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Thinking with Evidence Seeking Certainty, Making Truth

60 Sessions

3 Featured Sessions

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Fourth Edition

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The inaugural LASSnet conference was held at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in Delhi in 2009. A subsequent conference was held at the Foundation for Liberal and Management Education (FLAME) in Pune in 2010. In 2012 the third LASSNet conference was a collaboration between the Law and Society Trust, Colombo, and the Department of Law, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. These conferences identified a number of priorities for the research, study and practice of law in South Asia. Intimate connections between Evidence and Law is one such fundamental question. The indeterminacy in law could be read both as a problem of truth and also as one that plagues disciplines. The question of evidence has been central to the formation of disciplines and the claims that they make upon knowledge. For initiatives such as *LASSnet*, the imperative of thinking with evidence — in these times of virtual virality, forensic imaginaries and ephemeral archives — serves as a fertile ground on which we can stage discussions of the perils, pleasures, meanings and methods of inter-disciplinarity. While disciplines are defined partially by the evidentiary protocols that they follow, the very nature of inter-disciplinary enquiry calls into crisis the idea of a single protocol. The methodological concerns with the seeking and making of certainty and truth implicate a whole range of disciplines: anthropology, art, history, law, religion, philosophy, politics, economics, literature, theatre, and science, to name just a few. The stakes in thinking with evidence are very high since doing so raises the core epistemological claims, regarding not just of what, but also how we know. This is rendered all the more difficult because the very grounds of evidence are themselves shifting terrain, subject not only to developments in science and technology but also to forms of historical consciousness and social knowledge.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

8.00am – 9.00am: Registration and Tea

Saturday 10 December
Session 1: 9.00am – 10.45am

Session 1.1 Rites, Religion and Violence Silver Oak 1

Chair & Discussant: Manisha Sethi, Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi

Routinization of Evidence and the Construction of 'Truth': The Relevance of *Santhara* among Jains

Deblina Dey, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Sati, Sacrifice and Sacred Space: Rights and Rites in Contemporary India

Saumya Saxena, University of Cambridge, UK

States of Karma: An Insight into Modern Structural Violence

Kiran Konkipudi, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Narratives of Harm and Justice: Evidence and Epistemology in Indian and Tibetan cases

Tamara Relis, The London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Session 1.2 Evidencing Gender Silver Oak 2

Chair & Discussant: Ved Kumari, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi

Between Myths and Meanings of 'Misuse': Citing the 'Unscrupulous Wife' in Domestic Violence Litigations in India

Jhuma Sen, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Marginalisation of Women in Seeking Justice from District Courts in Haryana under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act

Severyna Magill, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat
Pieces of Paper, Evidence and Customary Law in South Africa in the Early 20th Century
Natasha Erlank, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

Session 1.3 Roundtable Discussion: Sexuality, Gender Identity and Sedition Jacaranda 1

Panel Coordinator: Svati P. Shah, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Chair & Discussant: Svati P. Shah, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Rohit De, Department of History, Yale University, New Haven, USA

Aniruddhan Vasudevan, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin, USA

Gautam Bhan, Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Delhi

Nitya Vasudevan, Baduku Community College, Samvada, Bengaluru

Session 1.4 Politics of Evidence and the Right to Health Care Jacaranda 2

Panel Coordinator: E. Premdas Pinto, Centre for Health and Social Justice, Delhi

Chair and Discussant: Vishwas Devaiah, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Coercive and Targeted Population Control Policies, Public Health Counter-Evidence and the Response of Courts to the Denial of Women's Right to Health Care

Abhijit Das, Sana Contractor and A. R. Nanda, Centre for Health and Social Justice, Delhi

Shifting Policies in a Weakened Public Health System and Judicial Response to Denial of Maternal & Reproductive Rights to Health Care

E. Premdas Pinto, Surekha Daleta & Deepak Kumar, Centre for Health and Social Justice, Delhi

Dilemmas and Conflicts in the Interface of Therapeutic and Medico-legal Evidence and the Issues of Right to Treatment of the Survivors of Sexual Violence:

Padma Deosthali and Sangita Rege, Senior Research Fellow, CEHAT, Mumbai

'Doctored' Evidence to 'cul-de-sac' of Evidence: The Challenges in Fixing Accountability of Medical Doctors in Patient Rights Violations in the Private Health Care Sector

E. Premdas Pinto, Centre for Health and Social Justice, Delhi and Akhila Vasan, Karnataka
Janaarogya Chaluvali, Bengaluru

Session 1.5
Evidence, Truth and Justice
Willow

Chair & Discussant: Latika Vashist, Indian Law Institute, Delhi

What is 'Truth' and 'Justice'? Challenges and Dynamics within the Transitional Justice Processes in Sri Lanka

Bhavani Fonseka, Centre for Policy Alternatives, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Evidentiary Instant: Seeing, Wording, and the Line of Testimony

Fazil Moradi, Research Network, Law, Organization, Science and Technology,
University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle, Germany

Thinking with Evidence: A Case of Enforced Disappearances in Jammu and Kashmir

Gazala Peer, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

The Alumni of Massacres: Self-evidence and Legal Phenomenology

Arnab Chatterjee, Former Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla

Session 1.6
Law, Technology and Evidence
Gulmohar

Chair & Discussant: Usha Ramanathan, Independent Researcher, Delhi

Draft DNA Profiling Bill: The Social Costs of Setting up a Technical Evidence Collection Machinery

Bhavna Jha, Independent Researcher, Bengaluru

Regulation in the Face of Scientific Uncertainty and Limited Evidence: The Case of Nanotechnology

Indrani Barpujari, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance & Analysis, Bhopal

From Science in Lab to Regulatory Rules: Translocations of GM Mosquitoes

Mahendra Shahare, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

The Force of Evidence: DNA and Law in India

Manpreet Dhillon, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Tea: 10.45am - 11.15am
Session 2: 11.15am – 1.00pm

Session 2.1
The Whole isn't the Sum of its Parts:
Continuums of Feminist Political Thought and Practice,
A Panel Dedicated to *Priya Thangarajah*
Silver Oak 1

Panel Coordinators: Ponni Arasu, Gautam Bhan and Siddharth Narrain

Chair & Discussant: Uma Chakravarti, Feminist Historian, Delhi

"Deconstructing Activist Spaces in Post-War Sri Lanka": Dilemmas of Feminist Politics

