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Cordially invite you to the substantive sessions of the

**International Conference on
Access to Justice: Law, Policy and Institutions**

Date: 11-13 August 2006

**Venue: Conference Room – II
India International Centre (IIC)
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PROGRAMME

Friday 11 August 2006

Afternoon Session: 2:30 pm – 4:55 pm

(Each speaker has 20 minutes for presentation and there will be 60 minutes at the end for discussion)

Theoretical Foundations of Access to Justice: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Chair: 2:30 pm – 2:35 pm: Mr. Justice J.S. Verma, Former Chief Justice of India, & Former Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India

1. 2:35 pm – 2:55 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Marc S. Galanter, John and Rylla Bosshard Professor of Law and South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA, & LSE Centennial Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
2. 2:55 pm – 3:15 pm: Discussant: Professor G. Mohan Gopal, Former Director, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, & Visiting Professor, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, India
3. 3:15 pm – 3:35 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Upendra Baxi, Professor of Law, University of Warwick Law School, UK
4. 3:35 pm – 3:55 pm: Discussant: Professor Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Director, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India

Discussion: 3:55 pm – 4:55 pm

Tea: 4:55 pm – 5:15 pm

Dinner hosted by the Yale Law School at the Jacaranda Hall (first floor), India Habitat Centre: 7:30 pm - Dinner Speech – Professor Deepak Nayyar, Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Member, National Knowledge Commission, & Former Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi, India

Saturday 12 August 2006

(Each speaker has 15 minutes for presentation and there will be 30 minutes at the end for discussion)

Morning Session: 9:30 am – 1:05 pm

Formal and Informal Dispute Resolution Systems

Panel 1: Independence of Judiciary and Judicial Reforms: 9:30 am – 11:05 am

Chair: 9:30 am – 9:35 am: Mr. K. Parasaran, Former Attorney General of India, and Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, India

1. 9:35 am – 9:50 am: Paper Presenter: Professor V.S. Rekhi, Former Director, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, India
2. 9:50 am – 10:05 am: Discussant: Professor Chandrasekharan Pillai, Director, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, India
3. 10:05 am – 10:20 am: Paper Presenter: Professor Balakrishnan Rajagopal, Ford Associate Professor of Law & Development, & Director, MIT Programme on Human Rights and Justice, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
4. 10:20 am – 10:35 am: Discussant: Ms. Indira Jaising, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, & Project Director, Lawyer's Collective, Women's Rights Initiative, New Delhi, India

Discussion: 10:35 am – 11:05 am

Tea Break: 11:05 am – 11:15 am

Panel 2: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR): Arbitration, Mediation and Other Informal Mechanisms – 11:15 am – 1:05 pm

Chair: 11:15 am – 11:20 am: Professor D.K. Srivastava, Professor and Associate Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

Special Address: 11:20 am – 11:35 am: Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Partner, Amarchand Mangaldas, New Delhi, India

1. 11:35 am – 11:50 am: Paper Presenter: Mr. Sriram Panchu, Senior Advocate, High Court of Madras, & Founder, Indian Centre for Mediation and Dispute Resolution, Chennai, India
2. 11:50 am – 12:05 pm: Discussant: Professor Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Consultant, Committee on Infrastructure, Planning Commission of India
3. 12:05 pm – 12:20 pm: Paper Presenter: Dr. Mario Gomez, Program Associate, Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka
4. 12:20 pm – 12:35 pm – Discussant: Professor Vicki Schultz, Ford Foundation Professor of Law, Yale Law School, USA

Discussion: 12:35 pm – 1:05 pm

Lunch: 1:05 pm – 2:00 pm

Afternoon Session: 2:00 pm – 5:35 pm

Corruption, Inefficiency and Regulatory Reforms

Panel 1: Corruption and the Need for Transparency in Governance – 2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Chair: 2:00 pm – 2:05 pm: Dr. R.K. Raghavan, Former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation, India e-Security Head, Tata Consultancy Services, & Executive Committee Member, LEARS, India

1. 2:05 pm – 2:20 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor C. Raj Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China; Honorary Consultant, National Human Rights Commission, & Chief Executive Officer, LEARS, India
2. 2:20 pm – 2:35 pm: Discussant: Mr. Harsh Mander, Director, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi, India
3. 2:35 pm – 2:50 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Hiram Chodosh, Dean, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, USA
4. 2:50 pm – 3:05 pm: Discussant: Mr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan, Former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation, New Delhi, India
5. 3:05 pm – 3:20 pm: Mr. Rajeev Malhotra, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland

Discussion: 3:20 pm – 3:50 pm

Tea Break: 3:50 pm – 4:00 pm

Panel 2 - Regulatory Bodies and their Impact on Access to Justice – 4:00 pm – 5:35 pm

Chair: 4:00 pm – 4:05 pm: Mr. S. Ramaiah, Former Law Secretary, Government of India and Former Director, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), Geneva, & Financial Controller, LEARS, India

