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Title of Practice: Global Perspective

(Activity with a collaborative approach for exploring International and Comparative law)

Background:

The academician's life is entirely centred around research and lectures. One becomes overwhelmed due to demanding class schedules, administrative duties, and balancing curricular and extra-curricular events, research work, meetings, mentorship, and the like. So, a practice is needed to promote embracing diverse perspectives from around the world during one's educational pursuits to improve key competencies such as appropriate critical thinking abilities combined with culturally sensitive aptitude or adaptability – qualities generally regarded as essential requisites for success in our interconnected world.

International Cell at SLS Nagpur provides international exposure through different initiatives and targeted scholarships; new links with international partners; Develops and strengthens links with key institutions and agencies that promote knowledge transfer.

We at SLS-Nagpur, look at Guest Lectures, Seminars, Webinars, etc., as a platform where we partner with eminent personalities and use this platform to disseminate knowledge to facilitate "learning beyond the classroom" kind of an avenue. We hold regular guest lectures as a part of our curriculum so that students get practical and comparative insights into the diverse fields of law from renowned experts around the world in their respective fields. The rationale behind it being quite clear to prepare our students for the global professional world with the best of faculties within and outside the country.



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INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES

An
Introduction
to practicing
Fashion Law in
the U.S.



22 SEPT 2022



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JOAN BELLEFIELD DAVIS, ESQUIRE

LICENSED IN VIRGINIA AND NEW YORK
LLM FASHION LAW, LUISS UNIVERISTY SCHOOL OF LAW, ROME



Mr. Parth Sharma <parthsharma@slsnagpur.edu.in>

SLS Nagpur - International Lecture Series : "An introduction to practicing fashion law in U.S.A.", on 22 of September 2022 (Friday) at 6:30 pm (IST)

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Dear Learners.

Warm and Pleasant Greetings from Symbiosis Law School, NAGPUR!!

SLS, NAGPUR is determined to achieve its goal of producing an efficient lawyer, a truly cosmopolitan and responsible contributor to universal jurisprudence. It is indeed a pleasure for me to say that the institution has achieved its objective to a large extent and we intend to strive harder to ensure maximum achievement shortly. It has been the practice of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur to invite eminent academicians, accomplished professionals, and policymakers to share their views and experiences with our students

In continuation of our efforts in this direction, we are organizing an International lecture series. This series is an initiative from our side to allow you to interact and learn from the eminent personalities of international repute.

The International Cell of SLS, Nagpur is delighted to inform you that Joan Bellefield Davis, Esquire; will address the students of SLS Nagpur on the topic: An introduction to practicing fashion law in U.S.A., on the 22 September 2022 (Friday) at 6:30 pm (IST).

About the Resource Person:

- 1. Miss Joan Bellefield Davis, Esquire, is a licensed attorney in Virginia and New York with international training, having received an LLM in Fashion laws at Luiss University School of Law which is situated in Rome, Italy. Her law practice focuses on intellectual property transactions in the areas of entertainment, arts, publishing, music, fashion, and luxury goods law. Joan's diverse clients include fashion designers, authors, musicians, models, actors, actresses, inventors, photographers, event coordinators, visual artists, jewelry designers, and specialty boutiques.
- Joan frequently lectures on the world. She is a council Schroder Brooks Law Firm PLC. She was a
 managing partner at Schroder Davis PLC in addition to this she has worked with former Chief Justice Harry
 L. Carrico of the Supreme Court of Virginia, U.S.A.

In this lecture, she will discuss trademark registration, copyright registration, and counterfeits in the US. luxury goods market.

It is advised that read related material and come prepared which in turn will assist you in learning and understanding it better.

To know more about the Webinar Series and participating speakers, please visit https://www.slsnagpur.edu.in/webinars

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Symbiosis Law School Mail - SLS Nagpur - International Lecture Series : "An introduction to practicing fashion law in U.S.A.", on ...

The webinar will start at 06:30 pm on ZOOM. The link will be shared with you a day before. If you need further assistance, feel free to contact us.

Request you all to join the Webinar and look forward to your active participation.

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Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur Organized International Lecture Series

22nd September 2022

Taking forward its legacy of Internationalization Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a Guest Lecture of Joan Bellefield Davis, Esquire. Madam is a council at Schroder Brooks Law Firm PLC. In addition to this she has worked with former Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico of the Supreme Court of Virginia, U.S.A. She had addressed the students on the topic: An Introduction to practicing Fashion Law in U.S.A on 22nd September 2022 as a part of International Lecture Series.

Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director at SLS, Nagpur welcomed the Guest and thanked Miss. Joan Bellefield Davis for considering our invitation and agreeing to deliver a lecture on the emerging topic of Fashion Laws. The session was moderated by Ms. Shivangi Kurup, student of second year.

Ms. Joan highlighted the basics of fashion law with respect to trademark registration, copyright registration, and counterfeits in the U.S. luxury goods market. Fashion Laws in USA are very much intertwined with Intellectual Property Laws. She also discussed about how in the fashion business, the role of reputation is vital. The logo of the brand must be unique so that it's easy to spot it out. She discussed the famous case of "Christian Louboutin S.A. V. Yves Saint Laurent AM." which showed that uniqueness of a trademark is important because when a unique trademark gets registered, it gets secured beyond the acquiring of rights by using a mark.