Cayathri Divakalala, Institute for Social Justice, Sydney, Australia

Fuzzy Logic: Trans* Identities and Legibility before the Law

Chayanika Shah, LABIA, Mumbai

Kunan Poshpora 1991 : What the Case Diary Remembers

Shrimoyee Nandini Ghosh, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal
Nehru University, Delhi

Voices from the Margins: Revisiting Women's Liberation, Seeking Alliances

Ranjana Padhi, Independent activist and writer, Bhubaneswar

Session 2.2
Unmaking Reason as Evidence
Silver Oak 2

Chair & Discussant: Pritam Baruah, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global
University, Sonapat

Before, Behind and Beneath the 'Case': Reversing the Jurisprudential Perspective on Legal Reasoning

Peer Zumbansen, Dickson Poon Transnational Law Institute, King's College, London, UK

Remorse in Mitigation of Sentence: The Anomaly of Judicial Confidence Despite Conceptual Indeterminacy

Andra le Roux-Kemp, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Legal Pluralism, Documents and Evidence: Exploring Judicial Reasoning in the Religious and Civil Courts of Kanpur

Suchandra Ghosh & Anindita Chakrabarti, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Session 2.3
Colonial and Post Colonial Legalscapes
Jacaranda 1
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Chair & Discussant: Radhika Singha, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Navigating the Colonial and the Postcolonial: Legal Elites of 20th Century South Asia

Cynthia Farid, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, USA

The Criminal Tribes of British India: State Classification of Colonial Subjects and Creation of an Il/licit Category

Aakash Solanki, independent researcher, Ahmedabad

'Waging War Against the King': The Evidentiary Turning Point at the Red Fort Trial

Kirsten Sellars, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

In Whose Judgement? Reflections on the Coloniality of 'Evidence' and Incommensurable Proofs

Jayan Nayar, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK

Session 2.4
Evidence of Judicial Performance in India
Jacaranda 2
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Panel Coordinator: Sudhir Krishnaswamy, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Chair & Discussant: Alexander Fischer, Jindal Global Law School, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Evidence of Judicial Performance: Civil Litigation in India's Lower Courts

Sudhir Krishnaswamy, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Perception of Courts, Institutional Trust, and the Judiciary in India

Siddharth Swaminathan, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

The Paper Book: Law, Context and Writing in a hierarchical judicial system

Shishir Bail, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Session 2.5
Evidence, Law and Governmentality
Willow
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Chair and Discussant: R. Sudarshan, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

'Economic Pragmatism' in Calculation of Minimum Wages: Challenges to the Policy

Sophy Joseph, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

Understanding Conflict over Land Acquisition in India

Namita Wahi, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Evidences of Property: Navigating through the Unruly Laws and Records of Urban Villages

Sushmita Pati, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Evidence, Adaptive Governance and Policy-Making in Medical Tourism in India

Swati Gola, University of Manchester, UK

Session 2.6
Making of the Techno-social Horizon:
Evidentiary Techniques, Truth-making
and Visioning of Futures in India – I
Gulmohar
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Panel Coordinator: Naveen Thayyil, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Chair & Discussant: Richa Kumar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Visioning Research Policies and Whose Knowledge Counts: Broadening Policy Choices in Agro-Ecology

Shambu Prasad, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, Gujarat

Envisioning Socio-technical System Design and Integration: Towards a History of Indian Engagement

Dinesh Abrol, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, Delhi

Evidence Based Policy in the “Shadow Spaces” of Rainfed India: Visioning, Liability and Plausible Futures

Rajeswari Raina, National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies, Delhi

Lunch: 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Session 3: 2.00pm – 3.45pm

Session 3.1
Rehearsing The Witness:
The Bhawal Court Case
Silver Oak 1
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Panel Coordinator: Zuleikha Chaudhari, The Alkazi Foundation for the Arts, Delhi
Chair & Discussant: Nida Ghouse, Mumbai Art Room and curator, Mumbai

Auditioning the Plaintiff (The Second Kumar of Bhawal)

Zuleikha Chaudhari, The Alkazi Foundation for the Arts, Delhi and Prayas Abhinav, Artist and teacher, Institute of Design Environment & Architecture, Indus University, Ahmedabad

Performance as Critical Archive

Başak Ertür, Birkbeck, University of London, UK

What Happened in Darjeeling?

Avi Singh, International University College, Turin and Lawyer, Supreme Court of India, Delhi

Session 3.2
Evidence of Suppression, Suppression of Evidence:
Queer Archiving Practices in India
Silver Oak 2
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Panel Coordinator : Niruj Mohan Ramanujam, The National Centre for Radio Astrophysics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (NCRA-TIFR), Pune and Orinam Collective

Chair & Discussant : Lawrence Liang, School of Law Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University, Delhi

“Who do I Tell My Story To?”: Counselling Narratives and Their Impact on Legal Processes

Vinay Chandran, Swabhava Trust, Bengaluru

Video footage as Evidence

T. Jayashree, Zeytoon Films, Bengaluru

Designing Queer Archive Frameworks

Niruj Mohan Ramanujam, National Centre for Radio Astrophysics, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Pune

Documenting LGBTI Experiences

Sunil Mohan and Sumathi Murthy, Independent Researchers, Bengaluru

Session 3.3
Evidencing Discrimination
Jacaranda 1
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Chair & Discussant: Kalpana Kannabiran, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad

Draft Discrimination Bill

Tarunabh Khaitan, Wadham College, University of Oxford, UK

The Fact and Law of ‘Backwardness’: Adjudicating the Sachar Committee Report

Mohsin Bhat, Yale Law School, New Haven, USA

‘Unburdening Proof’: Discrimination and Atrocity Laws since 1990s

Vidhu Verma, Centre for Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Evidencing the Body in Need: Disability and the Distributive State in India

Saptarshi Mandal, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Session 3.4
Law, Politics and the City
Jacaranda 2
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Chair & Discussant: Abhayraj Naik, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Marginalisation, Poverty and Discursive Dissonance in Policy and Law: Capital City of Delhi

Amit Prakash, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Building Social Evidence

Kaveri Haritas, Department of Philosophy & Humanities, Manipal University, Manipal, Karnataka

The New Exclusion: The Urban “Middle” Class & Luxury Towers in Global Cities

Priya Gupta, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, USA

Futility of Evidence: Limits of Legal Justice and Identity

Ghazala Jamil, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 3.5

Detections: Categorizing Crime, Order and Technique

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Panel Coordinator: Srimati Basu, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, USA

