

Editorial

Nepal is geographically and culturally heterogeneous in nature. The strength of this country lies on the unity among its diversity and also the sense of belongingness to the country. Tribhuvan University is one of oldest academic institutions in Nepal, with a presence in all sectors and all geographical positions of the country. With this unique presence, TU has also started serving in the legal field to better serve the country.

In 1959 AD, the Institute of Law was established under the flagship of Tribhuvan University. However, the origins of the Institute of Law come from the Law College, which was established in 1954 AD—offering LL.B courses—with an affiliation to Patna University of India. In 1972, the Institute of Law launched a two-year comprehensive curriculum for Certificate Level (CL) and a three-year curriculum for Diploma in Law (D.L.). The Institute of Law was renamed as the Faculty of Law in 1974 AD. Now Tribhuvan University Faculty of Law has various programs across the country, including an LL.B, two-year and three-year LL.M programs, a five-year integrated-law program, and a doctorate in law. These program are running successfully in various constituents and communities. The tireless effort to bring quality legal education to Nepal has always been the motto of the Faculty of Law at Tribhuvan University.

In recent years, the TU Faculty of Law has decentralized the five-year law-degree program and has given opportunity both to local and geographically-remote campuses to teach law, which allows students to pursue the five-year program in Dhahran, Butwal and Nepalgunj. Despite the adversities of budget and staffing, the Faculty of Law is making significant progress since I was appointed as Dean of the faculty.

We, for example, are working to introduce new course for LL.M in the law of artificial intelligence and data protection. We are currently consulting with various stakeholders to amend the syllabus to better match the changing legal demands. Additionally, to share our legal scholarship, we created this academic publication, the Faculty of Law Review, or as we call it, the FoL Review.

As Dean, I want to congratulate everyone who has been part of this noble initiative to bring academic assets to TU and the people of Nepal. The publication process, and specifically the peer-review process, is a demanding task that requires serious and regular engagement with various stakeholders.

The Faculty of Law has always promoted academic engagement and a culture of knowledge production, and in that spirit, this publication will be one of our great contributions. The journey started in 2022 with the help of a few professors who were legends of legal education in Nepal. They established an advisory board that helped collect scholarly works from several foreign universities—giving the journal international importance and scope. The Faculty of Law thanks these professors and advisors for their contributions to this successful academic work.

The content of this volume is very impressive in its legal analysis, breadth of subject matter, and breadth of geographic coverage. With works from universities in India, Pakistan and Srilanka, the reader will gain a diversified understanding about the cross-jurisdictional issues developing in several areas of law. The content of this volume is very rich and remarkable in its international nature.

Over the past three decades, the Faculty of Law has helped to connect the various stakeholders serving the major administrative and non-administrative positions of Nepal. The Faculty of Law Review continues this tradition by acting as a bridge between legal scholars, policy makers, and practitioners, thereby disseminating legal knowledge. For example, after careful review by our advisory board of legal experts, we selected twenty-two articles for publication based on their subject matter, legal analysis, and relevance.

The FoL Review is considered an opportunity for doctoral students to publish their original research. In Nepal, there are very few law publications that give opportunities to doctoral students to share their research work. The FoL Review will be a great support to those emerging scholars who are willing to share and debate their works among a wide audience. Of course, the FoL Review will also serve senior legal scholars and professors. Once again, in my role as Dean and Editor-in-Chief, I thank the contributors for their submissions.

The FoL Review will continue as an annual publication thanks to the help of our advisory board and the Faculty of Law. We will continue to offer publication opportunities for case reviews, articles, case studies, double-authored articles, small chapters, and commentaries. By expanding the types of writings that we will publish, the FoL Review supports both authors and readers in their goal to share and acquire knowledge.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who is part of this publication, especially our editor, Assistant Professor Vijay Prasad Jayshwal, for his tireless work, the reviewers for their valuable time, the patron for his continuous guidance, the technical advisors, and the administrative staff of the Faculty of Law. The exceptional quality of this publication will undoubtedly serve as a critical reference for policy makers, judges, practitioners, scholars, and students.

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