Subsequently she moved on the topic of "Copyright Laws" and also provided an insight of what Copyright is and how they fall in the ambit of Fashion Laws. The Copyright Act provides protection for pictorial, Graphic and sculptural work which include two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of: fine, graphic and applied art then photographs, prints and art reproductions, maps and globes and Charts, diagrams, models and technical drawings. Along with Copyright she touched on the topic of Trade dress and separability and Design Laws. Trade dress is a 'total image and appearance of the product' it can include colour, shape, size, texture, particular sale technique. To get registered under trade dress one needs to be established and source identifier. She illustrated Trade Dress and Separability with the case of Star Athletica, L.L.C. v. Varsity Brands U.S. March 22, 2017. In the session she further mentioned that Unlike trademark, copyright laws protection under design is accessible. One doesn't need to have a big name or brand to get protection under design: the only ingredient that is needed is a meritorious piece of art. The procedure is very similar to that of Copyright but the design includes 3D prints, patterns, shapes.



She further asserted on the topic patents and the protection under it, there are two types of patent protection granted design patent and utility patent. Design patent for a garment can be done when the dress is innovative in the shape, colour, pattern, or entire product. To get a design patent the good has to be novel and something that has never existed before. In the case of Lululemon Athletica v. Calvin Klein: battle of yoga pants was a case that seemed a game changer for the fashion industry since patent lawsuits are hard to win in the apparel industry.

The Session proved to be an excellent learning platform for Law students across the country with a participation of more than 100+ attendees. The session was followed by the very exhibitaring and captivating Question & Answer session. **Prof. Ahmar Afaq** extended the formal vote of thanks.

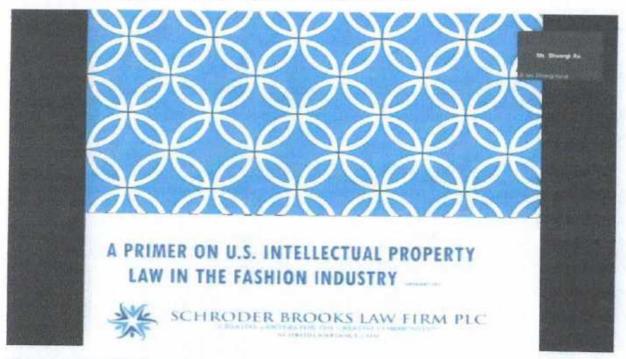


Miss Joan Bellefield Davis during the session.





Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari of SLS, Nagpur welcomed the Guest.



The topic covered in the event.





Miss Joan while addressing the students.



Prof Ahmar Afaq, faculty In-charge of International Cell giving the Vote of Thanks.

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Workshop
on
Fundamentals of
Academic Writing

Ms. Tiffany Williams

Former Judge & Assistant Professor, Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C

Wednesday, 07 December 2022 Time: 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm IST Room 205, SLS Nagpur



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SLS NAGPUR- Workshop on Fundamentals of Academic Writing by Ms. Tiffany Williams

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The International Cell of SLS, Nagpur is delighted to inform you that Ms. Tiffany Williams, Former Judge and Assistant Professor, at Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C. will be with us on campus and conduct the Workshop on 'Fundamentals of Academic Writing' on 07 December 2022 (Wednesday) from 02:00 pm to 03:00 pm (IST) in Room 205, SLS Nagpur.

Attendance is mandatory. Students are requested to remain seated 10 minutes before the commencement of the workshop.

To know more about the Webinar Series and participating speakers, visit the SLS Nagpur website.

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Looking forward to your active participation.

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Workshop on "Fundamentals of Academic Writing"

Date: 7th December, 2022

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur as part of its continuous efforts in providing quality legal education and exposure, organized a workshop on "Fundamentals of Academic Writing" for the L.L.M. students on 7th December 2022 from 02.00 pm onwards. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer, Former Judge and Assistant Professor at Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C., USA. The event was organized as part of its efforts towards internationalization of legal education undertaken by the International Cell, SLS Nagpur.

The workshop commenced with the introduction of Ms. Tiffany by Ms. Tanya Vats, a student of LL.M. Ms. During the Workshop, she conveyed the complexities of fundamental writing to the students through a special blend of lectures, discussions, and problem-solving activities. The session initiated a discussion on identifying a suitable topic for research. In addition to offering advice on how to select a topic that is appropriate for legal writing. Ms. Williams urged her students to trust their own judgment and choose topics that they were passionate about themselves. She advised keeping a record of any thoughts, ideas, and perspectives they may have and documenting in a journal to record thoughts as they come to you. After that, she instructed the students to choose a topic for their legal writing and to jot down a date on which they planned to start their research. She gave advice regarding the need for students to set and adhere to a deadline for finishing their research. She gave examples on issues that are pertinent in the United States of America including issues of racial discrimination, under-representation of women in the judiciary, etc. Her insights into the same gave the participants the required thrust in developing a critical approach in identifying the topic and addressing the contemporary socio-legal issues in society. SLAM



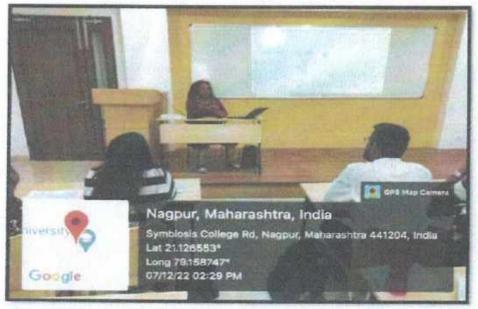
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The session was followed by a question-answer session where the students addressed their queries, which was addressed by the Ms. Tiffany. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks by Ms. Vaidehi Pareek, Assistant Professor. The workshop was conducted under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. The workshop was very well received by the students and provided guidance for their research

journey.



