Center for the Study of Law and Governance

Weekly Seminars (Until 2 April 2014)

1. Pregs Govender, Deputy Chair, Human Rights in An Unequal World: Accountability to People who are Poor, 31 March 2014
2. Anirudh Krishna, Duke University, Making the Fit: The Future of Rural in Growing India, 28 February 2014
3. Fredrik Engelstad, Oslo University, Norway, Varieties of Welfare States – Europe and the US, 21 February 2014
5. Stephanie Balme, Chinese people go to Court: Reflections from an ongoing Long-Term Ethnographic Research, 22 October 2013.
6. Rahul Mediratta, Northwestern University in Chicago, USA on Globalization in the Shadows and De-escalation of Enduring Interstate, 18 October 2013
7. Dag Erik Berg, UiB Global, University of Bergen, Norway on Dr. Ambedkar, A Symbolic Type for India’s Dalits, 2 August 2013
8. Hanna Lerner, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel on Constitution Writing in Religiously Divided Societies, 15 February 2013
9. Sonia Sikka, Department of Philosophy University of Ottawa, Canada on Rights and Relativity, 1 February 2013
10. Shibani Gosh, Research Associate, Teri University, New Delhi on The Central Information commission A Reluctant Leader, 18 January 2013
12. G. Mohan Gopal, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, New Delhi on ‘Reforming the State’s Idea of Justice’ – 30 November 2012
13. Duncan Green, Senior Strategic Adviser, Oxfam, London on ‘What’s Hot and What’s Not?: How has the Development Debate Changed in the last five years?’ – 19 October 2012.
14. Sylvie Guichard, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva, Switzerland on ‘How Autonomous are the Branches?: A Study of Narendra Modi’s BJP’
15. Diana Aviv, President and CEO, Independent Sector, ‘Washington, DC on The Role of Non-Profit Organizations in Politics and Governance’ – 21 August 2012,

16. Supriya Roy Chowdhury, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore on Old and New Slums in a Rich City–30 March 2012,

17. Robert Grey, Professor of Political Science, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, USA delivered a series of three lectures on Competing Conceptions of Democracy and How to Measure It; Cause of Democratization: Structures and Processes; and, The Impact of External Factors on Democratization Processes on 10, 14 & 17 February 2012, respectively.

18. Jay Drydyk, Professor of Philosophy, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada on Displacement by Development: Ethics, Rights, and Responsibilities– 20 April 2012,

19. Martin Killias, University of Zurich, Switzerland on International Comparisons on Crime and Criminal Justice with Innovative Data – 31 January 2012,

20. Yael Berda, Doctoral candidate, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, on Administrative Memory and States of Emergency: Towards a Model of Colonial Bureaucracy: Administrative Stories from the Postcolonies of Israel, India & Cyprus– 20 January 2012,


22. Amitabh Behar, Executive Director, National Foundation for India, on Civil Society Initiatives for Governance Accountability Wada Na todo Abhiyaan (WNTA) and the 12th Five Year Plan – 04 November 2011


24. Shirin M. Rai, Professor of Politics & International Studies, and Director, Leverhulme Trust Programme, Gendered Ceremony and Ritual in Parliament, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK on Futures of Feminism: Hope and Despair– 30 September 2011

25. Jean-Louis Halpérin, Professor of Law & Director, Department of Social Sciences, École Normale Supérieure, Paris on Comparing Lay Justice in India and in France – 09 September 2011
26. Nikhil Dey, Co-convener, National Campaign for Peoples’ Right to Information (NCPRI) on The Lok Pal Debate– 02 September 2011

27. Daniel Drache, Professor of Political Science & Associate Director, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada & Visiting Professorial Fellow, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU on Reform at the Top: What’s Next for the WTO?: A Second Life?– 19 November 2011


32. David Peck, Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Lecturer in Comparative Civil Liberties, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, & Brigham Young University-Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho on ‘The Genetics of Conviction: DNA and the Death Penalty in the United States’ – 18 March 2011.

