





Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is a multi-disciplinary university offering its students and faculty a vibrant learning ecosystem designed around its multi-cultural and innovative ethos. Established in 1971 by Prof. Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, Symbiosis is a 'home away from home'. The Institution is based on the principles of Vedic thought of "World as One Family". The University's name fittingly captures the quintessence of the relationship with International students; a mutually beneficial bond between India and the International student community. Campuses of Symbiosis, spread across 4 States and 6 cities in India, are resplendent with the activities and students from more than 85 countries. All campuses epitomises the Symbiosis Vision of 'Promoting International Understanding through Quality Education' and are a bee-hive of international students from all across the globe, being privy to Indian culture and hospitality. Symbiosis International (Deemed University) offers programmes across 8 faculties viz. Law, Management, Computer Studies, Medical and Health Sciences, Media and Communication, Humanities and Social Sciences, Engineering and Architecture and Design. SIU has 40 Constituents, 11 Research Centres, 10 Support Departments and 10 Departments of Skills and Continuing Education. The University has been ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> by the National Institute Ranking Framework. It is ranked amongst the top 350 Universities in Asia by QS Asia World University Ranking Survey and is also ranked amongst the top 1000 universities in the world by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking 2022. Symbiosis International (Deemed University) is committed towards generation of knowledge innovations and its contribution towards the development of the nation.



# Symbiosis Law School, Pune

Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS, Pune) stands for excellence in legal education and is nestled in the city of Pune. Piloted and enriched by the vision of Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, was established in 1977 under the illustrious banner of Symbiosis Society. SLS, Pune endeavors to secure all-round contribution for the betterment of the field of Law, to create world-class professionals, to produce committed academicians and law reformers, to train justice dispensers and invigorate community crusaders and, to create a strong watershed of new and upcoming expertise in law relating to business and corporate matters.

Symbiosis Law School Pune has been ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in 2023 by National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF) by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. Symbiosis Law School Pune is awarded all India Rank 1 in the category of 'Top Supreme Law Schools' by the CSR-GHRDC Law School survey 2022-23. It offers various programs such as 5-year integrated Undergraduate Programs- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws [BA. LL.B. (Hons.)] and Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws [BBA. LL.B. (Hons.)], 3-year LL.B. and One-year LL.M program with 8 specializations. SLS, Pune also administers one - year Diploma Program and Certificate Courses.

Symbiosis Law School, Pune established Symbiosis Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (SCALSAR) in 2013. It is the centre-stage for research, quality publications, government interface, host scholars in residence, undertakes interdisciplinary legal studies and research projects, training teachers and designing training modules. SCALSAR also aims to provide the means including idea, architecture and resources for advanced legal studies, including LL.M and PhD Students.

SLS, Pune has several impressive active international collaborations across prestigious international universities. SLS, Pune has been the recipient of four Erasmus+ CBHE KA2 under EU projects namely EURASIA, 21 Teach Skills , Climate Change Policy and Law and International Law and Forced Migration.

# Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA

Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA established in 2010 has carved a niche for itself in the academic circuits. It has become a celebrated name amongst the aspirants of professional legal education. It holistically promotes academic excellence, intellectual discipline and professional leadership. Being a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), it envisions the reputation of Symbiosis in and around Delhi - the constitutional capital of India. SLS-NOIDA is strategically located in the industrial hub of NCR, thereby opening up a plethora of opportunities for budding lawyers. It offers various Programs such as 5 year Integrated Under Graduate Programs - Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws [BA. LL.B.] and Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Laws [BBA. LL.B.], and One-year LL.M program with 2 specializations and value added courses.

SLS-NOIDA strives towards supplementing reforms in the field of law; to groom students to become the unified face of our legal fraternity, to produce knowledge disseminators, and to produce individuals who are the torch-bearers of the legal system of the country. SLS NOIDA aims at producing an intellect that believes in reforming rather than punishing and has the potential to hoist the flag of truth and justice unflinchingly.

# Professor Rahmatullah Khan



Professor Rahmatullah Khan (1934-2023) was a renowned international legal scholar and a pioneer in the field of Law of International Organizations. He was the Professor of International Law, Chairperson of Centre for Studies in Diplomacy, International Law and Economics (1979-1982), Dean of School of International Studies (1990-1992) and Rector (1996-1999) at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Humboldt Research Award in recognition of achievements in teaching and research. He served as a counsel for Iran, in two cases at Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal, the Hague (1984-85).

Prof. Khan authored numerous books and scholarly articles across the field of International Law and his meticulous research took the shape of notable books such as Implied Powers of the United Nations (1969), Kashmir and the United Nations (1970), Law of International Trade Transactions (1973), the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal: Controversies, Cases and Contribution (1990) and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea: Law and Practice(2001) (with P. C. Rao)

The seminal works of Prof. Khan received wide acclaim from his peers as well as in reviews of his books by eminent scholars of his time and published in journals of international repute. Prof. Khan held postdoctoral research positions at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (1973-74); Princeton University (1974-75); Yale Law School (1980); Columbia Law School (1981), University of Hawaii (1981) and Max-Planck Institute of International Law (1971, 1977, 1983, 1988, 1999-2005).

Prof. Khan was an Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Journal of International Law (1979-2013) and served two terms as the Secretary General of the Indian Society of International Law. Prof. Khan was known for his elegant writing style and sharp legal analysis of contemporary international law developments.

