

## **Report on JURISTAS 2024: International Essay Competition**

### **Title of Event: JURISTAS 2024: International Essay Competition**

Organised by the Jean Monnet Chair – EU Climate Justice Law, Governance, Management and Policy (EUC-LAMP)

**Objective of the Event:** JURISTAS 2024 aimed to foster critical thinking and engagement among students on pressing issues related to climate change. The competition sought to explore topics related to the role and responsibilities of youth in shaping climate change policy and activism, the accountability of businesses and industries in reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable practices, and the impact of climate change on indigenous communities. It emphasized the importance of inclusive policy-making, addressing the specific vulnerabilities of marginalized groups, and the responsibilities of various stakeholders in addressing the climate crisis. By facilitating intellectual discourse, the competition encouraged participants to propose actionable, innovative solutions that contribute to sustainable climate governance.

**Number of Participants:** A total of 100 essays were submitted by participants from over 80 different institutes across the country, reflecting a diverse representation of students and young professionals committed to addressing climate justice.

**Diversity of Participants:** Participants hailed from various prestigious institutions across India, representing a broad range of academic backgrounds, states, and regions. This diversity enriched the competition, ensuring a wide array of perspectives on climate justice, policy-making, and activism.

### **Winners:**

- **First Place**

**Title:** *Echoes of Resilience: Indigenous communities' lives amid fallouts of climate change, spearheading efforts to create sustainable futures*

**Winner:** Deepika Kapoor, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohiya National Law University, Lucknow (B.A. L.L.B. Hons.)

- **Second Place**

**Title:** *Redefining Refuge: Integrating the Rights of Future Generations and*

*Environmental Asylum into Human Rights Law*

**Winner:** Vrinda Ravu, O.P. Jindal Global University (B.B.A L.L.B Hons.)

- **Joint Third Place**

**Title:** *Traditional Knowledge for Sustainable Practices: Indigenous Tribal People's Cognizance on Climate Change*

**Winner:** Saloni Sankhe, University of Mumbai (2nd Year, LLB 3 Year)

- **Joint Third Place**

**Title:** *Crisis at the Crossroads: A Radical Reconstitution of Climate Justice*

**Winner:** Shruti Avinash, NALSAR University of Law (B.A., LLB Hons.)

**Evaluators:**

- Dr. Sairam Bhatt, Professor, National Law School of India University (NLSIU)
- Dr. Vivek Nemane, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Pune

**Conclusion:** The JURISTAS 2024 International Essay Competition successfully brought together a wide array of perspectives and proposed solutions to the urgent issues surrounding climate justice. The event underscored the need for innovative thinking, engagement from youth, and collaboration across sectors to address the climate crisis. The top essays showcased in-depth analysis, creativity, and a passion for fostering sustainable futures, making it a meaningful platform for aspiring thought leaders in environmental policy and law.