



HIDAYATULLAH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR

TITLE OF THE COURSE	Media Law and Ethics
OFFERED TO (UG /PG)	Both UG and PG
NAME OF THE COURSE INSTRUCTOR:	Dr Venkat Iyer
ACADEMIC DETAILS	Barrister; Senior Lecturer; Mediator, Former Law Commissioner, Northern Ireland; International Consultant etc.
RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE – (IN YEARS- FULL TIME/PART TIME /GUEST LECTURES	25+ years full time; 30+ years part-time; 30+ years guest lecturing
CURRENT POSITION	Barrister; Senior Lecturer and Director, Educational Partnerships and International Affairs, Ulster University, UK
ORGANIZATION / PRACTICE -DETAILS	Private independent practice as a Barrister; Ulster University, Northern Ireland – one of the UK’s leading universities
INDUSTRY/LAW PRACTICE - EXPERIENCE	39 years as Advocate and Barrister; has served on many boards; was Law Commissioner for Northern Ireland (2008-15)
RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IF ANY (FULL TIME/PART TIME IN YEARS)	30 years full-time – has published extensively in academic and industry/professional journals; currently Editor of two internationally renowned publications: <i>The Commonwealth Lawyer</i> and <i>The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs</i> , both published from London.
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A SHORT PROFESSIONAL BIO OF THE INSTRUCTOR (250 WORDS)	<p>Dr Iyer is a barrister and academic based in Northern Ireland. He is attached to the School of Law at Ulster University where, in addition to being Director of Educational Partnerships and International Affairs, he teaches media law, constitutional law, and business law. Dr Iyer has been in legal practice since 1981 and is, among other things, a trained mediator. Between 2008-15 Dr Iyer served as Law Commissioner for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>A former Nuffield Press Fellow at Cambridge University, Dr Iyer has lectured in a number of foreign universities, including Meiji University (Japan), University of Melbourne (Australia), Tsinghua University (China), Fordham University (USA), University of Malaya, International Islamic University of Malaysia (Malaysia), University of Bombay (India), and Soochow University (Taiwan), and continues to be a visiting professor in several institutions.</p>

	<p>He has also acted as a consultant to a number of governments, private corporations, and nongovernmental organisations. In 2003-2004/2012 he was invited by the Royal Government of Bhutan to advise on, and draft, media laws for that kingdom. In 2007, he was appointed a consultant by the World Bank to design a programme on Continuing Legal Education for the Kenyan Bar. In 2011, he was asked to review the Broadcasting Act in Vanuatu and to recommend changes to the media law regime in that country. Since 2012 he was consulted by the Burmese government on a wide range of media law related matters. Dr Iyer runs training courses on media law and media ethics for newspapers and media organisations around the world.</p> <p>Dr Iyer is the author of a number of books and articles.</p>	
PRE-REQUISITES FOR STUDENTS IF ANY	Good grasp of spoken and written English; genuine interest in law and ethics; willingness to participate in discussions	
ABSTRACT OF THE COURSE (AROUND 500 WORDS)	See attached note	
Chapter	Content	Duration
1	Freedom of expression and its limits	2 hours
2	Defamation	"
3	Contempt of court	"
4	Invasion of individual privacy	"
5	Hate speech	"
6	Right to information and data protection	"
7	Copyright	"
8	Media ethics	"
EVALUATION METHOD	A short assignment (mini-essay, 1,000 words), to be completed within 1 week of the end of the online teaching	