



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
ROUNDTABLE ON
JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND INDEPENDENCE: INDIAN EXPERIENCE IN
A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

Dates: 2-3 November 2018

Venue: Jindal Global Educational and Professional Academy, NTH Complex, A2
Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Friday, 2 November

Registration: 9am-9:30am

Welcome: 9:30am-9:45am

Prof Ranbir Singh, Vice Chancellor, National Law University Delhi
Prof C Raj Kumar, Vice Chancellor, OP Jindal Global University
Prof Adrienne Stone, President, Executive Committee, International Association of
Constitutional Law

Session I: 9:45am-11am – Understanding and Measuring Judicial Independence

Moderator: Surya Deva, Associate Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong
Kong

Kim Lane Scheppele, Professor, Woodrow Wilson School, USA [[via Skype?](#)]
What Should Judges Be Independent From?

Sergei A Belov, Associate Professor, St. Petersburg State University, Russia
Measuring the Judicial Independence: Methodological Approaches

Tea break: 11am-11:30am

Session II: 11:30am-1pm – Models and Theories of Judicial Appointments

Moderator: Kamala Sankaran, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu National Law University, India

Shimon Shetreet, Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Legitimacy and Constitutionality of Methods of Judicial Appointments: Theories and Realities of Democratic Accountability, Judicial Independence and Quality of justice

Upendra Baxi, Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Warwick and University of Delhi, India
Demosprudence and Diarchy in Indian Judicial Appointments: Beyond the NJAS Decision?

Lunch: 1pm-2pm

Session III: 2pm-3:30pm – Reviewing the Procedure and Practice of the Judicial Appointment in India

Moderator: Manoj Kumar Sinha, Director, India Law Institute, India

Mahendra Pal Singh, Visiting Professor, National Law University Delhi, India
Securing Independence and Competence of Judiciary in India through Procedure of Appointment

Khagesh Gautam, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Law School, India
The Use of Basic Structure Doctrine in the Fourth Judges Case: Some Critical Comments

Lalit Ajmani, Advocate, Delhi High Court
Quality of the Qualifiers: A Comprehensive Study of the Parameters of the Judicial Appointments

Visit to Supreme Court and Reception at Indian Law Institute: 3:30pm-6:30pm
[only for foreign delegates]

Saturday, 3 November

Special address

Hon'ble Mr Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri, Judge, Supreme Court of India
Title TBC

Session IV: 9:30am-11am – Representative Judiciary

Moderator: Adrienne Stone, Professor, Melbourne Law School, Australia

Uday Shankar, Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law,
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
*Female Judges in the Constitutional Courts: Influence of Gender on Judicial Decision
Making*

Manwendra Kumar Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Dr Ram Manohar Lohiya National
Law University, Lucknow
Need for a Representative Judiciary and Its Effects

Tea break: 11am-11:30am

Session V: 11:30am-1pm – Comparative Perspectives from Africa and Asia

Moderator: Helle Krunke, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Charles Fombad, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Judicial Appointment Practices in Africa: A Comparative Overview of Recent Trends

David Bilchitz, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
Judicial Appointments in South Africa: Have the Constitutional Provisions Performed?

Han Dayuan, Professor, Renmin University of China Law School, Beijing, China
China's Judicial Independence and Judge Selection System

Lunch: 1pm-2pm

Session VI: 2pm-3:30pm – Comparative Perspectives from Latin America

Moderator: TBC

César Landa, Professor, Pontificia Universidad Católica Del Perú, Peru
Justice and Politics in Peru: The Appointment of Judges

José M Serna, Professor, National University of Mexico, Mexico
Judicial Appointments and Independence: A Mexican Perspective

Tea break: 3:30pm-4pm

Session VII: 4pm-5:30pm – Comparative Perspectives from Europe

Moderator: TBC

Rosa Maria Fernandez Riveira, Associate Professor, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain

Cornerstone amid Judicial Independence. The Procedures to Appoint Judges: Spain and the United Kingdom's Models

Bertrand Mathieu, Professeur agrégé des facultés de droit

Conseil supérieur de la magistrature ou Conseil de justice? Réflexion sur la gestion de la justice à partir de la situation française

Closing: 5:30pm-5:45pm

Dinner: 6pm-7pm