1. 4:05 pm – 4:20 pm: Paper Presenter: Dr. A. Francis Julian, Advocate, Supreme Court of India, & Secretary General, LEARS, New Delhi, India
2. 4:20 pm – 4:35 pm: Discussant: Professor Arjun K. Sengupta, Member of Parliament, India, & Chairman, National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector, Government of India
3. 4:35 pm – 4:50 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Kanak Bikram Thapa, Dean, Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
4. 4:50 pm – 5:05 pm: Discussant: Professor Michael C. Davis, J. Landis Martin Visiting Professor of Law, Northwestern University Law School, USA

Discussion: 5:05 pm – 5:35 pm

Tea: 5:35 pm – 5:45 pm

Dinner hosted by Manupatra at the Lawns of India International Centre Annexe New Building: 7:30 pm - Dinner speech - Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, Additional Solicitor General of India, & Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, India

Sunday 13 August 2006

Morning Session: 9:30 am – 1:05 pm

Civil Society Initiatives in Promoting Access to Justice

Panel 1: Public Interest Litigation (PIL) – 9:30 am – 11:05 am

Chair: 9:30 am – 9:35 am: Mr. Parag Tripathi, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, India

1. 9:35 am – 9:50 am: Paper Presenter: Professor Parmanand Singh, Former Dean and Head, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, & Vice President, LEARS, India
2. 9:50 am – 10:05 am: Discussant: Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, and Executive Director, Human Rights Law Network, New Delhi, India
3. 10:05 am – 10:20 am: Paper Presenter: Professor Deepika Udagama, Head, Department of Law, University of Colombo, & Member, Law Commission of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka
4. 10:20 am – 10:35 am: Discussant: Professor Lakshman Marasinghe, Chairman, Law Commission of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Discussion: 10:35 am – 11:05 am

Tea Break: 11:05 am – 11:15 am

Panel 2: Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) – 11:15 am – 1:05 pm

Chair: 11:15 am – 11:20 am: Mr. N. Ravi, Editor, The Hindu, & Executive Committee Member, LEARS, India

11:20 am – 11:25 am: Video Message from Mr. Bill Drayton, Chief Executive Officer and Chair, Ashoka, USA

11:25 am – 11:40 am: Special Address: Ms. Maja Daruwala, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), New Delhi, India

1. 11:40 am – 11:55 am: Paper Presenter: Professor Lavanya Rajamani, University Lecturer, Queens' College, University of Cambridge, UK
2. 11:55 am – 12:10 pm: Discussant: Mr. Mark N. Templeton, Associate Dean, Yale Law School, USA
3. 12:10 pm – 12:25 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Yogesh K. Tyagi, Professor of International Law & Director, Centre for Promotion of Human Rights Teaching & Research, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
4. 12:25 pm – 12:40 pm: Discussant: Professor Stephen P. Marks, François-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health & Director, Program on Human Rights in Development, Harvard University, USA

Discussion: 12:40 pm – 1:10 pm

Lunch: 1:10 pm – 2:00 pm

Afternoon Session: 2:00 pm – 3:35 pm

Legal Literacy and Legal Aid

Chair: 2:00 pm – 2:05 pm: Professor K. Chockalingam, Professor of Criminology & Victimology, Tokiwa University, Japan & Executive Committee Member, LEARS, India

1. 2:05 pm – 2:20 pm - Paper Presenter: Professor B.B. Pande, Former Professor of Law, University of Delhi, Consultant, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), & Vice President, LEARS, India
2. 2:20 pm – 2:35 pm - Discussant: Mr. R. Sudarshan, Legal Reform & Justice Advisor, UNDP Regional Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
3. 2:35 pm – 2:50 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Charu Sharma, Lecturer, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
4. 2:50 pm – 3:05 pm: Discussant: Professor Kamala Sankaran, Research Professor, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, India

Discussion: 3:05 pm – 3:35 pm

Tea Break: 3:35 pm – 3:45 pm

Evening Session: 3:45 pm – 5:20 pm

The Present and Future of Legal Education: Comparative Perspectives

Chair: 3:45 pm – 3:50 pm: Professor Peter H. Schuck, Simeon E. Baldwin Professor of Law, Yale Law School, USA

1. 3:50 pm – 4:05 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor Mahendra Pal Singh, Former Dean and Head of the Department, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, & President, LEARS, India
2. 4:05 pm – 4:20 pm: Discussant: Professor Jayanth S. Krishnan, Professor of Law, William Mitchell College of Law, USA
3. 4:20 pm – 4:35 pm: Paper Presenter: Professor N.R. Madhava Menon, Former Director, National Judicial Academy, Bhopal, India
4. 4:35 pm – 4:50 pm: Discussant: Professor J.L. Pottenger, Jr, Nathan Baker Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney, Yale Law School, USA

Discussion: 4:50 pm – 5:20 pm

Tea: 5:35 – 5:45 pm

Dinner at the Magnolia Hall, India Habitat Centre (Lower Ground): 7:30 pm - Dinner speech – Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State for Commerce, Government of India, New Delhi, India