33. Ann Stewart, School of Law, University of Warwick, UK; and, Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU on Gender Justice and Law in a Global Market: Who do we care about? On 05 February 2010.

34. Lecture by Prof. B. B. Bhattacharya Vice Chancellor, JNU on Ethics of Political Economy on 30 April 2010.

35. Bhabani Shankar Nayak, Research Fellow, Centre for Global Political Economy, University of Sussex, UK and Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU on Hindu Fundamentalism and the Spirit of Global Capitalism in Kalahandi district, Orissa On 08 January 2010.
36. Cathal McCall, School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy, Queen's University, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK on European Union Borders: Sites of Conflict Transformation on 09 April 2010.


38. Land-Use and Passenger Transport in Millennium Cities: Comparing Urban Governance in Gurgaon (India) and Sitta October (Egypt) on 05 March 2010.


42. Bikram Jeet Batra, Independent Lawyer and Fellow, New India Foundation on 'Rubber Stamp or Last Hope?: The Indian President and Mercy Petitions' – 16 January 2009.

43. Daniel Drache, Associate Director, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies and Professor of Political Science, York University on ‘Obama’s Stunning Victory: Winning and Loosing in an Internet Age’ – 19 February 2009.

44. Indo-French dialogue, in collaboration with Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi on 'Recent Trends in Public Policy Analysis in France and India' led by presentations by Dr Olivier Giraud, CNRS, Centre Marc Bloch and Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin and Dr. Navdeep Mathur, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad – 20 February 2009.

45. Kumaralingam Amir Thalinagam, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore on 'Criminal Law Reforms and the section 377 Debate' – 13 March 2009.

46. Simone Pulver, University of California Santa Barbara on 'Greening Oil Companies?: An analysis of Corporate Climate Change Strategies' – 20 March 2009.
47. Ms. Pompha Bushal, Hon'ble Minister of Administrative Restructing at Nepal delivered a talk on “The Need for Indo- Nepal Collaboration and Mutual learning on Administrative Reforms.” 2 April 2009

48. Prof. Robin Jeffery and Dr. Heather Neate (Australia-India Council) spoke on the “Rationale to develop research interaction on administrative reforms and pro-poor services” 4 April 2009

49. Ram Singh, Delhi School of Economics on ‘Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure’ – 17 April 2009.

50. Prof. Pal Ahluwalia, Vice Chancellor, University of Southern Australia spoke on “An Asia Pacific Collaborative Initiative on Islamic Studies” 1 September 2009

51. V. Santhakumar, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum spoke on Possibilities and Limits of ‘Dealer Politics’: Analyzing the Incentives of Elected Representatives to Improve Governance on Wednesday, 11 November 2009.

52. Shireen Hassim, University of Witswatersrand; & author of Contesting Authority: Women’s Organisations and Democracy in South Africa on Affirmative Action, “Women” and Politics in South Africa and India (in collaboration with Centre for Women’s Development Studies, New Delhi) on Wednesday, 25 November 2009.

53. Seema Kazi, Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance on Kashmir: War, Gender and the State, on 20 November 2009.

54. Umesh Jha, Wing Commander, IAF, Noida, U.P, on “Gender Discrimination in the Indian Armed Forces” 18 January 2008

55. Tony Blackshield, Professor Emeritus, Macquarie University, on “Pith and Substance” in the Characterization of Statutes: A Comparative Study “1 February 2008

56. Vinay Gidwani, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and the Institute for Global Studies, University of Minnesota on “War Machine: Development, Hegemony, and Hindutva In Gujarat”, 15 February 2008

57. Gail Pearson, Professor and Chair of Business Law , University of Sydney on ”Regulation and Citizenship through Financial Literacy, 29 February 2008

58. David T. Johnson, Professor of Sociology and Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Hawaii on “The Next Frontier: National Development, Political Change, and the Death Penalty in Asia, 14 March 2008

60. Orlanda Ruthven, Department of International Development, Oxford University on ‘Government Inspectors and Ethical Buyers Regulating Labour in Moradabad’s Metalware Industry’ – 11 April 2008.


