

## Invitation - Webinar

# Foreign Higher Educational Institutions' Route to India: Discussing UGC's Draft Regulations

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

SESSION: 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM (IST)

### INTRODUCTION

The University Grants Commission has published the much awaited draft regulations for Foreign Higher Educational Institutions ("FHEI") to set up operations in India. This is in furtherance of the National Education Policy, 2020 (NEP) which envisaged internationalisation of higher education in India. With these reforms, the education sector in India is likely to see a revolution.

We cordially invite you to be a part of an interactive webinar to discuss the key aspects of the draft regulations. We will discuss the impact of the draft regulations on the education sector, the hits and misses in the draft, and the areas that need clarity.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Indian and foreign higher education institutions, education law experts, and law students.

### FOCUS AREA

- How will these regulations help FHEI for their operations in India?
- Potential challenges for FHEI
- What should be FHEIs' strategy?
- Areas for further improvements in the regulations

### FLOW OF THE SESSION

9:00 - 9:50 PM (IST)

Panel Discussion

9:50 - 10:00 PM (IST)

Q&A

### SPEAKERS



**VINITA MEHRA**

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Friday, 27 January 2023, 23:30:00 SGT  
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Vinita serves as leader of the firm's Global Business practice and is qualified and licensed to practice law in both Ohio and India. She counsels corporate clients regarding a broad range of complex national and international corporate transactions and intellectual property issues.

As leader of the firm's Global Education practice initiative, Vinita has led dozens of education projects for institutions across the country, doing business in nearly twenty of the world's leading markets and guiding public universities through the complex regulatory and funding process involved in global expansion. While addressing the complex regulatory, tax and contractual issues at play, Vinita works with educational leaders and university counsel to devise and execute new market strategies, implement project development initiatives, and establish education support services and recruiting initiatives.



**WILLIAM FERREIRA**

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As a leader on government grants, contracts, and international projects, Bill helps companies, universities, hospitals, academic medical centers, and organizations doing business with the U.S. government and abroad.

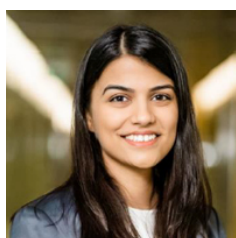
Drawing on deep experience with global operations, Bill's team has guided campuses in Asia, public health projects in Africa, and academic programs in the Middle East. His work extends to innovative online education and telemedicine programs around the world. On-the-ground practical experience across dozens of countries informs Bill's solutions to the challenges of global regulation, international employment, foreign expansion, and transnational contracts. Bill has guided many of the most dynamic research, development, and academic sites across the globe, including high profile projects in the Global South and the Persian Gulf.



**ASHISH SODHANI**

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Ashish Sodhani is leader of the International Tax Practice at Nishith Desai Associates. Ashish's practice areas include cross border tax, corporate structuring and tax litigation. On the industry side he focuses on gaming, IT, education, ed-tech, start-ups. He regularly advises foreign educational institutions on various tax issues such as as AOP, PE etc. He is also has been involved in structuring transactions for foreign universities looking to set up shop in India. He is a regular litigator and is has represented clients before various forum's including Tribunals, various High Courts and Supreme Court of India in relation to disputes on international tax. He regularly writes articles which are published in international leading publications.



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