# Professor Dr. Bharat H. Desai



Professor Dr. Bharat H. Desai is Professor of International Law, Jawaharlal Nehru Chair and Chairperson of Centre for International Legal Studies in School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Environmental Policy and Law* (IOS Press: Amsterdam). Prof. Desai's significant books in International Law include: (1) *Regulating Global Climate Change: From Common Concern to Planetary Concern* (Amsterdam, Berlin, Washington DC: IOS Press, 2023; Editor); (2) *Soil Law and Governance in India* (Berlin: Springer Nature, 2023; Editor); (3) *Sexuelle und geschlechtsspezifische Gewalt im internationalen Recht, German Language Edition* (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2023; Co-author); (4) *Envisioning Environmental Future: Stockholm+50 and Beyond* (Amsterdam, Berlin, Washington DC: IOS Press, 2022; Editor); (5) *Sexual and Gender Based Violence in International Law: Making International Institutions Work* (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2022; Co-author); (6) *Our Earth Matters: Pathways to a Better Common Environmental Future* (Amsterdam, Berlin, Washington DC: IOS Press, 2021; Co-author) (7) *International Environmental Governance: Towards UNEPO* (Boston, USA: Brill Nijhoff, 2014); (8) *Multilateral Environmental Agreements: Legal Status of the Secretariats* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2010; paperback 2013); (9) *Creeping Institutionalization: Multilateral Environmental Agreements & Human Security* (Bonn: UN University-EHS, 2006); (10) *Institutionalizing International Environmental Law* (New York: Transnational Publishers, 2004).

Prof. Desai has mooted proposals for (1) United Nations Environment Protection Organization (UNEPO); (2) revival and repurpose of the UN Trusteeship Council (UNTC) with a new mandate for environment and the global commons (both in an invited talk on 15 January 1999 at Legal Department of the World Bank, DC) as well as (3) International Environment Court (IEC). These cutting-edge ideas have been published in journal of international repute such as: (1) "The Repurposed Trusteeship Council for the Future", *Environmental Policy and Law* (Amsterdam), vol.52, no. 3-4, pp. 223-235, 2022; (2) "ICTs as the New Environmental Sentinels", *Environmental Policy and Law*, vol.51, no. 1-2, pp.121-134, 2021; (3) "The Quest for a UN Specialized Agency for the Environment", *The Round Table* (London), vol. 101, no.2, pp.167-179; April 2012; (4) "UNEP: A Global Environmental Authority?", *Environmental Policy and Law*, vol.36, no. 3-4, pp.137-157, 2006; (5) "Revitalizing International Environmental Institutions: The UN Task Force Report and Beyond", *Indian Journal of International Law* (New Delhi), vol.40, no.3, pp.455-504, 2000.

Professor Desai's ideas and proposals have received accolades in official communications (2019-2023) from the President of the 73rd UN General Assembly, the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Office of the President of the Human Rights Council as well as the Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the Presidents of Brazil, France and the Russian Federation.

Prof. Desai has been consulted by the Indian Prime Minister's office, the Union Ministries of Environment & Forests and Ministry of External Affairs as well as inducted as a member of the Official Indian Delegations to various inter-governmental negotiations. Prof. Desai initiated and coordinated knowledge initiatives such as the *Making SIS Visible* as a 'think tank' (2008-2013) and the four-partner (JNU, Jammu, Kashmir and Sikkim) *Inter-University Consortium on Himalayan Cryosphere* (2012-2020).

# Ambassador Kalarickal Pranchu Fabian (KPF)



Ambassador Kalarickal Pranchu Fabian (KPF) served in Indian Foreign Service from 1964 to 2000 when he retired as Ambassador to Italy and Permanent Representative to UN in Rome. Earlier he was Ambassador to Finland and Qatar, apart from serving as Acting High Commissioner in Canada during the Blue Star Operation , Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination, and the Kanishka bombing.

As Joint Secretary (Gulf) Ambassador Fabian was the focal point for the evacuation of about 176,000 Indians from Kuwait and Iraq in 1991. He witnessed the 1979 Revolution in Iran as Counsellor in the Embassy there.

Since retirement Ambassador Fabian has published the following books:

Common Sense on War on Iraq

India in the 21st Century

Diplomacy: Indian Style

The Arab Spring That Was and Wasn't

Ambassador Fabian is a professor at Indian Society of International Law and a Distinguished Visiting Faculty at Symbiosis Law School, Pune.

# TABLE PROGRAMME

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	11.05 am 11.10 am	Welcome address Prof. Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, <i>Fulbright Scholar</i> , Jean Monnet Chair Professor (EUC Lamp Co Funded by EU), Director, Symbiosis Law School, Pune, Dean, faculty of Law, SIU
	11.10 am 11.15 am	Tribute to Prof. Rahamatullah Khan by Garlanding his Photograph
	11.15 am 11.20 am	Lighting of the Lamp
	11.20 am 11.25 am	Vice Chancellor's Address
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	11.35 am 11.45 am	'International Organization and Contemporary Geopolitics' Keynote Address, Amb. K.P Fabian, Former Ambassador (IFS) Distinguished Visiting Faculty, Symbiosis Law School, Pune
	11.45 am 11.50 am	Introduction of Prof. Dr. Bharat Desai Compere
	11.50 am 12.25 pm	Prof. Dr. Rahamatullah Khan Memorial Public Lecture: 'REVITALIZING THE UNITED NATIONS FOR OUR COMMON FUTURE: MAKING INTERNATIONAL LAW WORK' Prof. Dr. Bharat Desai, Professor of International Law and Jawaharlal Nehru Chair, Chairperson, Centre for International Legal Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
	12.30 am 12.40 am	Question and Answers Session (Offline & Online)
	12.40 am 12.45 am	Vote of Thanks Prof. Dr. C J Rawandale, Director, Symbiosis Law School, NOIDA