

Curtain Raiser

Distinguished Guest Lecture

By

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On 18th September 2025, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), is hosting a distinguished guest lecture on the theme “Seven Key Legal Skills for Success as a Lawyer and How to Master Them?” The session will be delivered by **Prof. (Dr) Yarik Kryvoi, LL.M (Harvard)**, Director of the Investment Treaty Forum and Senior Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), a globally renowned expert in international and comparative law, arbitration, investment law, and economic crimes. He advises and acts as an expert on matters of the rule of law, regulatory policy, international and comparative law, commercial arbitration and investor-state arbitration. Prof. Kryvoi has also extensively published and managed research and law reform projects around the world. He is also an Of Counsel with Keidan Harrison law firm in London. Prof. Kryvoi is also the author of the acclaimed book “Educating Lawyers in the Digital Age: From Theory to Practice”, [available here](#).

The lecture will be held at 11 a.m. in the PDCLE Hall at Symbiosis Law School, Pune and simultaneously streamed via [Zoom](#). It aims to equip budding lawyers with critical insights into the essential legal skills that underpin a successful career in the legal profession.

The event will commence with a welcome address by **Prof. (Dr.) Shashikala Gurpur, Fulbright Scholar**, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, Faculty of Law, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), *Jean Monnet* Chair Professor (EUC Lamp co-funded by EU), and Honorary Professor at the Irish Human Rights Centre and School of Law, University of Galway, Ireland. This will be followed by the felicitation of the distinguished guest.

Prof. Kryvoi’s lecture will delve into practical strategies and professional competencies necessary for lawyers in the 21st century, ranging from advocacy and research to digital literacy and cross-border legal practice. The interactive session will conclude with a Q&A segment, providing students a unique opportunity to engage directly with an eminent international scholar and practitioner.

This event promises to enrich students’ understanding of professional excellence and to inspire them to cultivate the key skills required to thrive in today’s competitive legal environment.



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