Chair & Discussant: Shrimoyee Nandini Ghosh, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Armless and Harmless: The Private Detective, Family and the State in Contemporary India

Srimati Basu, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Detecting Dissimulation: Poisoning and the Chemical Examiners in Colonial India

Mitra Sharafi, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, USA

True Crime and Popular Culture in India: Absences and Exclusions

Parnal Chirmuley, Centre of German Studies, School of Language, Literature, and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Session 3.6

Making of the Techno-Social Horizon: Evidentiary Techniques, Truth-making and Visioning of Futures in India-II

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Panel Coordinator: Naveen Thayyil, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Chair & Discussant: Shiv Visvanathan, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Visioning from Grassroots Up: Alternate Frame-Makings at the Vikalp Sangams

Ashish Kothari, Kalpavriksh, Pune

The Evidence of Participation: The Shadow of the Indian Public in the Technology Vision 2035

Vanya Bisht, Pankaj Sekhsaria & Naveen Thayyil, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Visioning for Space: Glimpses & Relevance of Early Indian Experience

Jhumur Lahiri Centre for Knowledge, Culture and Innovation Studies, University of Hyderabad, Prajit K Basu, Centre for Knowledge, Culture and Innovation Studies, University of Hyderabad & Biswatosh Saha, Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata

Tea: 3.45pm – 4.15pm
Session 4: 4.15pm – 6.00pm

Session 4.1

Political Allegories of Justice and Democracy: Invoking the Lens of Emblems, Art and Architecture

Silver Oak 1

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Panel Coordinator: Jayati Srivastava, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Chair & Discussant: Mani Shekhar Singh, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Aesthetics and Politics: The Stories that Murals Tell in the Indian Parliament

Shirin Rai, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, UK

Articulations on Global Justice: Symbolism and Substance

Jayati Srivastava, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Judicial Carvings: Picturing Justice as Virtue

Rahela Khorakiwala, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Scales of Justice: The Architecture of the Supreme Court of India

Shailesh Kumar, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 4.2
Documenting Evidence of Rightlessness
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Chair & Discussant: Neera Chandhoke, Former Professor of Political Science,
University of Delhi

The Work of Evidence in State-Building: Skill Development Programme of the Government

Paroma Sen, India Development Foundation, Haryana

Identifying the 'Deserving' Poor: An Analysis of the Varied Evidentiary Practices of the Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Delhi

Shruti Dubey, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Investigating India's Agrarian Past through the Lens of Scientific Evidence

Richa Kumar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

A Case for Applying Sen's Principles of Social Choice Theory in Human Rights (Development Studies)?

Deepanshu Mohan, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Session 4.3
Law, Justice and Evidence of Identity
Jacaranda 1

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Chair & Discussant: Aditya Nigam, Centre for the Studies of Developing Societies, Delhi

Evidence for Identity and Belonging: The Case of Rohith Vemula

Thahir KM, Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities, Karnataka

Citizen Identity: Law and Evidence

Zoheb Hossain, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Delhi

Disciplining the Liberal Democratic State: Police, Identity and Violence in Assam

Sukanya Bharadwaj, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Creating Evidence: Interpreting the Social Context in Law

Prachi Gupta, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 4.4
Evidence for/as Atrocity: A Roundtable
Jacaranda 2

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Panel Coordinator: Rupal Oza, Hunter College, New York, USA

Chair & Discussant: Ajita Rao, Women Against Sexual Violence and State Repression

Mary E. John, Centre for Women's Development Studies, Delhi

Rupal Oza, Hunter College, New York, USA

Rajat Kalsan, Advocate, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh

Session 4.5
Legal Pluralism and the Making of Truth
in Conflicts over Natural Resources
and the Environment
Gulmohar

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Panel Coordinator: Maarten Bavinck, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Chair & Discussant: Rita Brara, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi

Claims, Evidence, and Legal-Scientific Fictions: Contesting the Commons and Ecological Regimes in the Mumbai Region

D. Parthasarathy, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai

Ceylon Repatriates Engagement in Informal Gold Mining: Legal Pluralism in the Nilgiri Wayanad Region of India

Amalendu Jyotishi, Amrita University, Bengaluru

Science and the production of techno-ecological claims of purse seine fishing in India

Aarthi Sridhar, University of Amsterdam and Maarten Bavinck, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Session 4.6
Techno-Utopias of Identification:
Comparing and Situating the Fantasy in Aadhaar
Silver Oak 2

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Panel Coordinator: Tarangini Sriraman, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Chair & Discussant: Ravi Sundaram, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi

The Document in the Digital: The Paper Burdens of the Aadhaar

Tarangini Sriraman, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

A Stain, a Card, and a Number: Comparative Technologies of identification

Nayanika Mathur, University of Cambridge, UK

Authentication Trails of Body as Evidence: What Counts as a Confirmation of What?

Ranjit Singh, University of Cornell, USA

Self, Sarkar, Kagaz: Vignettes of Violence and Mediation

Anu Karippal, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

7.00pm – 7.30pm: Welcome Address
Stein Auditorium-IHC

C. Raj Kumar, Professor and Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Ranbir Singh, Professor and Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Delhi

Shyam Menon, Professor and Vice Chancellor, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Peer Zumbansen, Professor of Transnational Law, Dickson Poon Transnational Law Institute, King’s College London

Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Director, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Ravinder Kaur, Professor and Head of the Department, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Pratiksha Baxi, Anchor, Law and Social Sciences Research Network, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

7.30pm – 8.30pm: Opening Plenary
organised by the Jindal Global Law School,
O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Chair: C. Raj Kumar, Professor and Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Satyagraha and Collective Power: Gandhi and the Dilemmas of Mass Action

Karuna Mantena, Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, USA

Gandhi’s suspension of the Non-Cooperation Movement, after the outbreak of violence at Chauri Chaura, inaugurated an important line of criticism of nonviolent politics. For

critics from the left, especially, the decision betrayed a mistrust of popular agency when mass protest strayed beyond the prescriptive forms of Gandhian satyagraha. This mistrust also came to be read as a collusion between nonviolence and reformist, bourgeois and/or reactionary agendas. But what Gandhi rejected at Chauri Chaura was not mass action as such but forms of action that were premised on the generation and display of collective power. This talk explores Gandhi’s critique of collective or corporate power, from his skepticism of majoritarian democracy to the disavowal of radical revolution, and shows how this critique shaped an alternative model of action and mobilization, namely, mass satyagraha. Gandhian satyagraha tried to invent and enact forms of protest that dramatized discipline, suffering, and constraint as a counterpoint to political enthusiasm, provocation, and intimidation. Whereas traditional forms of mass action aim toward overpowering opposition and cascading revolution, satyagraha foregrounds the affective politics of persuasion. These are aspects of satyagraha that might be especially relevant for invigorating democratic politics today.

