Thinking with Evidence
Seeking Certainty, Making Truth

60 Sessions
3 Featured Sessions
Opening and Closing Plenary
10-12 Dec 2016
9 am onwards

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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**
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

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 Narain
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, Sonipat

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

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 Illicit 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

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 Baj, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Session 2.5
Evidence, Law and Governmentality
Willow

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

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
Shambhu 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

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**Session 3.1**
Rehearsing The Witness:
The Bhawal Court Case
Silver Oak 1

Panel Coordinator: Zuleikha Chaudhari, The Alkazi Foundation for the Arts, Delhi
Chair & Discussant: Nida Ghouse, Mumbai Art Room and curator, Mumbai

Session 3.2
Evidence of Suppression, Suppression of Evidence: Queer Archiving Practices in India
Silver Oak 2

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

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**“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

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**Session 3.3**
Evidencing Discrimination
Jacaranda 1

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

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**Session 3.4**
Law, Politics and the City
Jacaranda 2

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
Willow

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
Gulmohar

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, Sonipat

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, Praj 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

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, Sonipat

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
Willow

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

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
Zaheb 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

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

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 Sridhar, 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

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

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

9.00am – 10.45am

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

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

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 Kadrigamar, 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
Gulmohar

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

Session 5.4
State Impunity, Law, and Human Rights
Jousting Over Jurisdiction: The Creation of Sovereignty in Late Nineteenth-Century South Asia
Jacaranda 2

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

Communal Riots in Gujarat in 2002: Exploring Construction of Power, Evidence, Truth and Marginality in History and in Public Memory
Pooja Bakhshi, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi

Questioning Impunity and the Role of Judges: 2002 judgments
Priti Rani Jha, Researcher and Legal Activist, Ahmedabad

Session 5.5
Evidence of Colonial Legality

Chair: G.S. Bajpai, Registrar, National Law University, Delhi
Discussant: Shishir Bail, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

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

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
Willow

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 MacDonald, 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

Session 6: 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

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”

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

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 ‘beakaar 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

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

Ramapriya Gopalakrishan, 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

Session 6.6
LASSnet Authors: Jain and Sircar; Satish Gulmohar

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


Rebecca John, Senior Advocate, High Court of Delhi, Delhi

Pratiksha Baxi, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
Session 7.1
Performative Forensics:
Cinema and Evidence
Silver Oak 1

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
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

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, Sonipat

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Pooja Parmar, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Canada
- Kamala Sankaran, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, 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
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Session 8.1
Law, Media and Evidence
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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

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

Chair & Discussant: Satharamam 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
- Svat 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
- Tanunabh 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

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

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
Willow

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

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

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

Panel Coordinator: Swastee Ranjan, School of Law, University of Sussex, UK
Chair & Discussant: Siddharth Narain, 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

Panel Coordinator: Srla Roy, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
Chair & Discussant: Stella James, Independent Legal Consultant, Delhi & Bidisha Das, Independent Designer, Bengaluru

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

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)
Willow

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

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

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

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
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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 Technology, Mumbai & 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

Gulmohar

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

Lunch: 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Session 10.6
Materialising Evidence of Sexual Violence
Willow

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

Session 11.1
Transnational Law Institute Featured Roundtable:
Voice - Intervention - Connection: The Scholar's Role in Editing Journals, Blogs, and Paper Series
Stein Auditorium

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

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. Thiivengadam, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru

Session 11: 2.00pm – 3.45pm
Session 11.3
LASSnet Tenth Anniversary Panel
dedicated to Dwijen Rangnekar
Gulmohar

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 Narain, 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

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