63. Philippa Williams, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, on ‘Negotiating Identity and Agency in a North Indian “Muslim Mohalla”’, 5 September 2008.

64. C.V. Madhukar, Director, PRS Legislative Research, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi on ‘Parliament and MPs: Powerful or Powerless?’ – 19 September 2008.

65. Srimati Basu, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky on ‘Playing Off Courts: Negotiating Divorce and Violence In Courts, Police and Mediation Boards in Kolkata’ (organised in collaboration with Women's Studies Programme, JNU), 30 September 2008.


67. William Twining, Professor, University College London on ‘Implications of “Globalisation” for Law as a Discipline’ – 12 November 2008.

68. Stephanie Tawa Lama-Rewal, Senior Research Fellow, CSH and Niraja Gopal Jayal, Professor, JNU on ‘The Current Thinking on and Practice of Participation in the French and Indian democracies’ – 14 November, 2008.

69. Vinita Yadav on “Urban Governance”, April 9th & 11th, 2007

70. Sundhya Pahuja (Associate Professor, Melbourne, and Co-Director, Law and Development Research Programme, New Delhi) on “Law as Regulation in the global economy” 13 April 2007

71. Amita Baviskar, Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, on “Cows, cars and Cycle-Rickshaws: Bourgeois Environmentalists and the Battle for Delhi’s Streets”, August 31, 2007
72. Dinesh Sharma, Journalist and Fellow, New India Foundation, on “India's Passage to IT Stardom: A Roller coaster Ride” September 14th, 2007

73. Harish Damodaran, Senior Assistant Editor, Hindu Business Line, on “Banias and Beyond: Case, Business and Industry in Modern India” September 28th, 2007

74. Jishnu Das, Senior Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank, on “Learning and Educational Attainment in Punjab, Pakistan: Thoughts for Debate and Discussion” 12 October 2007


76. Dr. Mahendra P. Singh, Formerly Professor of Law, University of Delhi, on A Theory of Human Rights for India- The Role of Tradition and Reality, 1 September 2006

77. Bimol Akoijam, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, on Otherness of Self and its violence: Social Psychology of the Political, 8 September 2006

78. Dwijken Rangnekar, School of Law, University of Warwick, on “A Shrinking of the Public Domain in Agriculture: A Cartography of Contemporary Developments in Intellectual Property Rights in Plant Material”, 15 September 2006


80. Usha Ramanathan, Legal Scholar, on “Illegality, Encroachment and Displacement: Legislating Dispossession” 20 October 2006

81. Bikram Jeet Batra, Advocate and Researcher, on “Circus Maximum? Interrogating the Death Penalty in India” 17 November 2006

82. Dr. Philippe Cullet, Faculty of Law, SOAS, University of London, “Water Sector Reforms and Regulatory Changes: Recent Developments”, on 24 March 2006

83. Dr Anita Inder Singh, Visiting Fellow, CSLG, “Governance and Water Delivery in Delhi”, 17 March 2006

84. Prof. Michael Lavarch, Dean Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology, Indian and Australian Legislative Approaches to Anti-Terrorism, 06 March 2006.

85. Mr. U. C. Jha, Doctoral Student, CSLG, Military Justice System in India, 24February 2006.
86. Prof. Eleanor Fox, Professor of Trade Regulation, New York University School of Law, *Global Governance: The Case of Competition Law at the Intersection of Trade and Development*, 20 January 2006.


88. Prof. Duncan Bentley, Dean, Faculty of Law, Bond University, Australia, *Fighting for Taxpayers' Rights: The Global Legal Frontier*, 08 November 2005.


91. Dr. Uma Chakravarti, Historian, University of Delhi, *Sexual Governance, Family Codes and the Law*, 16 September 2005.


