



International Conference
On

South Asian Perspectives on Environmental Protection and Forest Rights: Emerging Trends and Practices

Mathura, Kathmandu, Cumilla, 24-25 March 2023

Virtual

24 – 25 March 2023

Full Programme

Day 1: 9 am-5 pm

Inaugural Session: 9 – 10 am (Indian Standard Time)

<https://meet.google.com/ksi-trky-jxk>

- 9 – 9:05 am** Welcome remarks: Dr. D.N. Parajuli, Campus Chief, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
- 9:05 – 9:40 am** Keynote address: Maj Gen Nilendra Kumar, Head – Lex Consilium Foundation; Executive President – Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi.
- 9:40 – 9:45 am** Vote of thanks: Dr Abhishek Trivedi, Assistant Professor, ILSR, GLA University
- 9:45 – 10 am** Tea break:

Technical Sessions

10 – 11:30 am **Day 1, Panel I: Environmental Protection and A Quest for Justice**

<https://meet.google.com/onu-ejcj-uy> (Indian Standard Time)

10 – 10:10 am **Remarks from the Chair:** Dr Stellina Jolly, Associate Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi

10:10 – 10:25 am **Nivedita Singh**, Fellow, Associate Postgraduate, Royal Geographical Society, London:

Environment Protection and the role of forests: conservation and sustainable management of forest, and a quest for environmental justice

10:25 – 10:40 **Nusieba Jahan**, Research Assistant (Contractual), Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice, Liberation War Museum:

Ecocide Laws to Ensure Environmental Justice in Developing Countries: An Analytical Study on Hazardous Waste Trading

10:40 – 10:55 am **Rupa Basnet**, Teaching Faculty at Tribhuwan University and Environmental Lawyer:

Assessing forest protection with environmental justice lens

10:55 – 11:10 am **Sree lakshmi C B**, Research Scholar JJT University, Rajasthan:

Individual interest in the context of growing environmental justice

11:10 – 11:30 am Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer

11:40 am – 1:10 pm **Day 1, Panel II: Environmental Protection and Judicial Activism in South Asia**

<https://meet.google.com/ewn-cesy-zbf> (Indian Standard Time)

- 11:40 – 11:50 am** **Remarks from the Chair:** Prof. (Dr) Bijay Singh Sijapati, Former Dean, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
- 11:50 am – 12:05 pm** **Ms. MohitaYadav**, Assistant Professor, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies-Technical Campus:
Judicial Activism and Forest Conservation in India, Nepal and Bangladesh
- 12:05 – 12:20 pm** **Farhan Masuq**, research assistant at Empowerment through the Law of Common People (ELCOP):
Judicial Activism in Conserving Forest and Protecting Human Rights: A Study on India, Nepal, and Bangladesh
- 12:20 – 12:35 pm** **Bijolse Johnkutty**, Research Scholar, National University of Advanced Legal Studies-Kochi:
A Relook into Changing Role of the Supreme Court of India on Environmental Protection.
- 12:35 – 12:50 pm** **Aarushi Singh**, LL.M. Candidate, National Forensic Sciences University (Institute of National Importance), Ministry of Home Affairs:
Judgments that reformed Environment Protection Norms in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.
- 12:50 – 1:10 pm** Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer
- 1:10 – 2 pm Lunch Break

- 2 – 3:30 pm** **Day 1, Panel III: NGOs, Civil Society and Environmental Democracy from the Below**
- <https://meet.google.com/qtw-cpr-r-iaw> (Indian Standard Time)
- 2 – 2:10 pm** **Remarks from the Chair:** Dr. Syeda Afroza Zerin, Associate Professor, Department of Law, American International University-Bangladesh
- 2:10 – 2:25 pm** **Imtiaz Ahmed Sajal and Shadab Bin Ashraf**, Both are Lecturers in Law at Bangladesh Army International University of Science and Technology. Cumilla:
- Crosswalks to Environmental Democracy for a Sustainable Society: The Context of Bangladesh*
- 2:25 – 2:40 pm** **Asif Ali**, PhD Candidate, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property law, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, West Bengal:
- The role of public participation principle in the environmental decision making processes in the South Asian region: A study of India, Bangladesh, and Nepal*
- 2:40 – 2:55 pm** **Aanchal Seth**, PhD scholar, Panjab University:
- Mapping the work of Himdhara Environment Research and Action Collective in Himachal Pradesh for forest rights.*
- 2:55 – 3:10 pm** **Pracheta Rathore**, Jindal Global Law School:
- A Voice for Forests and Their Families: Comparing and Analysing the REDD+ Strategies of Nepal, India and Bangladesh*
- 3:10 – 3:30 pm** Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer
- 3:30: 3:40 pm** Tea Break

