2020].

2019 *Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘Commercialisation of Space and Creation of Space Debris: The Need for Strengthening International Space Law’ at the United Nations/China Forum on Space Solutions: Realising the Sustainable Development Goals, jointly organised by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the China National Space Administration (CNSA), at Changsha, China [24th-27th Apr., 2019].

Presented a Research Paper titled, ‘Commercial Development and the Space Activities Bill, 2017: A Critical Analysis of the Liability System’ at the International Symposium on International Humanitarian Law, Law on Torture, and Space Law jointly organised by the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL) and the Indian Journal of Law and International Affairs (IJLIA), in association with the Amnesty International, India, and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), at New Delhi [13th-14th Apr., 2019].

Presented a Research Paper titled, ‘Regionalism’ versus ‘Multilateralism’: Rethinking Decision-making in the WTO and the Role of the CRTA’ at the International Conference on International Trade Law, jointly organised by Law Centre-1, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, at New Delhi [21st-23rd Feb., 2019].

2018 *Presented* a Research Paper titled, ‘The Environmental Goods Agreement and Impact on Climate Change Mitigation’ at the 7th Annual International Conference on Sustainability, organised by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong [29th-1st Dec., 2018].

Invited Lectures

- 6 April 2025 *Chaired* Technical Session ‘Ethical Considerations and AI’ as a part of the 2nd National Seminar: Constitutionalism in the Age of AI: Navigating the Algorithmic Maze, organised by The Society for Constitutional Law Discussion (TSCLD), CNLU, Patna.
- 29-30 July, 2023 *Invited* as a Key Speaker for a presentation on the topic, ‘International Trade and Women Empowerment: An Indian Perspective’ at the Colloquy on India’s G20 Target for Accelerated Inclusive & Resilient Growth: MSME, Technology & Women, organised by the Ajeenkya DY Patil University, Pune.
- 8-9 April, 2023 *Invited* as a Panellist for the National Conference on Legal Education, Profession and Integrating Pro Bono Culture for Better Access to Justice organised the by Rajiv Gandhi School of IP Law at IIT, Kharagpur.
- 26 March, 2021 *Invited* as a Resource Person for a presentation on the topic, ‘Rethinking Rainwater Harvesting for Addressing Climate Change: Policy Measures for Water Conservation in India’ at the Online National Seminar on Strengthening Agricultural Water Use Law, Policy and Management in India jointly organised by the CEERA, NLSIU, Bangalore, and the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, in collaboration with ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar.
