



**Faculty of Legal Studies**

International Conference

***South Asia in the Era of International Courts and Tribunals***

FSI Hall,  
*Akbar Bhawan*,  
South Asian University,  
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi 110 021.  
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**Programme**

28–29 February 2020

Day 1, Registration: 8.30–9.30 am

Inaugural Session: 10–11 am

Welcome remarks: Dr Ravindra Pratap, Associate Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies.

Inaugural address: Dr AVS Ramesh Chandra, Acting President, South Asian University.

Keynote address: Dr Judge Neeru Chadha, Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Vote of thanks: Dr Nafees Ahmad, Senior Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies.

High Tea: 11–11.20 am

Technical Sessions

Day 1, Panel I: 11.30 am–1 pm

*Attitudes to jurisdiction and jurisdictional issues*

Speakers:

Mr R Anthony Raj, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, LN Govt. College, Ponneri & Part-time PhD Research Scholar, TN Dr Ambedkar Law University, Chennai: *Reluctance of Asian countries to join the International Criminal Court.*

Dr Prabhash Ranjan, Senior Assistant Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi: *Investor-state dispute settlement and India.*

Mr Md. Tabish Eqbal: Research Scholar, South Asian University: *Head of State Immunity under Customary International Law before International Courts.*

Chair/Moderator: Mr Narinder Singh, Former Chairman, United Nations International Law Commission, Geneva.

Lunch: 1–1.50 pm

Day 1, Panel II: 2–3.30 pm

*Contexts and perceptions of strategies and advocacy*

Speakers:

Ms Katherine Maddox Davis, Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Washington, DC: *India's demonstrations of power in international courts.*

Ms RV Anuradha, Founding Partner, Clarus Law Associates, New Delhi: *Strategy and advocacy by the South Asian countries before WTO panels and Appellate Body.*

Mr Ashfaquzzaman Chowdhury, PhD Candidate, South Asian University, New Delhi: *The Emergence of third party funding in international arbitration: Identifying its impact in Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan.*

Ms Julia Klaus, PhD Candidate, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg: *Radhabinod Pal's unintended misrepresentation of Bengal, India and South Asia at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.*

Chair/Moderator: Mr Ujal Singh Bhatia, Former Chairman, WTO Appellate Body, Geneva.

Tea/Coffee: 3.30–3.50 pm

Day 1, Panel III: 4–5.30 pm

*Impact on human rights, transboundary harm and investment*

Speakers:

Mr Balram Prasad Raut, Assistant Professor, Nepal Law Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu: *Constitutional transformation of social rights in South Asia: A judicial discourse.*

Ms Saumya Kumar, Assistant Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai: *Contribution of the ICJ in developing the jurisprudence on trans-boundary harm and its impact on South Asia.*

Mr Abhishek Trivedi, PhD Candidate, South Asian University: *The ICJ Jadhav Case: Reconsideration and Review.*

Chair/Moderator: Dr Ali Garshasbi, Deputy Secretary General, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization, New Delhi.

Day 2, Panel I: 9.30–11 am

*Impact on the discourse of criminal trials, responsibility and justice*

Speakers:

Dr Prem Kumar Gautam, Assistant Professor, RML National Law University, Lucknow: *International criminal justice and the role of the International Criminal Court.*

Mr Abhimanyu Singh, Senior Research Associate, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat: *International criminal Tribunals in Bangladesh.*

Dr Thamil Venthan Ananthavinayagan, Lecturer in International Law, Griffith College Dublin: *Rewriting international criminal justice: An argument for reimagining Global South history in international criminal trials.*

Aman Kumar, Graduate Student, South Asian University: *In the “Interest of None”: On the ICC’s decision in Afghanistan.*

Chair/Moderator: Dr V D Sharma, Former Legal Adviser and Co-Agent of India to the International Court of Justice, The Hague.

Tea/Coffee: 11–11.20 am

Day 2, Panel II: 11.30 am–1 pm

*Competing and coordinating competence*

Speakers:

Dr Martin Jarrett, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg: *The potential for creating consistent investment treaty case law via the multilateral investment court.*

Dr Srinivas Burra, Senior Assistant Professor, South Asian University: *Hybrid justice and a criminal court.*

Chair/Moderator: Dr Pallavi Kishore, Associate Professor and Assistant Director, Jindal Global Law School, Sonipat.

Lunch: 1–1.50 pm

Day 2, Panel III: 2–3.30 pm

*International bar and the rule of law*

Speakers:

Ms N.S. Liyana Muhandiram, Lecturer (The Open University of Sri Lanka), Nawala, Nugegoda: *Sri Lanka's experience with the investor-state arbitration: A critical appraisal.*

Mr Bhartendu Agarwal, Assistant Director (Law), SAARC Arbitration Council, Islamabad: *SAARC Arbitration Council (SARCO): South Asia's permanent court of arbitration.*

Mr Syed Mujtaba Athar, Research Scholar, Faculty of Law, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi: *National courts, the ICC and the dielectrics of struggle against impunity and transitional justice.*

Chair/Moderator: Mr M Koteswara Rao, Secretary-General, The Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi.

Tea/Coffee: 3.30–3.50 pm

Day 2, Panel IV: 4–5.30 pm

*Human rights law, regulatory freedom, and national rights consequences*

Speakers:

Mr Aaditya Vikram Sharma, Assistant Professor, VIPS, New Delhi: *Jurisprudential effect of regional human rights mechanisms on the development of international human rights law in India.*

Ms Ferdousi Begum, Lecturer, Daffodil International University, Dhaka: *The International Criminal Court and the role of International Crimes Tribunal of Bangladesh and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Nepal.*

Ms Monika and Mr Shreyansh Singh, Research Fellows (Legal), Centre for WTO Studies, New Delhi: *Proportionality and regulatory freedom at the WTO: South Asian experience.*

Chair/Moderator: Professor Mahendra P Lama, Centre for South Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Break: 5.30–5.50 pm

Day 2: Valedictory Session: 6–6.30 pm

Introductory remarks: Dr Nafees Ahmad, Senior Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies.

Valedictory address: Professor Yogesh K Tyagi, Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi, and Member, Institut de droit international.

Vote of thanks, Dr Ravindra Pratap, Associate Dean, Faculty of Legal Studies.