3:40 – 5:15 pm **Day 1, Panel IV: Institutions, Dispute Resolutions, and Environmental Protection**

<https://meet.google.com/vqh-ndvm-veu> (Indian Standard Time)

3:40 – 3:50 pm **Remarks from the Chair:** Dr Balram Raut, Associate Professor of Law, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

3:50 – 4:05 pm **Md. Ala Uddin**, Lecturer, Department of Law, Cox’s Bazar International University:

Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in Bangladesh: An Environmental Viewpoint

4:05 – 4:20 pm **Souradipta Bandyo padhyay**, a Ph.D. Research Scholar of Department of Law, University of North Bengal:

A Critical Appraisal on the Establishment of a Forest Court in India Amid Ongoing Forestry and Wildlife Crimes

4:20 – 4:35 pm **Shreya Bajpai**, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (India):
Treebeard of Fangorn Forest Accepts the Award: The Role of ADR Mechanism in Environmental Disputes

4:35 – 4:50 pm **Preeti Kana Sikder**, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka, and **Rebeka Sultana**, LLM, Department of Law & Justice, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka:

Vulture Extinction in Bangladesh: Conservation Measures Rekindled

4:50 – 5:10 pm Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer

5:10 – 5:15 pm Vote of thanks: Dr Arunanshu Dubey, Assistant Professor, GLA University, Mathura

Day 2: 9:30 am – 6 pm

9:30 – 11 am **Day 2, Panel V: Forest Conservation and Rights of Indigenous/Tribal People under International Law**

<https://meet.google.com/zpe-dpr-r-gad> (Indian Standard Time)

9:30 – 9:40 am **Remarks from the Chair:** Dr Masrur Salekin, Hardiman Research Scholar, University of Galway; District and Sessions Judge, Bangladesh Judicial Service.

9:40 – 9:55 am **Raja Madhav Jayakrishnan**, Research Scholar, The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi:

Determining the Alternations of Indigenous Community's Identity: A Jurisprudential Analysis of the Relationship between Indigenous Identity and Land Rights

9:55 – 10:10 am **Sapresh Devidas:** Assistant Professor/Research Scholar, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law (Goa University):

Protection of Intellectual and Cultural Property Rights of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples under National and International Regime with Special Reference to India and Other Neighboring Countries

10:10 – 10:25 am **Nishita Golchha**, Young Professional (Legal)- National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai:

International Perspective and Comparative analysis of India, Nepal and Bangladesh on FPIC and Forest Rights

- 10:25 – 10:40 am** **Ankit Shastri** and **Deepanshi Jain**, Indore Institute of Law, Indore
Attitude and Contribution of the Judiciary in India, Nepal and, Bangladesh towards the conservation of forests and protection of people's rights.
- 10:40 – 11 am** Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer
- 11 – 11:10 am** Tea Break
- 11:10 am-1 pm** **Day 2, Panel VI: Forest, Rights of Indigenous/Tribal People, and South Asia**

<https://meet.google.com/oin-ttix-pzp> (Indian Standard Time)
- 11:10 – 11:20 am** **Remarks from the Chair:** Prof. (Dr) Bharti, Professor of Law, National Law University, Delhi
- 11:20 – 11:35 am** **Dr. Pradipkumar Tambe**, Assistant Professor in MMM' Shankarrao Chavan Law College, Pune:

