

15th Annual South Asia Legal Studies Workshop

Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16, 2021



Note to participants about the workshop format: There will be no formal presentations at the workshop. Each session will feature a discussion of a short pre-circulated proposal or paper (10-12pp.), which attendees are expected to read in advance.

Note: The papers indicated with an * are incubator proposals. All others are short papers.

Times given are Central Standard Time, USA and Canada.

Day 1: Friday, October 15, 2021

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| 8:00-8:30 | Welcome and Instructions
Mitra Sharafi
<i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i> |
| 8:30-9:00 | “Constitutionalism Before the Constitution: Civil Liberties and the Rule of Law, 1935-50” *
Arudra Burra
<i>Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi</i>

Commentator: Uponita Mukherjee (Columbia University) |
| 9:00-9:15 | Break |
| 9:15-9:45 | “Courts Against Democracy: Judicial Power and Democratic Backsliding”
Yasser Kureshi
<i>University of Oxford</i> |

Commentator: Arudra Burra (Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi)

9:45-10:15 “The Development Dichotomy: Colonial India’s accession to the ILO’s
Governing Body (1919-1922)”
Thomas Gidney
The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)

Commentator: Manoj Mate (University of Windsor Faculty of Law)

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 “Adversarialism, Managerialism and Prosecutorial Action in Indian Trial
Courts” *
Arushi Garg
University of Sheffield

Commentator: Mitra Sharafi (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

11:00-11:30 "'O of High Rank, You are Entitled to Wear the Sacred Thread": Kayasthas,
and the Complications of Caste in the Indian Law Courts, 1860-1930'
Hayden Bellenoit
US Naval Academy (Annapolis)

Commentator: Zoya Sameen (University of Chicago)

End of day 1

Day 2: Saturday, October 16, 2021

8:30-9:00 “Re-narrating Cultural Rights in International Human Rights Law Using
Global South Epistemologies”
Raghavi Viswanath
European University Institute (Florence)

***Commentator: Arpeeta Shams Mizan (University of Dhaka/University of
Bristol Law School)***

9:00-9:30 “Order in the Bazaar: Legal Pluralism and Market Governance in
Afghanistan” *
Nafay Choudhury
University of Cambridge

Commentator: Nishant Gokhale (University of Cambridge)

9:30-9:45	Break
9:45-10:15	<p>“Does Bankruptcy Law Matter? Evidence from India” Dhruv Aggarwal <i>Yale University</i></p> <p><i>Commentator: Nafay Choudhury (University of Cambridge)</i></p>
10:15-10:45	<p>“Of ‘Thief Catchers’ and ‘Judges’: A Colonial Model of Public Prosecution” Uponita Mukherjee <i>Columbia University</i></p> <p><i>Commentator: Arushi Garg (University of Sheffield)</i></p>
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-11:30	<p>“Farmers, the WTO, and Development Norms in India”* Manoj Mate <i>University of Windsor Faculty of Law</i></p> <p><i>Commentator: Sumudu Atapattu (University of Wisconsin-Madison)</i></p>
11:30-12:00	<p>“Secularism as Fraternity” Farrah Ahmed <i>Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne</i></p> <p><i>Commentator: Saumyashree Ghosh (Princeton University)</i></p>
12:00-12:10	<p>Concluding Remarks Mitra Sharafi <i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i></p>
	<i>End of workshop</i>