Respondents:

Ramin Jahanbegloo, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Concluding Observations: Shiv Visvanathan, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Saturday 10 December
Dinner – 8.30 pm onwards, The Hub, IHC

Sunday 11 December
Session 5: 9.00am – 10.45am

Session 5.1
Love, Memory, Justice, and Medical Recognition:
Evidence in Ethnographic Methods
Silver Oak 1
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Panel Coordinator: Anna-Lena Wolf, University of Bern, Switzerland and Dolly Kikon, University of Melbourne, Australia

Chair & Discussant: Julia Eckert, University of Bern, Switzerland

Memory, Forgetting, Silence and the Question of Evidence

Soibam Haripriya, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati

Difficult Loves Purity and Hardship along the Foothills of Northeast India

Dolly Kikon, University of Melbourne, Australia

Activists vs. Anthropologists? Differences and Similarities in Dealing with Evidence

Anna-Lena Wolf, University of Bern, Switzerland

Anthropology Reused Ethnographic Accounts as Evidence in Non-Academic Fields

Sandra Baernreuther, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Session 5.2

Fisheries in Northern Sri Lanka:
A Conflict of Law, Livelihoods and
Looming Precarity (Roundtable)

Silver Oak 2

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Panel Coordinator: Ahilan Kadirgamar, Collective for Economic Democratisation in Sri Lanka and City University of New York, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

Chair: Nupur Chowdhury, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Discussant: Maarten Bavinck, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Panelists

Joeri Scholtens, Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Meera Srinivasan, Journalist, The Hindu, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Ahilan Kadirgamar, Collective for Economic Democratisation in Sri Lanka, Jaffna and City University of New York, USA

Session 5.3

Numbers as Evidence,
Numerical Narratives of Evidence

Jacaranda 1

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Chair: Sudhir Krishnaswamy, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Discussant: Sidharth Chauhan, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad

Structural Reform of the Supreme Court Docket

Tarunabh Khaitan, Wadham College, Oxford, UK

Enforcing Rights Through Numbers? An Analysis of Supreme Court's Reliance on Empirical Evidence

Meher Dev, Advocate at Chambers of Ms. Indira Jaising, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Rohan Kothari, Advocate at Chambers of Ms. Indira Jaising, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Delhi

"The Unintended Consequences of "Access to Justice": An Empirical Study of the Indian Supreme Court"

Aparna Chandra, National Law University, Delhi and Sital Kalantry, Cornell Law School, USA

Questioning the Evidentiary Status of Official Statistics: A Study of Police Perceptions regarding Female Crime

Tasneem Deo, Yale Law School, New Haven, USA

Session 5.4

State Impunity, Law, and Human Rights

Gulmohar

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Chair: G.S. Bajpai, Registrar, National Law University, Delhi

Discussant: Shishir Bail, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Ubi Jus Ibi Remedium Or, The Slippery Slope of Indian Human Rights Jurisprudence

Ashok Agrawal, Advocate, Delhi

Communal Riots in Gujarat in 2002: Exploring Construction of Power, Evidence, Truth and Marginality in History and in Public Memory

Pooja Bakshi, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi

Questioning Impunity and the Role of Judges: 2002 judgments

Prita Rani Jha, Researcher and Legal Activist, Ahmedabad

Session 5.5

Evidence of Colonial Legality

Jacaranda 2

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Chair & Discussant: Aparna Balachandran, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi

Jousting Over Jurisdiction: The Creation of Sovereignty in Late Nineteenth-Century South Asia

Priyasha Saksena, Harvard Law School, USA

Violence and the Colonial State: Calcutta Riots of 1926 and 1946 in Official Reports

Sugata Nandi, West Bengal State University, Barasat

Evidence, 'improper' Name and Illegal Detention: Understanding Promulgation of 'Public Order' Laws in United Provinces 1947-1948

Javed Wani, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

Summaries of Voluminous Documents as Secondary Evidence: An Odd, Colonial Legal Transplant

Abhinav Chandrachud, Advocate, Bombay High Court, Mumbai

Session 5.6

Gender, Sexuality and Bias: Interpreting Experience as Evidence

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Panel Coordinator: Douglas Macdonald, Tipstaff, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia

Chair and Discussant: Upasana Mahanta, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Gender and Transformative Politics: Investigating Evidence from Transgender Boards

Rupali Samuel, Advocate, Delhi High Court, Delhi

Persecution versus Prosecution: Reassessing the Impact of Section 377

Danish Sheikh, International Commission of Jurists, India

No One To Bear Witness: Country Information and LGBT Asylum Seekers

Douglas McDonald, Tipstaff, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia

Experiences of Queer Students during their School Life In India

Surabhi Shukla, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, UK

Tea : 10.45am – 11.15am
with compliments of Cambridge University Press
Session 6: 11.15am – 1.00pm

Session 6.1

Forensics of the Network: Media, Law & Technology in Contemporary India

Silver Oak 1

Panel Coordinator: Siddharth Narrain, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Chair & Discussant: Ravi Sundaram, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Mapping Mobility through Queerness: Precariousness and Circulation in Networked Societies

Nishant Shah, Leuphana University, Germany

The Faultlines of Consent: Gendered Violence, Rape Videos, Consent and the Law

Bishakha Datta, Point of View, Mumbai

August Blocks: Propaganda, Process and People

Aritra Bhattacharya, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata

Dangerous Speech in Virtual Time: Social Media, Law and Violence in Contemporary India

Siddharth Narrain, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Session 6.2

Reading the In-visible: Ethics, Bodies and Residues as Sites of Evidence

Silver Oak 2

Panel Coordinator: Shireen Mirza, Department of Sociology, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Chair & Discussant: Sanil V, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

History and the Out(cast)e: The Stigmatized Labouring Body as Evidence

Shireen Mirza, Department of Sociology, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Religion and Primary Narcissism

Milind Wakankar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

The Real (of) Marx: Adivasi Worlds as Tombstone of the Illicit

Anup Dhar, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Session 6.3
Legal Pluralism and the Evidence of Indigeneity
Jacaranda 1
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Chair & Discussant: Nandini Sundar, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi

Documentary Evidence, Legal Practices, and the Construction of the Tribal in Western India

Devika Bordia, Shiv Nadar University, Noida

Juridical Constructions of Indigeneity in Arunachal Pradesh

Sajjad Malik, York University, UK

Witchcraft as Modernity's Other: An Inquiry

Deep Chatterjee, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 6.4
The Police-Effect:
Structure, Ideology and the Everyday

"Panel dedicated to the memory of Legal Scholar Nasser Hussain,
author of *Jurisprudence of Emergency*"

Jacaranda 2
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Panel Coordinators: Jinee Lokaneeta, Department of Political Science, Drew University, New Jersey, USA & Mayur Suresh, School of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Chair & Discussant: Julia Eckert, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland

A Deadly Embrace: the Place of the Police in a Terrorism Trial

Mayur Suresh, School of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Police and Policing in India: Violence and the Rule of Law

Jinee Lokaneeta, Department of Political Science, Drew University, New Jersey, USA

Proletariat to Policemen: Recruitment of Constabulary Labour in Bengal, c. 1860-1900

Partha Pratim Shil, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, UK

Documentation of the Tortured Body and Social Lives of 'bekaar truths': Aftermath of Custodial Deaths in Delhi

Santana Khanikar, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 6.5
Roundtable: Attacks on the Labour Regime
in Sri Lanka and India
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Panel Coordinator: Ahilan Kadirgamar, Collective for Economic Democratisation, Jaffna and City University of New York

Chair & Discussant: Kamala Sankaran, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi

Ramapriya Gopalakrishnan, Labour Lawyer, Chennai

Lakmali Hemachandra, Lawyer, Ceylon Mercantile, Industrial and General Workers' Union (CMU), Sri Lanka

Ramindu Perera, Department of Legal Studies, Open University of Sri Lanka

Ahilan Kadirgamar, Collective for Economic Democratisation, Jaffna and City University of New York, New York, USA

Session 6.6
LASSnet Authors: Jain and Sircar; Satish
Gulmohar
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Chair & Discussant: Navaneetha Mokkil, Centre for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Dipika Jain and Oishik Sircar, New Intimacies, Old Desires: Law, Culture and Queer Politics in Neoliberal Times, Zubaan, 2016

- Dipika Jain and Oishik Sircar, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat
- Kalpana Kannabiran, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad
- Prabha Kotiswaran, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College, London, UK

Mrinal Satish, Discretion, Discrimination and the Rule of Law: Reforming Rape Sentencing in India, Cambridge University Press, 2016

- Mrinal Satish, National Law University, Delhi
- Rebecca John, Senior Advocate, High Court of Delhi, Delhi
- Pratiksha Baxi, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Lunch: 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Session 7: 2.00pm – 3.45pm

Session 7.1
Performative Forensics:
Cinema and Evidence
Silver Oak 1
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Panel Coordinator: Debashree Mukherjee, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, University of Columbia, New York, USA

Chair & Discussant: Ranjani Mazumdar, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

True Lies and False Truths: The Case of "Talvar"

Veena Hariharan, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Objects as Exhibits: A Performance of the Forensic

Pallavi Paul, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

An Evidentiary Mise-en-Scene of Excess: Women and Madness in 1960s

Bombay Cinema

Debashree Mukherjee, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University, USA

Cinematic Devotion: Authenticity and Erasure in the Remixed Devotional Song

Kuhu Tanvir, University of Pittsburgh, USA

Session 7.2
Evidence in Environmental Law:
Beyond Science and Economics
Jacaranda 1
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Panel Coordinator: Philippe Cullet, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi / School of Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Chair and Discussant: Mathew John, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Inter-sectoral Allocation of Water: Towards an Evidence- Based Legal Framework

Philippe Cullet, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK/Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Historical Wrongs and Forest Rights: the Mythology of Scientific Evidence

Shomona Khanna, Lawyer, Supreme Court of India, Delhi

Manual Scavenging: Revisiting the Role of Evidence

Sujith Koonan, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK/ Environmental Law Research Society, Delhi

Climate Change and Water: How Law and Policy Responds to the 'Uncertain Certainties' of Climate Change

Birsha Ohdedar, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Session 7.3
Law, Protest and Violence in Indian
and African Archives
Silver Oak 2
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Chair: Swati Parashar, School of Social Sciences, Monash University, Australia

Discussant: Jinee Lokaneeta, Department of Political Science, Drew University, USA

A Juridical Life after Death

Suren Pillay, University of Western Cape, South Africa

A Protest, a Performer and a Song: 'Occupy Nigeria,' Nigerian Political Society and the State

Ruchi Chaturvedi, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Ethics, Aesthetics and Technologies of the Feminist Self in Contemporary India

Srila Roy, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Session 7.4
The Law of Evidence
and the Craft of Legal Practice
Jacaranda 2
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Chair: Jaivir Singh, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Discussant: Jawahar Raja, Advocate, Delhi

Faces of Law: An Exploration of the Truth in Evidence

Sarah Jacobsen, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru & Riddhi Pandey, Independent Researcher, Bengaluru

Beyond Reasonable Doubt and the Truth

Shimal Kapoor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

Thinking through Precedents

Sukhalata Sen, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

In the Disguise of Evidence: Quest for Truth of Common Law Court in Practice

Debasis Poddar, National University of Study and Research in Law, Ranchi

Session 7.5

Consent: A Roundtable Discussion

Willow

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Chair & Discussant: Srimati Basu, University of Kentucky, USA

Panelists

Debarati Sen, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, USA

Janaki Abraham, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, Delhi

Jinee Lokaneeta, Department of Political Science, Drew University, New Jersey, USA

Prabha Kotiswaran, Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College, London

Rukmini Sen, Department of Sociology, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Shirin Rai, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick, UK

Session 7.6

LASSnet Authors: Pooja Parmar and Chirashree Das Gupta

Gulmohar

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Chair & Discussant: Farhana Ibrahim, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Pooja Parmar, Indigeneity and Legal Pluralism in India: Claims, Histories and Meanings (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

- Pooja Parmar, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Canada
- Kamala Sankaran, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, Delhi

- Prathama Banerjee, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Chirashree Das Gupta, State and Capital in Independent India: Institutions and Accumulation (New Delhi, Cambridge University Press, 2016)

- Chirashree Das Gupta, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- Atul Sood, Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- Surajit Mazumdar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Tea : 3.45pm – 4.15pm
with compliments of Orient BlackSwan
Session 8: 4.15pm – 6.00pm

