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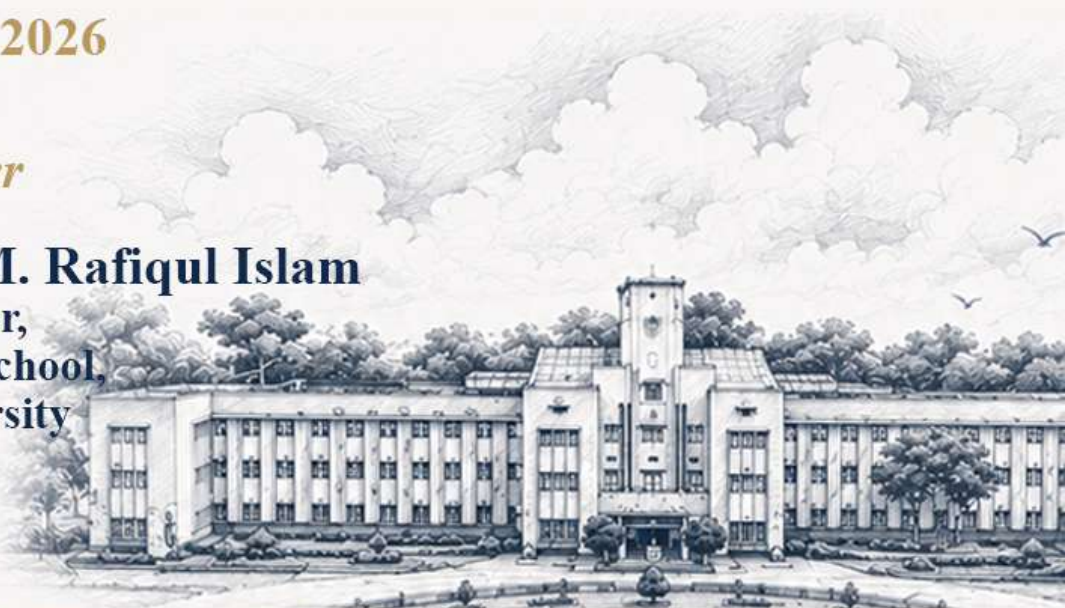
2nd International Conference on

Sovereignty, Humanity and Law in the Contemporary World

30-31 October, 2026

Keynote Speaker

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Sub-Themes of the Conference

- Children's Rights
- Constitutional Rights
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- Cyber, AI and Law
- Environment and Climate
- Human Rights
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- International Humanitarian Law
- Labour Rights
- Land Rights
- Minority Rights
- Personal Laws and Affairs
- Refugee Rights
- Right to Information
- Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants
- War and Peace
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About Us

Established in 1953, the Department of Law at the University of Rajshahi is one of the founding Departments of the University and a pioneer in higher legal education in Bangladesh. Over the past seven decades, the department has earned a distinguished reputation both nationally and internationally for its commitment to academic excellence, legal scholarship, and professional development.

Operating under the Faculty of Law, the Department offers Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LL.B. Honours) and specialized Master of Laws (LLM) programmes. In addition, it conducts one-year and two-years professional LLM programmes, providing opportunities for legal professionals and graduates from diverse institutions to pursue advanced legal studies. It houses a modern moot court dedicated to the development of advocacy, litigation, and other practical legal

skills, alongside a well-equipped seminar library that supports rigorous academic inquiry and research. The department also promotes advanced legal research through M.Phil and Ph.D programmes and publishes its annual academic journal which contributing to contemporary legal discourse and scholarship.

Department of Law's academic programmes are designed to equip aspiring lawyers, scholars, and policymakers with the knowledge and skills necessary to address evolving legal challenges and contribute meaningfully to the administration of justice and the advancement of the rule of law.



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About the Conference

The 2nd International Conference on "Sovereignty, Humanity and Law in the Contemporary World" will carry forward the legacy of the 1st International Conference on Human Rights and Social Justice: Key Issues and Challenges. This second Conference seeks to provide a vibrant international platform for rigorous academic exchange and meaningful engagement on some of the most pressing legal and policy challenges.

The world is undergoing various changes driven by different factors, like technological innovations, environmental crises, large-scale human migration, and the evolution of concepts regarding governance, rights, and justice.

These developments not only raise pressing questions about the rule of law and the need to balance national interests with social justice, human dignity, climate resilience, and international cooperation, but also increasingly obscure the traditional divide between state sovereignty and the collective interests of humanity.

Bringing together distinguished scholars, jurists, policymakers, legal practitioners, researchers, and development-professionals from across the globe, the Conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and encourage the exchange of innovative ideas on the changing relationship between law, governance, and humanity. Through keynote addresses, expert panel discussions, and peer-reviewed paper presentations, the Conference aspires to generate meaningful scholarly and policy-oriented insights.



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About the Themes

The theme, "Sovereignty, Humanity and Law in the Contemporary World," seeks to explore the complex and evolving relationship between state sovereignty, human dignity, and the rule of law in the face of contemporary global challenges. As societies grapple with issues ranging from the protection of human rights, and environmental sustainability to social justice migration and technological advancement, the rule of law in balancing sovereign authority consistent with humanitarian imperatives has become increasingly significant.

The conference sub-themes provide a multidisciplinary framework for examining these challenges from diverse legal, social, and policy perspectives. They are intended to encourage scholarly dialogue and innovative research on contemporary issues that are affecting individuals, communities, and institutions, while fostering discussions on legal reforms, rights-based approaches, and emerging trends at both national and international levels.



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Submission Guidelines

1. The paper should be based on original research work that has not been published yet or is under consideration.
2. A maximum of two authors are allowed per paper.
3. The author must submit an abstract of 200-300 words with five keywords.
4. The abstract should clearly outline the title, the research problem, the methodology, and the key arguments/conclusions.
5. After the abstract is shortlisted, the author must submit a full paper of 5000-7000 words.
6. The participant shall submit the abstract only via the given Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/WNgWg4ZyXeEmzUVg8> (Kindly do not send the abstract through email.) After acceptance of the abstract and payment of registration fees, participants will receive a separate Google link for submitting the full working paper.
7. The details provided during the registration process will be used for Certificate purposes. No request for change will be entertained later.
8. The submissions should be in Book Antiqua, Font size 12, Line spacing 1.5, and OSCOLA 5th edition citation style only.
9. The cover page of the abstract and manuscript should include the name of the author/coauthor, affiliating institution, and contact details.
10. The selected paper shall be peer-reviewed and evaluated based on its originality.
11. Selected full papers after evaluation may be published in the peer-reviewed Rajshahi University Law Journal or an International publication.
12. Registration details will be communicated to participants in due course after the abstracts have been shortlisted by the review committee.
13. Accommodation may be provided at the request of the participant(s).



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Registration Fees

Bangladeshi Nationals	3,000 BDT
Nationals of South Asian Countries	50 USD
Nationals of Other Countries	100 USD

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