

EXPERIMENTS IN WRITING ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE LAW

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A one day intensive workshop on new modes of
writing in climate and environmental law

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 ROOM 104, NAB

National Law School of India University, Bangalore

An Introduction to the Workshop and the Facilitator

About the Workshop

This one-day intensive workshop, conducted at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, invites participants to explore new modes of writing in climate and environmental law, moving beyond traditional legal forms to experiment with narrative, reflective, interdisciplinary, and speculative approaches. Designed for students pursuing law, social sciences, and public policy, the workshop blends creative experimentation with rigour, encouraging participants to produce writing that is analytically grounded while also being affective and publicly accessible. Across the workshop, participants will test alternative structures, voices, and genres that can help reshape how legal scholars and students communicate environmental urgency and imagine climate-just futures.

Through collaborative discussions and break-out group activities, participants will engage in a reflective and supportive writing process. Further, participants will be introduced to creative and alternative techniques in legal writing, experiment with short pieces across different genres, and receive guided feedback.

About the Facilitator: Dr. Arpitha Kodiveri

Dr. Arpitha Kodiveri is an environmental law and justice scholar and assistant professor of political science at Vassar College. Her work focuses on the role of law in the context of redressing climate harms faced by indigenous communities in South Asia. Her previous research examines land conflicts and legal mobilization by forest-dwelling communities in India. She has worked as an environmental lawyer supporting Adivasi and forest-dwelling communities in India.

The Workshop aims to:

- Expand participants' repertoire of legal writing beyond standard memos, briefs, and academic articles.
- Explore the role of narrative, storytelling, and personal voice in environmental law and climate law writing.
- Experiment with formats such as speculative judgments, legal fables, ecological field notes, and community-centred storytelling.
- Strengthen participants ability to convey complex climate issues to varied audiences — including policymakers, affected communities, and the broader public.
- Reflect on the ethical, emotional, and political dimensions of writing about climate change and environmental harm.

The Application Process

Who Can Attend

The workshop is open to all NLSIU students across the BA LLB, LLB, LLM, BA (Hons), and MPP programmes. It is particularly suited for students with an interest in environmental law, climate governance, and interdisciplinary or creative legal writing. The Workshop will take place in Room 104, in the New Academic Block (NAB) at NLSIU, Bangalore.

Registration

Interested participants can register [here](#). Please note, registration is mandatory. We have only a limited number of seats for participation. Participants are required to complete the form, requiring: (i) a statement of interest (250-300 words), and (ii) updated CV.

Important Dates

Last date for registration (i.e., submission of the form above).	7 December 2025
Notification to selected participants.	17 December 2025
Workshop	20 December 2025

Guidelines

- Attendees are expected to participate in workshop activities and break-out group discussions.
- Readings will be circulated prior to the workshop. We hope participants are able to review the same in advance. We hope these readings help establish a shared baseline for our conversations. Since the workshop brings together participants from across programmes, the materials are chosen to ensure everyone can engage comfortably with the themes
- No assessments, submissions, or exams are part of this workshop. The idea is to create a space for collaborative discussions and group exercises.

Queries

For any queries, please write to Lianne D'Souza (lianne@nls.ac.in) or Aditya Dalal (aditya.dalal@nls.ac.in).

Organising Team

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