Session 8.1

Law, Media and Evidence

Silver Oak 1

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Chair & Discussant: Ravi Vasudevan, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Media and Evidence in the Era of Postmodernism

Anmol Mukhia, Jilin University, China

Resonance as Evidence and Recognition in Documentary Film

Nicole Wolf, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK

Unpacking Objectivity

Sandeep Mertia, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

Session 8.2

Performing Citizenship,
Evidence of Constitutionalism

Silver Oak 2

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Chair & Discussant: Anupama Roy, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Detecting an Indian Citizen: The Search for Evidence Along the India-Bangladesh Border

Sahana Ghosh, Department of Anthropology, Yale University, New Haven, USA

The Archive Performance of Evidence: A Case Study of Citizenship through Partition

Aishwarya Bhattacharya, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Testimonies of (In) justice: Truth Claims of Jan Sunwai

Ram Thakur, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Law and Economics of Manipulation of Census: Evidence from India

Vikas Kumar, Azim Premji, Bengaluru & Ankush Agrawal, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Session 8.3

LASSnet Authors: Book Panel:

Bhan and Bhuwania

Jacaranda 1

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Chair & Discussant: Sitharamam Kakarala, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Gautam Bhan, In the Public's Interest: Evictions, Citizenship and Inequality in Contemporary Delhi (Orient BlackSwan, 2016)

- Gautam Bhan, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru
- Svati P. Shah, University of Massachusetts, Amherst & Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- Akshay Khanna, independent academic and theatre practitioner, Delhi

Anuj Bhuwania, Courting the People: Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India (Cambridge University Press, October 2016)

- Anuj Bhuwania, Department of Sociology, South Asian University, Delhi
- Tarunabh Khaitan, Wadham College, University of Oxford
- Ujjwal Kumar Singh, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi

Session 8.4

Beyond the Rules - Conceptualizing

"Untraceable" Evidence in Indian Law

Jacaranda 2

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Panel Coordinator: Megha Sharma Sehdev, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

Chair & Discussant: Aparna Chandra, National Law University, Delhi

From Conciliation to Calculation: Arriving at Divorce Settlements in Family Courts

Megha Sharma Sehdev, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

"Of course, he used my love for money also; I used to regularly withdraw money from the ATM for him, but my receipts don't show that truth and my love for him":

Emotional Scripts of Betrayal, Evidentiary Protocols and the Fate of Love Itself

Pooja Satyogi, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA

Self-interest or Altruism? Legal Responses to Women's Claims to a Share of Partnership Property

Elsje Bonthuys, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Session 8.5

Law's Publics: The Courtroom,

Evidence, and the Legal Trial

Gulmohar

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Chair & Discussant: Stewart Motha, Birkbeck, University of London, UK

Virtue and Evidence in Political Trials: Some Cases from South Africa

Shireen Hassim, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Sensational Trials and Public Imagination

Lawrence Liang, School of Law, Governance and Citizenship, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Evidencing Jurispathic Jurisprudence: The Obscenity Trial of Gandhi Mala Bhetala

Madhavi Shukla, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 8.6
Reconstructing Legal Truths about Gender Violence:
Critical Comparative Reflections
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Panel Coordinator: Simon Bronitt, University of Queensland, Australia
Chair and Discussant: Vrinda Grover, lawyer, researcher, human rights and women's rights activist, Delhi

Contesting 'Law's Truth' about Rape in India: Comparative Reflections.

Zoe Brereton, University of Queensland and Deborah Kim, University of Queensland, Australia

The Truth about Suffering: Religion and Gender-Based Violence

Lauren Vogel, Griffith University Institute of Criminology and Behnaz Zarrabi, University of Queensland, Australia

Proactive Evidence-gathering in Sexual Cases: Entrapment, Pretext Calls and Other Covert Methods

Simon Bronitt, Professor, University of Queensland and Caitlin Goss, University of Queensland, Australia

Monday 12 December
Session 9: 9.00am – 10.45am

Session 9.1
Personal Laws and
Religious Dispute Settlement
Stein Auditorium

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Panel Coordinator: Farrah Ahmed, University of Melbourne, Australia
Chair & Discussant: Saptarshi Mandal, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Global University, Sonipat

Religious Alternative Dispute Resolution: An Evidence-Based Alternative to the Personal Law System

Farrah Ahmed, University of Melbourne, Australia

Women's Right to Divorce between Law and Social Reality in Pakistan: Evidence from Family Courts in Lahore

Muhammad Abbasi, Lahore University of Management Sciences Lahore, Pakistan

Reforming "Shari'a "in Non-Muslim Democracies—Understanding the Role of Civil Judiciaries

Yuksel Sezgin, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, USA
"Vishwa Lochan Madan v. Union of India" and the Uncertain Boundaries of Muslim Personal Law (and Islamic Constitutionalism) in India
Jeff Redding, Saint Louis University School of Law, USA

Session 9.2
Of Spectacles, Surveillance and Dissent:
The Making and Unmaking of the
Idea of the University
Maple

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Panel Coordinator: Swastee Ranjan, School of Law, University of Sussex, UK
Chair & Discussant: Siddharth Narrain, The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

City and the University, The Making of the Freedom Square

Swastee Ranjan, School of Law, University of Sussex, UK

The Virtual As Real: An Examination of the Video Evidence Culture in the Contemporary

Shaheen Ahmed, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

A Hohfeldian View of 'Evidence'

Arpan Acharya, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 9.3
The Politics of Narratives, Archives and Fiction
Gulmohar

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Chair & Discussant: Srila Roy, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Storytelling and Legal Evidence

Stella James, Independent Legal Consultant, Delhi & Bidisha Das, Independent Designer, Bengaluru

Combatancy, Memory and the Fantasy of Liberation: Reading Maoist Wartime Memoirs

Amrita Gogoi, Dibrugarh University, Guwahati

Archiving, Anonymity and Access: The Case for Secrecy

Maya Dodd, Foundation for Liberal and Management Education (FLAME) University, Pune

'Knowing' the World of Global Health Law: A Chronotopical View from Kenya

John Harrington, Cardiff University, UK

Session 9.4

Rights-Based Legislation
Under India's New Regime

Jacaranda 1

Panel Coordinators: Alf Nielsen, Kenneth Bo Nielsen, and Anand Vaidya, University of Bergen, Norway

