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Centre for International Legal Studies Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

on

WHY INTERNATIONAL LAW?

SPEAKERS



Prof. Gudmundur Eiriksson
Professor, JGLS



Prof. Stephen P. Marks
Founding Dean, JGPH



Prof. S.G. Sreejith
Professor, JGLS and
Dean (Strategy and Institution-Building)



Prof. Avinash Godbole
Professor and Associate Dean, JSLH



Prof. Rajdeep Pakanati
Professor and Assistant Director
Centre for Global Governance and Policy



Prof. Rohini Sen
Associate Professor, JGLS




Prof. Rahul Mohanty
Associate Professor, JGLS



Prof. Adithya Variath
Associate Professor, JGLS



Prof. Jarin Tasnim Urbi
Associate Professor, JGLS

 **TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 25**

 **1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**📍 CATALYST CONFERENCE ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, RATAN JINDAL ACADEMIC BLOCK
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ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for International Legal Studies (CILS) is proud to present a unique roundtable discussion that brings together a diverse group of legal scholars and practitioners. This workshop is designed to move beyond traditional, monolithic understandings of international law and explore its role, purpose, and impact from a variety of critical and contextual perspectives.

ABOUT THE ROUNDTABLE

Join us for a stimulating discussion that examines the fundamental question, "**Why International Law?**" Nine distinguished speakers across 3 different schools at JGU (JGLS, JSIA and JSLH) will answer this question from a distinct standpoint, revealing the rich tapestry of perspectives that shape the international legal order. The format of this event is meant to foster direct engagement, allowing attendees to consider how different viewpoints can both converge and diverge on key issues such as: . The goal is to foster a deeper, more nuanced appreciation of international law's complexities and contradictions.

The nine perspectives that will be explored by the panellists are as follows:

- ▶ **International Law in Practice** - Prof. Gudmundur Eiriksson

- ▶ **International Health and Human Rights Law** - Prof. Stephen P. Marks

- ▶ **International Space Law** - Prof. Adithya Variath

- ▶ **China's Approach to International Law** - Prof. Avinash Godbole

- ▶ **International Relations Perspective of International Law** - Prof. Rajdeep Pakanati

- ▶ **Bangladeshi perspective of International Law** - Prof. Jarin Tasnim Urbi

- ▶ **Social Idealist Perspective of international Law** - Prof. S.G. Sreejith

- ▶ **Feminist Approaches to International Law** - Prof. Rohini Sen

- ▶ **Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL)** - Prof. Rahul Mohanty

OUR PANELISTS



Prof. Adithya Variath

Adithya Variath is an Assistant Professor at the Jindal Global Law School. He was an Elizabeth Moir Scholar at the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development, reading an MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy at the Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford. Before moving to Oxford, he served as an Assistant Professor of Law and founding Coordinator of the Centre for Research in Air and Space Laws at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai. He publishes frequently on international space law and related issues.



Prof. Avinash Godbole

Dr. Avinash Anil Godbole is Professor and Associate Academic Dean at JSLH. Previously he was Research Fellow at the ICWA and before that he was Research Assistant at IDSA. His doctoral thesis is on the Political Economy of China's Environment. He was a Visiting Fox Fellow at the Macmillan Center at Yale in 2007-08. His research interests are in the fields of Chinese Foreign Policy, Environmental Changes in China, Minorities in China, Domestic Politics in China, China's Asia strategy and India-China Relations.



Prof. Gudmundur Eiriksson

Gudmundur Eiriksson is Professor and Senior Fellow, Centre for International Legal Studies. Professor Eiriksson was a member of the United Nations International Law Commission from 1987 to 1996 and a Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea from 1996 to 2002. He was the Ambassador of Iceland to India from 2009 until he joined the Faculty of the Law School in 2014.



Prof. Jarin Tasnim Urbi

Jarin Tasnim Urbi is a lecturer at Jindal Global Law School. After completing her LL.B. and LL.M. from Jagannath University, Bangladesh, she opted to pursue a second LL.M. from Penn State Law, Pennsylvania State University, USA and graduated in 2023 with concentration of Immigration & Migration Law, Public Interest Law and International, Foreign and Comparative Law. She has completed her independent study focusing on the hardship of proving Rohingya incident as Genocide in International Court of Justice under Professor James Houck, former dean of Penn State Law. Her areas of interest are Human Rights Law, Public International Law, Internal Criminal Law, Refugee Law and Immigration & Migration.



Prof. Rahul Mohanty

Rahul Mohanty is an Assistant Professor at Jindal Global Law School and is an academic in the field of international law. He teaches courses on environmental law, International Courts and dispute settlement, and International Financial Institutions. He is a Fellow at the Centre for International Legal Studies of the Jindal Global University, which works to promote research in international law. He is also an Assistant Editor of the Jindal Global Law Review, which is the flagship law journal of the Jindal Global Law School (Scopus-indexed). He is also the convener of the JGLS Research Cluster on the Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL).



Prof. Rajdeep Pakanati

Dr. Rajdeep Pakanati is a Professor and Assistant Director, Centre for Global Governance and Policy at JGU. Prof. (Dr.) Rajdeep Pakanati's research interests include International Relations, Comparative Politics, International Law and Global Governance. In particular he has been engaged with issues of transparency and accountability, and how they contribute to good governance. His dissertation project examines the process through which freedom of information legislations were adopted in India, the United Kingdom and South Africa, in a comparative context.



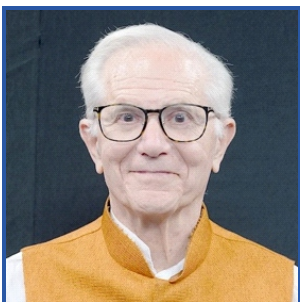
Prof. Rohini Sen

Rohini Sen is an Associate Professor at the Jindal Global Law School and teaches as a Visiting Faculty in different institutions across India. Rohini thinks about, reads and writes on the various engagements between Law, Social Sciences and Humanities through ideas of - critical thinking, critical pedagogies, queer and feminist approaches and, different cosmologies of knowledge-making.



Prof. S.G. Sreejith

Prof. (Dr.) S.G. Sreejith is Professor and Dean, Strategy and Institution-Building & Director of Endowment Development & Philanthropic Initiatives, Office of the Vice Chancellor at JGU. Professor Sreejith is the winner of AAAF Brun Award and Medal instituted by the Association Aeronautique ET Astronautique De France. Prior to joining JGLS, he worked with reputed institutions like the Arctic Centre, the University of Lapland, National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), and the University of Kerala. He has been awarded the "CIMO Fellowship" of the Government of Finland (2004) and the research grants of "Ella and Georg Ehnrooth Foundation" (2007), "Finnish Cultural Foundation" (2008), and "Finnish Lawyers' Association" (2009). His areas of interest are public international law, heterodox approaches to international legal thought, and air and space law.



Prof. Stephen P. Marks

Stephen P. Marks is the founding dean of the Jindal School of Public Health and Human Development (JSPH) and François-Xavier Bagnoud Professor of Health and Human Rights Emeritus, Harvard University. He has worked for the United States Senate (Washington, DC), the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg, France), UNESCO (Paris, France), the Ford Foundation (New York), and UN peacekeeping operations (Cambodia, Western Sahara). Among his awards is that of Honorary Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