Free, Prior and Informed Consent of Indigenous People vis-à-vis Right to Development: A Critical Study in Indian Legal Regime
- 11:35 – 11:50 am** **Zahirul Bashar** (Research Associate at MCLaw Services Ltd) and **Shah Ahsan Ahmed Khan**, Associate (Corporate-Legal), Orr, Dignam & Co.:
Incorporating Ecocide Law into National Legislation in South Asian States: Bangladesh's Perspective
- 11:50 – 12:05 pm** **Gnavi Bopaiah** (Research Scholar, NUJS, Kolkata) and **Dr. M P Chengappa**, Assistant Professor, NUJS, Kolkata:

A Shift towards Community Forest Management in India : Its Need and Importance

12:05 – 12:20 pm **Dr. E. Prema** (Associate Professor & Assistant Dean, VIT School of Law) and **R. Vijaya Bharathi**, Assistant Professor, VIT School of Law, Chennai:

Right to Clean Water: Deprivation of Basic Human Rights of the Indigenous Community in India and Nepal

12:20 – 12:40 pm Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer

1 – 2 pm Lunch Break

2 -3:30 pm **Day 2, Panel VII: Wildlife Conservation and Human Conflict**

<https://meet.google.com/ocm-xfyx-bgq> (Indian Standard Time)

2 – 2:10 pm **Remarks from the Chair:** Dr Md. Nayem Alimul Hyder, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Law, BAIUST, Cumilla.

2:10 – 2:25 pm **Vikas Prakash Bansode**, Asssitant Professor, Vidya Pratishthan's Vasantrao Pawar Law College, Baramati, and **Prof. (Dr.) B. Anuradha**, Professor, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad:

Forest and Wildlife conservation, Human-Wildlife conflict, and Management of protected areas

2:25 – 2:40 pm **Md. Asadullahil Galib:** Lecturer in Law, Dhaka International University (DIU), Dhaka:

Wildlife Conservation in Bangladesh Law and International Environmental Law: A Comparative Analysis

2:40 – 2:55 pm **Rashid Nahian**, Lecturer, Department of Law, Global University Bangladesh (GUB):

A critical appraisal of existing laws and policy: Protected area co-management in context

2:55 – 3:10 pm **Shruti Mrinal**, Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India:

The Legal Sphere and Lacunae In Understanding Human-Wildlife conflicts: An International Perspective and Indian Scenario

3:10 – 3:30 pm Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer

3:30 – 3:40 pm Tea Break

3:40 – 5:10 **Day 2, Panel VIII: South Asia: Climate Change, Forests and Regime Interaction**

<https://meet.google.com/dnz-qtju-cgp> (Indian Standard Time)

3:40 – 3:50 pm **Remarks from the Chair:** Dr. Lovleen Bhullar, Assistant Professor, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham

3:50 – 4:05 pm **Ms. Manini Syali**, Assistant Professor, Ms. Prerna, 5th Year Student, BA LLB, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies- Technical Campus, Delhi:

Analyzing the Indian Regime on Agricultural Subsidies from the '30-by-30' lens

4:05 – 4:20 pm **Nadia Islam Nody**, Lecturer, Department of Law, Bangladesh Army International University of Science and Technology (BAIUST):

The Role of Bangladesh in Sustainable Forestry Management and Trade: Adherence to Global Standards

4:20 – 4:35 pm **Mr. Basudev Roy**, Assistant Professor, Jalpaiguri Law College (University of North Bengal):

Forest Resources and International Trade in Eastern South Asia

4:35 – 4:50 pm **Vijay Prasad Jayshwal**, Assistant Professor of Law, Tribhuvan University: *Sustainable Development Objectives in South Asian Bilateral Investment Treaties*

4:50 - 5:10 pm Discussion/Comments and Question/Answer

5:10 – 5:20 pm Tea Break

5:20 – 6 pm **Day 2: Valedictory Session**

<https://meet.google.com/qyd-qayf-aht> (Indian Standard Time)

5:20 – 5:25 pm Introductory remarks: Mr Imtiaz Ahmed Sajal

5:25 – 5:55 pm Valedictory address: Prof. (Dr) Farhana Helal Mehtab, Dean, Faculty of Law, Green University of Bangladesh

5:55 – 6 pm Vote of thanks: Prof. (Dr) Alok Verma, Associate Dean and HoD, ILSR, GLA University, Mathura