Chair: Arun Thiruvengadam, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Discussant: Sruti Chaganti, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

Chasing Rights in Delhi: Reflections on the National Food Security Act

Nandini Nayak, School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Reflections on the Trajectory of the LARR Act

Alf Nielsen, University of Bergen and Kenneth Bo Nielsen, University of Bergen, Norway

Forest Rights and the Hindu Right

Anand Vaidya, University of Bergen, Norway

Session 9.5

Between Evidence and Truth:
Voices and Silences (Roundtable)

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Panel Coordinator: Rukmini Sen, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Chair: Rukmini Sen, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Discussant: Srimati Basu, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, USA

Shraddha Chatterjee, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Abhilasha Chattopadhyay, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Mary Abraham, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Sumit Mandhwani, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Session 9.6

Of Identities, Evidences and Separation
of Law from Justice

Jacaranda 2

Panel Coordinator: Nupur Sinha, Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad

Chair & Discussant: Kathleen Modrowski, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Acknowledging Identities in Evidence: Challenging the Supremacy of Documentary Proof in Disaster Relief Process

Ameya Bokill, Azima Girach, Jagruti Patelia and Seema Chippa, Centre for Social Justice, Ahmedabad

Invisible and Unheard Evidence: Navigating Identities of Women within the Formal Judicial System

Reshma Jaffrey, Roshan Saroliya, Aadil Raza and Gayatri Suman, Center for Social Justice, Ahmedabad

Of Cosmetics and Realities: Performance Audit of Minority Welfare Schemes

Fahad Khan, Aadil Raza and Imran Baloch, Center for Social Justice, Ahmedabad

Honest Deceit: Defeating Protective Safe Guards in Land Transactions

Chitrakshi Jain, Johanna Lokhande, Dhananjay Pathak and Gayatri Suman, Center for Social Justice, Ahmedabad

Tea: 10.45am – 11.15am
Session 10: 11.15am – 1.00pm

Session 10.1

Photographic Evidence and
Contemporary Notions of Truth Production

Jacaranda 1

Panel Coordinator: G. Arunima, Centre for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Chair & Discussant: Shireen Hassim, University of Witswatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Safe or Sound? : CCTV Surveillance, Campuses and the Future of Politics

G. Arunima, Centre for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Avowal and Evidence

Sanil V, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Chains of Evidence: Guerrillas and Visual Forensics in the Namibian anti-Colonial Struggle, 1976

Patricia Hayes, Visual History and Theory Centre for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Session 10.2

Encountering Islam and Law in India: Transitions from the Colonial to Post-Colonial Stein Auditorium

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Panel Coordinator: Geetanjali Srikantan, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Chair & Discussant: Hilal Ahmed, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

The Making of Anglo Muhammadan Law: Concepts and Trajectories

Geetanjali Srikantan, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

Property and Citizenship: The Post-Colonial Indian state and Reform

Aishwarya Pandit, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi

The Ayodhya Dispute: The Absent Mosque, State of Emergency, and the Jural Deity

Deepak Mehta, Shiv Nadar University, Noida

Constituting a Site of Destruction: Problematising Archaeology as Evidence in the Ayodhya Judgment

Rachel A Varghese, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi & Arathi PM, Council for Social Development, Delhi

Session 10.3

Judging History Jacaranda 2

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Panel Coordinator: Stewart Motha, Birkbeck, University of London, UK

Chair & Discussant: Janaki Nair, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Icon, Judgment, Sovereignty

Stacy Douglas, Carleton University, Canada

The Truth of the Facts: The Judge and the Historian Revisited

Başak Ertür, Birkbeck, University of London, UK

Mistaken Judgments

Stewart Motha, Birkbeck, University of London, UK

Session 10.4

Data, Method and Evidence: The Legal Construction of Corporate Governance and Taxation Structures in India Maple

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Panel Coordinator: Chirashree Das Gupta, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Chair: Surajit Mazumdar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Discussant: Chirashree Das Gupta, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

The Making of 'Evidence' on Taxation in India

Mohit Gupta, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

The Myth of Full Disclosure

Isha Ralli, Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai and Ayushya Kaul, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram

The Conflict Between Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility in India

Raveena Naz, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Session 10.5

Problematising Ability: Disability, Disablement and Discrimination in Contemporary India & Launch of India Social Development Report 2016 (eds. Kalpana Kannabiran & Asha Hans, Oxford University Press)

Gulmohar

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Chair and Discussants: Kalpana Kannabiran, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad & Asha Hans, Women with Disabilities India Network and formerly with School of Women's Studies, Utkal University, Odisha

Disability and Disadvantage in India

Ashwini Deshpande, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi

Reflections on the Status of the Elderly in India

K.S. James, Professor, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Expanding Landscape of Understanding Disability in India

Renu Addlakha, Centre for Women's Development, Delhi

Disability Rights Discourse in Higher Education

Avinash Shahi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Custody, Conflict and Psycho-Social Wellbeing: Bihar & Kashmir

Kriti Sharma, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad

Session 10.6

Materialising Evidence of Sexual Violence

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Chair: P. Puneeth, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Discussant: Mrinal Satish, National Law University, Delhi

Forceful and Mandatory Medical Evidence Collection in Cases of Sexual Violence in India

Gayatri Sharma, Lawyer, Delhi

Hierarchisation of Evidence

Neetika Vishwanath, Associate, Centre on the Death Penalty, National Law University Delhi

Reflections on Sexuality and Sexual Violence: Contemporary Challenges

Madhu Mehra, Partners for Law in Development, Delhi

The Exclusionary Tendencies of Popular Discourses on Child Sexual Abuse and the Need for an Alternative Entry-Point

Raahi Adhya, Centre for Women's Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Lunch: 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Session 11: 2.00pm – 3.45pm

Session 11.1

Transnational Law Institute Featured Roundtable:

Voice - Intervention - Connection:

The Scholar's Role in Editing Journals, Blogs, and Paper Series

Stein Auditorium

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Chair: Peer Zumbansen, Transnational Law Institute, King's College, London, UK

Peer Zumbansen, Transnational Law Institute, King's College, London, UK

Tarunabh Khaitan, Indian Law Review (Taylor & Francis) & Wadham College, University of Oxford, UK

Nitasha Devasar, Managing Director, Taylor & Francis, Delhi

Prabhakar Singh, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Mitra Sharafi, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA

Stefan Vogenauer, Director of the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt and Editor of the American Journal of Legal History (Oxford University Press) and the Max Planck-based journal Rechtsgeschichte - Legal History, Germany