95. Prof. Michel Troper, Université Paris X – Nanterre, and Director of the Centre for the Theory of Right, *The Limits of the Rule of Law*, 12 August 2005.


98. Dr Suman Sahai, Gene Campaign, New Delhi spoke on *Panchayats, Farmers Rights and WTO* on 10 September 2004.

99. Mr. Vasant Sabharwal, Ford Foundation screened his documentary film *River Taming Mantras* followed by discussion on 03 September 2004.

100. Dr. Shekhar Singh, Centre for Equity Studies, New Delhi spoke on Community Participation in biod on 27 August 2004.

101. Mr. Harsh Mandar, Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU spoke on *Neo-liberal Perspective and the Poor* on 20 August 2004.
102. Dr. Ashwini Deshpande, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, spoke on *Identity and Exclusion: Liberalisation and Caste Disparity in India* on 02 April 2004.


105. Dr. Navroz Dubash, NIFPF, New Delhi talked on *The Role of Civil Society in Global Governance: An Exploration of Legitimacy and Authority in the World Commission on Dams* on 23 April 2004.

106. Dr. Shubhra Gururani, University of York, Toronto and Visiting Scholar, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU spoke on *Gendered Landscapes of Work and Leisure: Rethinking the Gender and Environment Debate* on 19 March 2004.

107. Dr. B. Rajagopal, M.I.T. and Visiting Fellow, CSLG spoke on *International Law from Below* on 05 March 2004.


112. Dr. Vicky Randall, University of Essex, U.K. spoke on *Party Institutionalization in Developing Countries* on 16 January 2004.

113. Dr. J.P.S. Uberoi, Delhi School of Economics, spoke on *Television and the Terror* on 07 November 2003.


116. Mr Videh Upadhyay, Visiting Fellow, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU spoke on *Panchayats, User Groups and Natural Resources in India* on 08 August 2003.
117. Dr. Girish Kumar, Centre des Sciences Humanes, New Delhi talked on *Decentralisation and State Politics: A Comparative Study of West Bengal and Maharashtra* on 02 August 2003.


121. Dr. Radhika Singha, JNU talked on *Policing the Badmash in Colonial India* on 28 March 2003.

122. Dr. Neela Mukherjee, Visiting Fellow at the Centre spoke on *Sustainable Livelihoods Analysis* on 07 March 2003.


128. Dr. Rajesh Tandon and Dr Ranjita Mohanty, PRIA delivered a talk on *Civil Society and Governance* on 08 November 2002.

129. Dr. Vasantha Muthuswamy of Deputy Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research spoke on *Biotechnology and Accountability* on 18 October 2002.

130. Mr. B G Verghese, Magsaysay Award Winner and former Editor, the Statesman spoke on *Water Issues and Hydro-Politics in India* on 04 October 2002.

131. Prof. Steven Macedo, Professor of Politics and Director of the University Centre for Human Values at Princeton University, USA spoke on *Public Values and Religious Diversity in Constitutional Perspective* on 31 January 2002.

133. Prof. Y. Dror, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Wolfson Chair in the Public Administration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem spoke on his new book Capacity to Govern on 11 October 2002.


136. Mr. Ajay S Mehta, Executive Director, National Foundation of India delivered a talk on Rethinking Voluntary Action, Community Participation & Property Relations on 06 September 2002.

137. Dr. Amita Singh of CSLG spoke on New Public Management on 26 March 2002.


139. Dr. Arvind Verma of the Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA spoke on The Indian Criminal Justice System: Challenges and Response on 08 January 2002.


141. Prof. Hans Schenk of Amsterdam Research Institute for Global Issues and Development Studies delivered a talk on Recent Policy on Delhi’s Slums on 12 December 2000.

142. Prof. Jay Drydyk of the Department of Philosophy, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada spoke on The Ethics of Development-induced Displacement on 30 April 2001.