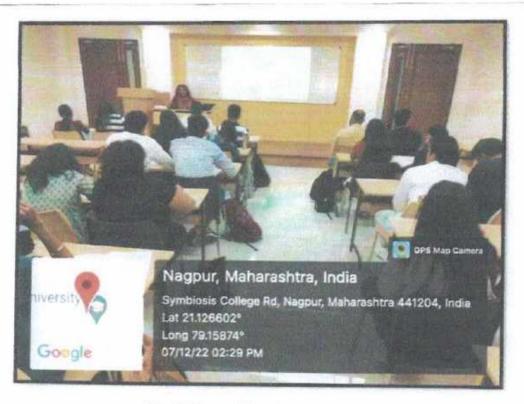
Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari welcoming Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer







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Ms. Tiffany addressing the students



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Training Workshop
on
Mooting &
Advocacy Skills

Ms. Tiffany Williams

Former Judge & Assistant Professor, Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C

Thursday, 08 December 2022

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm IST

Moot Court Hall, SLS Nagpur





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SLS NAGPUR- Training Workshop on Mooting & Advocacy Skills by Ms. Tiffany Williams

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The International Cell of SLS, Nagpur in collaboration with the Moot Court Association is delighted to inform you that Ms. Tiffany Williams, Former Judge and Assistant Professor, at Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C. will be with us on campus and conduct the training workshop on 'Mooting and Advocacy Skills' on 08 December 2022 (Thursday) from 09:30 am to 12:30 pm (IST) in Moot Court Hall.

To know more about the Webinar Series and participating speakers, visit the SLS Nagpur website.

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Training Workshop on "Mooting and Advocacy Skills"

Date: 8th December, 2022

Mooting and Advocacy skills are core skills for being a quality legal professional. In order to provide insight and train the students, the International Cell of Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur organized a Training Workshop on "Mooting and Advocacy Skills" on 8th December 2022 for the First-year students. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer, Former Judge and Assistant Professor at Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C. USA. The workshop was organized as part of its efforts towards the internationalization of legal education as well as equipping the students with the skills for their professional careers.

The workshop commenced with the introduction of Ms. Liffany by Ms. Nikitaa Bhardwaj, a First-year student of BBA LL.B. The Resource person was felicitated and welcomed by Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, In his welcome address. Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari emphasized how at the Institute since its inception in 2019, activities to provide global exposure to the students were conducted. He mentioned how even during the COVID-19 pandemic, initiatives through online lectures and workshops were continued as part of those efforts. He thanked Ms. Tiffany for her invaluable support in conducting the training workshop.

Ms. Tiffany began by elucidating the objectives of the workshop including providing insight in the lawyering skills in moot exercises and the purpose and process of legal writing. She provided a roadmap for students in honing their skills in oral and written communication. She emphasized how the writing must be persuasive which could be only undertaken after identifying the clients' interests, identifying the issue, and framing it appropriately. She additionally emphasized how as a lawyer one must value what the client values, and also explain to the client the same with reference to the applicable law and authorities. During the workshop, she used audio-visual content for the participants to reflect, review and evaluate the same as prospective legal





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professionals. As part of the moot exercise, she emphasized how the same along with oral advocacy skills are vital.

The session was followed by a question-answer session where the students addressed their queries, which were addressed by Ms. Tiffany. The session ended with a formal vote of thanks by Mr. Jimmy Jose, Assistant Professor. The workshop was conducted under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, More than 200 students attended the workshop. The workshop was very well received by the students.



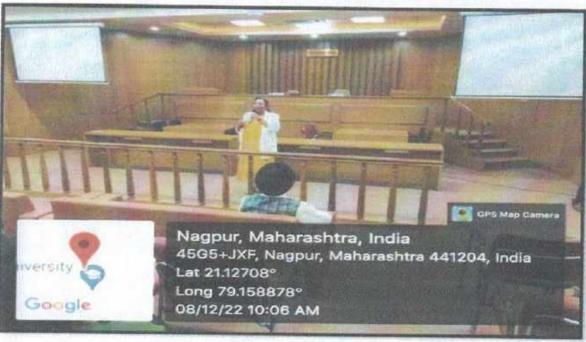
Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari felicitating Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer





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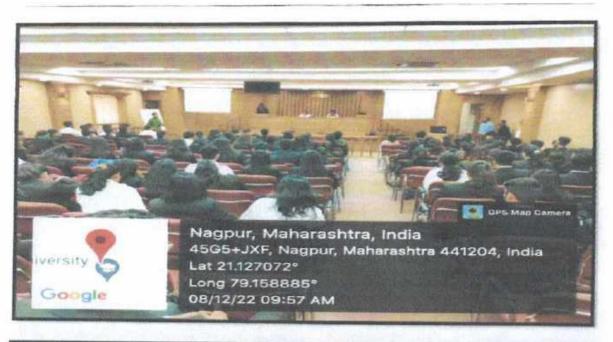








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Ms. Tiffany addressing the students

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Interaction of the faculty members with Ms. Tiffany Williams, Former Judge and Assistant Professor, Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C.

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Dear Faculty Members.

We are privileged to have Ms. Tiffany Williams, Former Judge and Assistant Professor, Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C. with us on 7th-8th December 2022.

About the Guest: Tiffany Williams Brewer is an Assistant Professor of Law teaching courses in Evidence, Professional Responsibility, Legislation & Regulation, and a seminar in Black Women & the Law. As a former New Jersey Administrative Law Judge, she inculcates her judicial experience into the classroom and the law school community. She has over 20 years of teaching experience as a full-time and adjunct professor in law and public administration at universities in California, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. She has also taught courses in Legal Writing, Administrative Law, and Trial Advocacy and has directed student programs focusing on externships, mock trials, and moot court. Her scholarly focus spans several areas of her professional expertise including, examining the intersectionality of racial justice, ethics and religion, gender equity, global women's leadership, and criminal justice reform for women and girls.

A faculty interaction with Ms. Williams is scheduled on Wednesday, 7th December 2022 from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. The interaction is to facilitate sharing of best practices and methodology for enriching the teaching-learning process.

The same will be followed with High tea.

All are kindly requested to be present for the same.