Session 11.2

Azim Premji University Featured Session:

Evidence and Constitutional Interpretation in India

Jacaranda

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Chair & Discussant: Sitharamam Kakarala, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Settlement, Deferral and Silence: Originalist Traps in Indian Constitutionalism

Sudhir Krishnaswamy, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Evidence of Intent: Originalism in India

Vineeth Krishna, Centre for Law Policy Research, Bengaluru

Seeking Constitutional Truths: A Limited Justification for Originalism in Indian Constitutional Interpretation

Arun K. Thiruvengadam, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Session 11.3
LASSnet Tenth Anniversary Panel
dedicated to Dwijen Rangnekar
Gulmohar
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Panel Coordinator: Brenna Bhandar, School of Oriental and African Studies, UK and Pratiksha Baxi, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Chair: Niraja Gopal Jayal, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Discussants: Sam Adelman, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK and V.G. Hegde, South Asian University, Delhi

Dwijen's Injustice or The Global Injustices of Intellectual Property Rights and the Framework of Resistance

Abdul Paliwala, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK

Biocultures of Entitlements and the Cunning of Rights

Rajshree Chandra, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi

Cynicism, Pragmatism and Hope: The Future of Geographical Indications in Asia

Rosemary Coombe, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University, Canada

Celebrating Dwijen: A Neo-Gramscian Reversal: The Pessimism of the Will and the Optimism of the Intellect

Upendra Baxi, Professor Emeritus, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK and Distinguished Professor, National Law University, Delhi

The Cunning State of Enclosures: Continuing a Conversation with Dwijen

Shalini Randeria, Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna & The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Tea: 3.30pm - 4.00pm
4.00pm – 5.30pm: Closing Plenary
Organised by the National Law University Delhi,
Stein Auditorium

"Any Evidence for Hope?" Law and Social Struggles

How far can law serve as a means of emancipation? Many have been pessimistic about law's transformative potential. Nonetheless, many take up legal means in order to struggle for a just future, be they lawyers engaging in strategic litigation or laypersons defending their aspiration to a socially just order through legal means. The evidence of success is mixed: On the one hand, we can all observe many small victories when law speaks truth to power. These are often symbolic victories, but as such they reaffirm the possibilities of using law for claiming a better future. On the other hand, we can equally observe the limits that law imposes on emancipatory projects, firstly because law is available to all and it is more often than not a 'weapon of the strong', who employ it with great acuteness. Secondly, even combined with other paths of struggle, law implies the use of a particular language that affirms the premises of the order that is at issue. This panel wants to gather insights of activist lawyers and thinkers on the limits of legal transformation and how to go beyond them. How may we then think about the specific role of courts as sites for the interface between law and social struggles?

Chair: Aparna Chandra, National Law University, Delhi

Speakers: Indira Jaising, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Delhi

Babloo Loitongbam, Human Rights Alert, Imphal

Usha Ramanathan, Independent Researcher, Delhi

Respondents:

Upendra Baxi, Emeritus Professor Warwick, UK and Distinguished Professor, National Law University, Delhi

Julia Eckert, Professor, Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland

5.30pm - 6.00pm: Vote of Thanks
Stein Auditorium

Niraja Gopal Jayal, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Siddharth Narrain, Lawrence Liang, and Naveen Thayyil, LASSnet Steering Committee

High Tea and Launch 6.00pm, The Hub with compliments of Taylor and Francis

6:00 pm: Launch of the *Indian Law Review*, a triannual, double-blind peer-reviewed, academic-led, generalist journal on Indian law
Indian Law Review editors: Tarunabh Khaitan, Dev Gangjee, Farrah Ahmed, Prabha Kotiswaran, T.T. Arvind, Sudhir Krishnaswamy and Arun Thiruvengadam;
 Publisher: Taylor and Francis

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY 10 DEC 2016	SILVER OAK 1	SILVER OAK 2	JACARANDA 1	JACARANDA 2	WILLOW	GULMOHAR
Session 1 9.00-10.45 am	1.1 Rites, Religion and Violence	1.2 Evidencing Gender	1.3 Sexuality, Gender Identity and Sedition: A Roundtable	1.4 Politics of Evidence and the Right to Health Care	1.5 Evidence, Truth and Justice	1.6 Law, Technology and Evidence
TEA 10.45 - 11.15 AM						
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LUNCH 1.00 – 2.00 PM						
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SUNDAY 11 DEC 2016	SILVER OAK 1	SILVER OAK 2	JACARANDA 1	JACARANDA 2	WILLOW	GULMOHAR
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TEA 10:45-11:15						
Session 6 11:15-1:00 pm	6.1 Forensics of the Network: Media, Law & Technology in Contemporary India	6.2 Reading the In-visible: Ethics, Bodies and Residues as Sites of Evidence	6.3 Legal Pluralism and the Evidence of Indigenuity	6.4 The Police-Effect: Structure, Ideology and the Everyday-Panel Dedicated to Nasser Hussain	6.5 Roundtable: Attacks on the Labour Regime in Sri Lanka and India	6.6 LASSnet Authors: Jain & Sircar, Satish
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Session 7 2:00-3:45 pm	7.1 Performative Forensics: Cinema and Evidence	7.3 Law, Protest and Violence in Indian and African Archives	7.2 Evidence in Environmental Law: Beyond Science and Economics	7.4 The Law of Evidence and the Craft of Legal Practice	7.5 Consent: A Roundtable Discussion	7.6 LASSnet Authors: Parmar and Das Gupta
TEA 3:45-4:15						
Session 8 4:15-6:00 pm	8.1 Law, Media and Evidence	8.2 Performing Citizenship, Evidence of Constitutionalism	8.3 LASSnet Authors: Bhan and Bhuwania	8.4 Beyond the Rules: Conceptualizing “Untraceable,” Evidence in Indian Law	8.6 Reconstructing Legal Truths about Gender Violence: Critical Comparative Reflections	8.5 Law’s Publics: The Courtroom, Evidence and the Legal Trial

MONDAY 12 DEC 2016	STEIN AUDITORIUM	JACARANDA 1	JACARANDA 2	MAPLE	WILLOW	GULMOHAR
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TEA 10:45-11:15 AM						
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LUNCH 1:00 – 2:00 PM						
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4:00PM – 5:30pm: CLOSING, STEIN AUDITORIUM
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6:00 pm: HIGH TEA, THE HUB

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