**CALL FOR CHAPTERS – BOOK ON CRIMINAL LAW REFORMS**

**About the Institution**

Integral University is a state private university in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, India, which originated as the Institute of Integral Technology, Lucknow in 1998. Integral University, is the first enacted Minority University in the country, started functioning from April 1, 2004.

The Faculty of Law is a crowning glory of the esteemed University started in the year 2016 with an aim of establishing the department to inculcate and train the budding lawyers, and to facilitate the academic research to bring reforms and advancement in legal sphere.

**Introduction of the Book**

With the changing world the dimensions of crimes and laws relating to them have changed drastically. Criminal activity has largely transformed suggesting a reformulation of social values in the intervening decades. There is no dissent to the fact that the philosophical stance and fundamental principles of existing criminal law were the product of a particular time, culture and mindset, which has changed dramatically in the past few decades. As a result of this we have been pitched up against concepts underlying the laws that are either problematic or have become obsolete and therefore need to be amended for better applicability in the present. There have also been instances where these laws have failed to provide remedies for the new emerging category of crimes. However, on face of such issues we still need to abide by the idea that criminal law reform must not be guided by retribution and deterrence, but by reformation and rehabilitation that has been or firm stance all these years. Strangely enough the intelligentsia has in a way negated the need for reforms and we are still living with the colonial era laws and codes. We need to understand that the present laws were framed when India was seen as a colony and was envisioned to be an ‘imperial despotism’ by Lord Macaulay. But the political scenario as well as the administrative stance are way different today and criminal reforms are needed to suit this new India. This book will study the legal issues, regulations and their implications around the emergence of new category of crimes over these years. The book tries to specifically explore the legal implications of these crimes in recent times and tries to put forth a clear road map aimed at proposing relevant reforms for the same.

**Objective of the Book**

The robustness of a nation’s criminal justice system is directly connected to the well-being of that nation. India being a welfare state, cannot ignore this fact and needs to move forward towards building a more robust criminal justice system and needs to introduce security measures for the well-being of individual, community, society, government and state at large. This book aims to act as a catalyst by helping the authorities in bringing amendments by providing the much-needed road map that we lack today. The various chapters in this book will be aimed towards delving in details about the lacunae that exists in the modern criminal justice system which are followed by recommendations for their amendments. The book further seeks to analyze the issue of obsolete laws, as well as absence of laws to govern many modern-day crimes. This book will study and deliberate on these issues and towards the end provide relevant recommendations for the future course of amendments, aimed at streamlining and chiseling the existing legal framework in India. To be published by a reputed publisher with **ISBN** number.

**Theme of the Book**

Reforms needed in Indian Criminal Justice System

**Recommended Sub-themes**

1. Admissibility of Electronic Evidence
2. Burden of Proof
3. Circumstantial Evidence
4. **Classification of Offences**
5. Delayed execution of Death Penalty
6. Due Care and Causation in case of the Bail Application
7. **Increase of penalties under aged Indian Penal Code**
8. **Ineffectiveness of Criminal Justice System**
9. **Need for Gender Neutral Laws**
10. Police Reforms
11. Prisoner Rights
12. **Protection of Whistle-Blowers**
13. **Reforms for Restorative and Reformative Justice**
14. Reforms for **Rights of Crime Victims**
15. Reforms for Witness Protection
16. Unnatural Sex

Any other suitable sub-theme relating to significant aspects of criminal law reform will also appreciated; authors need to frame suitable sub-themes in the light of the above-mentioned theme.

**Target Audience**

The target audience of this book will be academicians, researchers, policymakers, lawyers, research scholars, and students.

**Submission Guidelines**

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* Chapter must be in Times New Roman, Size 12; Line Spacing: 1.5.
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**Important Date**

* Abstract Submission Deadline: August 25, 2020
* Intimation for Selected Abstracts: September 15, 2020
* Full Chapters Submission Deadline: October 30, 2020

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