Thanks & Regards. Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari | Director SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL, NAGPUR

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Faculty Interaction with Ms. Tiffany William Brewer

Date: 7th December, 2022

As part of the two-day visit of Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer. Former Judge and Assistant Professor at Howard University School of Law. Washington D.C. USA, a faculty interaction was organized on 7th December 2022. The interaction was organized to facilitate sharing of best practices and methodology for enriching the teaching-learning process.

Ms. Tiffany gave a brief presentation on "Engaging with the 21st Century Change Agents in the Classroom". During her presentation, she brought out the changes in the students in the classroom unique and distinct from their counterparts a decade ago. She highlighted how the generation of the students is one with passion, compassion, and questions, and challenges to the status quo. Additionally, their command over technology provides them with unlimited potential. She highlighted how the same also put forward certain challenges to engage and empower them. She provided some experiences and practices that she undertook to ensure the students are engaged and involved in the classroom teaching-learning process. She emphasized how as faculties we must remain relevant and remain abreast with global legal and societal issues. She further mentioned how varied assessment techniques help students discover issues, and identify their passion and purpose. The same then faculties must support it and be aligned with their legal career.

The session was followed by a discussion with the faculties exchanging best practices undertaken at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur in providing a conducive learning environment. The practice of having different and diverse assessment components for students to have deep learning facilitating better involvement and engagement with the curriculum was highlighted. The session ended with Ms. Tiffany appreciating the efforts undertaken at Symbiosis International (Deemed University) and particularly at Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.





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Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer interacting with the faculties



Group photograph with Ms. Tiffany Williams Brewer

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Welcomes the dignitaries to the MOU signing ceremony between

Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune & Villa College, Maldives.



Dr. Ali NajeebVice Rector, Villa College,
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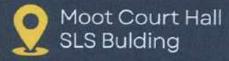


Ms. Asna Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Sharia and Law, Villa College, Maldives



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Report on MoU Signing Ceremony (March 17, 2023)

The partnership is an opportunity to address common interests and foster greater understanding. With the similar goal, SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), PUNE-INDIA and VILLA COLLEGE, MALDIVES have entered into the Memorandum of Understanding. The signing ceremony for the same was organized by the Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur on March 17, 2023. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Dr. Ali Najeeb, Vice-Rector, Villa College, Maldives, Ms. Asna Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Sharia and Law, Villa College, Maldives and Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.

Based on the principles of equity and reciprocity, the MoU sets out the general framework for the establishment of an academic link and cooperation between the parties and to facilitate the detailed discussions on the scope of the academic link and cooperation. The scope of collaboration on academic research activities include the following categories:

- Academic and research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest;
- Exchange of academic information, scholarly information and academic materials;
- · Exchange of faculties and students; and
- Sponsorship of cooperative seminars, seminars and other academic activities.

The ceremony started with the welcome address delivered by Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, where he welcomed both the guests and briefed them about the internationalization at SIU. It was followed by the screening of the Symbiosis film to showcase the rich history and vision of our chancellor. Post that both the guests were felicitated by Dr. Sukhvinder Singh dari.





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Professor Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, International Cell, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur briefed the audience about the MoU, the joint events already undertaken and opportunities this MoU will open for the faculty and the students. Then the visiting dignitaries signed the MoU in the presence of gathering of more than 250 including faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Ali Najeeb in his address highlighted the fact that both the universities are very different in number of things. He pointed that the infrastructure, number of students, and experience are major differences between the two universities but the thing that is common and most important is the quality education with focus on holistic development of the students and research culture with the goal of providing back to the society. He emphasized that this MoU will be great experience for both the institutes and pave the way for greater good.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Jimmy Jose, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur, where he thanked the dignitaries, faculty and staff, students and volunteers for their presence and support. The ceremony was anchored by Ms. Gabriela Michael. The ceremony ended with the national anthem of both the countries.

Post that the visiting dignitaries had an interaction with the Student Council and the Teaching staff of Symbiosis Law School Nagpur. The interaction witnessed a great exchange of ideas and the zeal to work together in the near future. In the evening a cultural night showcasing the varied culture of the great nation was organized for the visiting dignitaries. They were mesmerized by the performance of the students and were all praise for the student participation in the events at campus.

The visiting dignitaries were awed by the beauty of the campus and the hospitality rendered to them.





Dignitaries at the signing ceremony Dr. Ali Najeeb, Vice-Rector, Villa College, Maldives, Ms. Asna Ahmed, Dean, Faculty of Sharia and Law, Villa College, Maldives, Prof. Ahmar Afaq Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur. and Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari, Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.





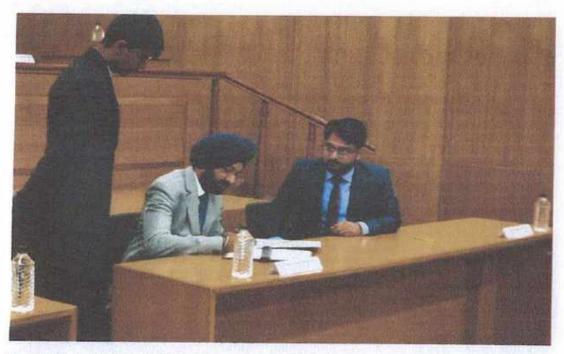


Dr. Ali Najeeb, Vice-Rector, Villa College, Maldives receiving the memento at the hands of Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari. Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur.



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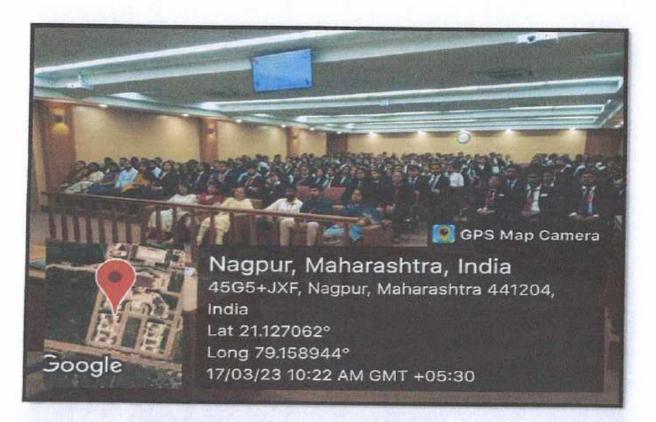


Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari. Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur signed MoU



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We are excited to invite you to an International virtual Lecture featuring Mr. Salvatore Tolone Azzariti, Professor at Oxford University and Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. The lecture will take place on April 13, 2023, at 18:00 IST and will be accessible virtually on the Zoom platform.

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Mr. Tolone Azzariti holds a PhD in private law from the University of Rome, and has taught at several prestigious institutions around the world. He is currently a Professor of private law at Oxford University, and a Professor of private law at the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina. He had addressed the students on the topic: Accidentalia Negotii & Modern Dynamics of Patrimonial Rights on April 13, 2023 as a part of International Lecture Series.

Prof. Ahmar Afaq, Faculty In-charge, International Cell, SLS Nagpur welcomed the Guest and thanked Mr. Salvatore Tolone Azzariti for considering our invitation and agreeing to deliver a lecture on such an interesting topic. The session was moderated by Mr. Prateek Singh, student of second year.

Prof. Azzariti highlighted the basics of Accidentalia Negotii & Modern Dynamics of Patrimonial Rights with respect to world at large. Accidentalia Negotii is a Latin phrase that means "incidental aspects of a legal transaction." He also referred how these ideas to numerous conditions or occurrences that are not part of the essential terms of a contract but may nonetheless impact the parties' rights and duties. He also explained the following concept with an example: Incidental features of a legal transaction include the timing of a payment, the occurrence of an unexpected event, or the occurrence of a change in circumstances. In such instances, the law may order the parties to amend the contract's terms or compensate one of the parties.

Subsequently he moved on the topic of "Modern Dynamics of Patrimonial Rights" and also provided an insight of what Modern Dynamics of Patrimonial Rights is and how these two concepts are intervened with each other. He explained these concepts though what is happening in today's fast-paced, linked world, and how patrimonial rights are vulnerable to a variety of complicated and dynamic elements that might impact their value and enforceability. Due to technological advancements, global economic movements, and changes in legal and regulatory frameworks are among these drivers. As a result, contemporary legal systems have had to evolve



in order to keep up with these developments and guarantee that patrimonial rights are safeguarded efficiently and effectively. The process of interpreting and using the idea of Accidentalia Negotii can be complex and difficult according to him because of said reason. The requirement to preserve the interests of the parties concerned must be balanced with the need to guarantee that legal transactions are efficient and effective manner. In real world practice according to him, this necessitates thorough analysis of the facts of each case, as well as knowledge of the legal and regulatory frameworks that govern the transaction.

The session was followed by the very exhilarating and captivating Question & Answer session in which he dealt with a number of questions posed by the student who were present in the virtual lecture. He defined the difference between the limitations and challenges of using Accidentalia Negotii to determine patrimonial rights in the current legal landscape. As well as other intriguing question put forth before him.

The Session proved to be an excellent learning platform for Law students across the country with a participation of more than 100+ attendees. Prof. Ahmar Afaq (Faculty in-charge of International Cell) extended the formal vote of thanks to the professor Salvatore Tolone Azzariti.



Dr. Azzariti during the session.





Prof. Ahmar Afaq, SLS, Nagpur welcomed the Guest.



Dr. Azzariti during the event.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Day 1	Opening Ceremony	
09:00	Recitation of the Holy Quran	Ms. Raaya Husein (LLB, University of the West of England, Villa College)
09:05	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Ali Najeeb Vice Rector, Villa College
09:15	Remarks by NDI	Mr. Nasheeth Thoha Program Manager (Maldives), NDI
09:30	Keynote Address	Dr. Marium Jabyn Co-Founder and Chairperson, ERI
09:45	High-Level Panel Discussion on: 'People-Focused' access to justice in the Maldives' Panelists:	Moderator: Mr. Amish Abdullah, Lecturer, Executive Advisor, Law Society, Villa College



10:30	1. Uz. Ahmed Muizzu, Former Prosecutor General, Chief Judge of the Criminal Court and Distinguished Lawyer 2. Uz. Maumoon Hameed, First President of the Bar Council of the Maldives and Distinguished Lawyer 3. Ms. Samaau Ahmed Najeeb, Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of the Maldives. Remarks by Chief Guest	Uz. Ismail Wisham
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10:45	CITY, University of London, UK Deliberation	Dr. Enrico Bonadio, Reader, CITY, University of London, UK
11:00	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Amish Abdullah, Lecturer, FSL, Villa College
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	Rule of law / Governance and access	1. Ms. Rosaline Seo
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	 Accessible Justice: 	General Director of International
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		2. Ms. Shilan Shah-Davis,
	2. Special Economic Zones: A	Associate HoD, Bristol Law School,
	Conceptual Analysis of the	University of the West of England,
	Working, Legal and	United Kingdom.
	Regulatory Framework of the	
	SEZ Zones and Units.	3. Mr. Nasheeth Thoha, Program
	- Ms. Ruchira Kaur	Manager, National Democratic
	Bali,	Institute (NDI),
	Ireland	Maldives
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3.	The Rule of Law as a
	Protector of Human Dignity:
	A caution against rule by law.
	- Mr. Marc Rhys
	Johnson, Mr. Samson
	Jose,
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	United Kingdom

- 4. The Sixth Amendment to Employment Act of Maldives and its effect on Access to Justice for Senior
 - Management Employees
 Mr. Shahim Saleem,

Maldives

- Emergence and Development of Constitutional Tort through Judicial Activism in Bangladesh
 - Dr. Arif Ahmed,

Bangladesh

- Great Expectations for Lawyer Ethics in the Maldives: Perspectives on Regulating Lawyer Ethics under the 2019 Legal Profession Act.
 - Ms Nazahath Ahmed

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	Breaking the Cycle of Retaliation: Safeguarding Witnesses in Criminal Cases" - Ms. Sandhra M Pillai,
	India
	2. Developments in the

Prayer Break

Facilitators:

1. Prof. Dr. Azimkhan Pathan

Professor and Head of the Department, School of Law GD Goenka University, NCR Delhi Gurugram.

- Mr. Hamza Khan, Assistant Professor, Presidency University
- Mr. Muruthala Moosa, Managing Director, Advocating for the Rights of



 Dr. Marium Jabyn, Yasmeen Shamaal

Maldives

- Freedom of Conscience, No Freedom to Convert: Weaponizing the Anti-Conversion Laws in India to Fuel Anti-Minority Politics
 - Dr. Tauheed Alam, Dr. Faisal Ahmed Khan

India

 Human Rights Violation and Discrimination Against People with Mental Disorders

Ms. Asma Maryam

India

- Critical Analysis of Access to Justice for Women in India with Special Reference to Marital Rape - An Unrecognised Crime
 - Mrs. Saloni Tyagi Shrivastava

India

- Leaving No One Behind: A Comprehensive Approach to the Rights of Migrant Workers
 - Mr. Harish Yadav

India

Children (ARC)

 Uza. Aishath Ifadha, Program Specialist, Equal Rights Initiative (ERI)

	Technical Session III
13:45-14:45	Technical Session III Abuse of power: Arbitrary actions /
	Human Rights

- 'Bulldozing the Rule of Law': A Situational Analysis of Arbitrary State Actions in India - A Blindsided Trend"
 - Ms. Shilan
 Shah-Davis,

Ms. Ananya Das

Facilitators:

1. Dr. Aarti karnawat,

Asst. Prof. Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur,

India

2. Mr. Jimmy Jose



India

- "Putting People First: Instigating a Holistic Approach to Remove Abusive Political Influence to Access Justice"
 - Mr. Mohamed Dhiaam Haneef,

Ms. Mariyam Nashath

Maldives

- Beyond Barriers: Innovative Solutions for Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Women in the Maldives
 - Ms. Ashiyath Alaika Adhnan, Mr. Ibrahim Hazum

Maldives

- Comparative Analysis of India and Maldives in The Realm of Disability Rights and Laws
 - Mr. Aadit Saharya

India

- 5. From Criminalization to Decriminalization: A Global Perspective of Abortion Laws
 - Ms. Dyuti Dholakia, Ms. Tarazi Mohammed Sheikh

Bangladesh

- Right to Information as A Human Right and its Development in India
 - Mr. Nakul Rajpurohit, Ms.Pooja Baghel

India

Asst. Prof. Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur,

India

- 3. Ms. Batool Zahoor Qazi, Program Specialist, ERI
- Uza. Humadha Ahmed, Head of the Maldives Office, Program Director, American Bar Association (ABA) Maldives



14:45-15:00 South Korea Contribution, HWPL	Mr. Jaden Lee, Coordinator, HWPL, South Korea
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09:00-09:15	Overview of Day 1	Dr. Marium Jabyn Co-Founder and Chairperson, ERI
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09:45-10:30	Panel Discussion 2: "Access to Justice for the Underprivileged" Panelists: 1. Ms. Amani Onyango, Family Legal Clinic (FLC) 2. Ms. Fathimath Roona, Juvenile Justice Expert 3. Mr. Muruthala Moosa, Advocating the Rights of Children (ARC) 4. Mr. Ahmed Irufan, Assistant Director, HRCM 5. Mr. Ahmed Shifau, Legal Aid Consultant, AGO	Moderator: Uza. Aishath Ifadha, Program Specialist, Equal Rights Initiative (ERI), Maldives
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	Freedom of rights 'Then' and 'Now': Comparative analysis of the	2. Dr Fazeela Ibrahim,



impact of Constitution of Maldives 2008 on fundamental rights.

> Mr. Mohamed Zaheen, Mr. Amish Abdullah

Maldives

- People focused Access to Justice with reference to Vulnerable Groups
 - Ms. Srishti Shamdasani, Ms. Soniya Anandani

India

- Analysis of Judicial Decisions
 Pertaining to Right to Information in India.
 - Ms. Alina Tamkeen Shams,
 Ms. Varsha Khowala

India

- Stabilization Clause: Security to investors or Threat to Global Justice
 - Dr. Aditee Godbole, Dr. Prashant Dhage, Parth Sharma, Vaidehi Pareek

India

- Comparative Analysis of Rule of Law: A reflection on we the people and beyond
 - Mr. Siddharth Ranka

India

Research Associate, Villa College, Maldives

- 3. Ms. Nabeela Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, Christ University, India
- 4. Mr. Muruthala Moosa, Managing Director, Advocating for the Rights of Children (ARC), Maldives

Technical Session V

11:30-12:30

Technical Session V Access to Justice vis-à-vis Technology

- Use of Social Media for Boycott Movement and Legal Framework in India
 - Dr. Deepti Khubalkar, Dr. Shilpa Sharma

India

- Digitalisation and access to justice: Analysing a European Model Framework
 - Mr. Avinash Singh

Facilitators:

 Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Imran.

> Professor and Associate Director, Chandigarh University, Mohali-Punjab

India

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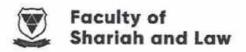
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BACKGROUND

Over the past two decades, the Maldives has placed significant focus on enhancing legal and justice sector reform, however, access to justice, particularly for vulnerable groups, appears to be far from achieved. While access to justice is key to the rule of law, and human rights, and protection of vulnerable groups, such as children, persons with disabilities and migrant workers must receive special attention from the State, priorities appear to be unclear on a national level. People-focused strategies and initiatives to tackle issues and address challenges, are still missing, and continue to affect access to justice significantly in the Maldives. Amongst key reasons identified in past studies, lack of knowledge of the law, awareness of rights, and pervasive discrimination against certain groups, are key obstacles to accessing justice in the Maldives. Procedural and geographical



barriers also prevent victims and vulnerable groups from accessing services in the capital and city regions, and lawyers from traveling to remote islands to provide legal services. Thus, affordability of travel and legal fees adds to the accessibility of receiving timely legal services and justice. Lack of services and affordability of services therefore present a significant barrier for vulnerable groups, such as women, who note that the number one reason affecting access to justice for them is the lack of access to lawyers, followed by difficulties in filling service and court application forms. A large percentage of the surveyed population of women also confirm that access to legal information presents a key barrier, and that this prevents them from pursuing protections and legal remedies otherwise guaranteed in the law. Women also note that lack of awareness of the system and the cost of legal services also present key challenges for women in accessing justice. Given the high cost of legal services, and lack of economic independence of women, an overwhelming seventy per cent of women indicate that they choose an out of court settlement and decide not to pursue legal action in a court.

Despite constitutional prohibitions on any form of discrimination based on gender, there are pervasive and continuing gender inequalities in the legal and justice system in the Maldives. This also includes the laws in effect, that directly and indirectly discriminate against women, or create a position of vulnerability for women by the implementation of the law. Key examples of such laws directly discriminating against women include the Family law Act and the Sexual Offences Act. Thus, while the Constitution has facilitated progressive legislative developments in the Maldives, there is a lack of policy and strategy to address the gender bias in the system.

Through NSAP 2019-2023, the Maldives Government committed to enhance access to justice by creating legislation, procedural laws, regulations, strengthening capacities of professionals, and implementing databases to strengthen case management. The Government has successfully created and amended a significant number of laws including, civil procedure code, evidence act, criminal procedure code, since 2019, and is currently conducting capacity building for legal professionals working for the State and the judiciary. Multiple data and/or case management systems are in the development stage and are yet to be fully developed and functioning, before a proper impact assessment can be done.

The conference will see the launching of ERI's Access to Justice after NSAP 2019-2023 Reforms - Political Process Monitoring Study Report, and will include paper presentations on the progress made in advancing access to justice nationally and internationally, particularly in relation to the efficiency of legal and judicial services, access to legal information, accessibility to the system, and the provision of legal aid in the Maldives mirroring it to the international, and challenges faced in accessing justice globally.

THEME

This Call for editorials is for contributions to the conference themed: "Implementing People-Focused Access to Justice"

Sub Themes:



- · Access to justice
- · Rule of law
- · Human Rights
- · Abuse of power and arbitrary actions
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- · Rights of migrant workers
- · Governance and access to justice
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⁷ UNDP, Research on Maldives Women's Access to Justice 2017 (n 2) 27–28.



¹ See United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Access to Justice Assessments in the Asia Pacific: A Review of Experiences and Tools from the Region (UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, Bangkok, February 2012); UNDP, Sharing Experience in Access to Justice — Engaging with Non-State Justice Systems & Conducting Assessments, Access to Justice Week Summary of Presentations and Discussions, October 2010 (UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, Bangkok, January 2012).

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³ UNDP, Research on Maldives Women's Access to Justice 2017 (n 2) 53.

⁴ Ibid. 53.

⁵ Ibid. 53.

⁶ Ibid. 46.

Despite constitutional prohibitions on any form of discrimination based on gender, there are pervasive and continuing gender inequalities in the legal and justice system in the Maldives. This also includes the laws in effect, that directly and indirectly discriminate against women, or create a position of vulnerability for women by the implementation of the law. Key examples of such laws directly discriminating against women include the Family law Act and the Sexual Offences Act. Thus, while the Constitution has facilitated progressive legislative developments in the Maldives, there is a lack of policy and strategy to address the gender bias in the system.

Through NSAP 2019-2023, the Maldives Government committed to enhance access to justice by creating legislation, procedural laws, regulations, strengthening capacities of professionals, and implementing data bases to strengthen case management. The Government has successfully created and amended a significant number of laws including, civil procedure code, evidence act, criminal procedure code, since 2019, and is currently conducting capacity building for legal professionals working for the State and the judiciary. Multiple data and/or case management systems are in the development stage and are yet to be fully developed and functioning, in order for a proper impact assessment to be done.

The conference will be the ideal platform to launch the final monitoring project, and discuss more broadly amongst stakeholders, the progress made in advancing access to justice, particularly in relation to the efficiency of legal and judicial services, access to legal information, accessibility to the system, and the provision of legal aid in the Maldives.

II. OBJECTIVES

ERI and Villa College is organising a one-day conference on 20 April 2023, in Male, Maldives, and in hybrid mode to allow for maximum participation, to discuss how the Maldives is progressing in its justice sector reform commitments more broadly, and will contribute to enhancing efficiency, transparency, accountability and inclusiveness of the legal and justice system in the Maldives and advancing equal access to justice for all.

The conference aims to:

1) Build awareness and dialogue on provision of legal aid and equal justice issues.

¹¹ United Nations General Assembly, Human Rights Council Twenty-Third Session, Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers (Mission to the Maldives), Gabriela Knaul, (A/HRC/23/43/Add.3), 21 May 2013, 17.



⁸ See generally, M Jabyn, Local Implications of International Human Rights Treaties: The Impact of a CEDAW Right to Public Life in the Republic of Maldives (Doctor of Philosophy thesis, University of Waikato, New Zealand 2016).

⁹ Marium Jabyn, Advancing Justice Interests and Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups through Clinical Legal Education, Jindal Global Law Review (2020)11(2), 271-288, at 273.

¹⁰ Ibid, 273.

- Define the needs and strategies to build capacities of professionals to ensure service delivery and equal justice.
- Improve the accountability of state in fulling its commitments toward reform in access to justice made in the 2019-2023 Strategic Action Plan.
- 4) Improve access to public information, efficiency, and fairness in the courts.

III. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

At the end of the conference the following objectives are to be achieved:

- Professional and expert level exchanges on the challenges to effectively implement the 2019-2023 NSAP, including an enhanced understanding of the requirements of the NSAP.
- 2) Exchange of good practices and shared experiences on creating and implementing people-focused access to justice initiatives, and measures for capacity building of members of the judiciary and training for legal professionals to ensure clientresponsive approach to access to justice, including women victims of violence.
- Dissemination of the ERI Access to Justice after NSAP 2019-2023 Reforms Study among professionals and educational institutions.
- Increased networking and contacts among professionals as well as with other relevant stakeholders.

IV. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

The conference will bring together stakeholders to analyse key justice sector issues and concepts, and the level of implementation of the NSAP. The representatives will discuss and highlight issues and challenges encountered at the international and local level on the subject and identify avenues to seek expertise and collaboration from other experts and stakeholders.

The conference will be a one-day hybrid conference and will focus on two main objectives:

First, to discuss more broadly on access to justice issues in the Maldives via-

- a. Panel discussion,
- b. Call for papers (editorials),
- c. Publication of the conference proceedings, and

Secondly, launching Access to Justice Political Process Monitoring Report.

V. PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Approximately 70 participants, including:



- Representatives from the State institutions including Ministries, independent human rights institutions and oversight bodies, gender equality bodies, educational institutions, judges, prosecutors, attorneys, private bar, law associations and other organisations of legal professionals, etc.
- Representatives of civil society and international development organisations dealing with access to justice, rule of law, democracy, effective judicial systems, gender equality and prevention and protection of vulnerable groups in the Maldives.
- Legal experts from local public and private sector, including civil society, media, international and regional organisations, academics, etc.

VI. CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

Working language for the conference will be English and Dhivehi.





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Invitation for the International conference on 'IMPLEMENTING PEOPLES-FOCUSED ACCESS TO JUSTICE'

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Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 3:32 AM

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Dear attendees.

Greetings from Villa College Law Society on behalf of Villa College, Equal Rights Initiative and Symbiosis Law School Nagpur!

This is a reminder about the upcoming two-day International conference on 'IMPLEMENTING PEOPLES-FOCUSED ACCESS TO JUSTICE', organized by Villa College Faculty of Shariah and Law, Maldives in collaboration with Symbiosis Law School Nagpur, Symbiosis International University, Equal Rights Initiative Maldives, and supported by USAID (United States Agency International Development) and NDI (National Democratic Institute). The conference will be held on April 19-20, 2023, from 9:00 - 15:00 Hrs. Maldives time. We would be honored to have you join us for this important event.

We are pleased to inform you that the upcoming International conference on 'IMPLEMENTING PEOPLES-FOCUSED ACCESS TO JUSTICE' has received a great response with 195 global participants from 15 countries attending the event. The papers presented during the conference will be published under an international publication, providing a great opportunity for the participants to showcase their work to a wider audience.

As a participant, you will also be awarded a certificate of participation, which will serve as a testament to your contribution towards the event. Additionally, the conference offers an excellent platform to network and connect with like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds and countries.

We have attached the agenda for the conference for your reference. We hope you will be able to attend this exciting event and contribute to the discourse on access to justice.

Thank you, and we look forward to your participation.

Best regards.



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Invitation to chair a technical session virtually at the International conference: IMPLEMENTING PEOPLE-FOCUSED ACCESS TO JUSTICE

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Sun, Apr 16, 2023 at 5:27 PM

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Greetings on behalf of Villa College Faculty of Shariah and Law, Equal Rights Initiative Maldives and Symbiosis Law School Nagpur!

Dear Professor,

We are delighted to invite you to the international conference for chairing a technical session co-organised by Villa College Faculty of Shariah and Law, Maldives, Equal Rights Initiative Maldives, and Symbiosis Law School Nagpur, with USAID and NDI support on 19 - 20th of April.

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- 2. two on-site chairpersons who will be co-chairing the session with online chairs.

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Please reply to this mail to confirm your participation. It will be an honour hosting you for the conference.

Thanks!







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SLS Nagpur - To present research paper at International Conference on 'Implementing People-Focussed Access to Justice'

Director SLS Nagpur <director@slsnagpur.edu.in>
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Mon. Apr 10, 2023 at 10:19 AM

Dear Team,

Warm and pleasant greetings!

Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur is collaborating with Faculty of Shariah and Law, Villa College Maldives, for an upcoming International Conference on 'Implementing People-Focussed Access to Justice.' The conference is also supported by esteemed organizations such as USAID and National Democratic Institute (NDI).

The conference is scheduled for 19-20 April 2023 and provides an excellent platform for you to discuss and present your work on the given theme. I believe that your research and expertise in this field will add immense value to the conference and will contribute towards addressing the issues related to access to justice.

I request you to present your research paper at the conference. I also urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and share your valuable insights with a wider audience.

Kindly confirm your interest in participating in the conference and presenting your research paper at the earliest.

Registration Form: https://lnkd.in/gZ7e5G7f

Looking forward to your positive response and active participation in this prestigious conference.

Best Regards,

Dr. Sukhvinder Singh Dari | Director

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