

Conference on 'Dignity & Inclusion' Speaker Profiles

Keynote Speakers

Erin Daly is a Professor of Law at Delaware Law School and the Director of the Global Network for Human Rights and the Environment. She has written extensively and, with James R. May, co-authored and co-edited numerous articles and volumes on environmental constitutionalism, including Global Environmental Constitutionalism (2015), Implementing Environmental Constitutionalism (2018), the Encyclopedia of Human Rights and the Environment: Indivisibility, Dignity, Legality, Geography (2019), and the Judicial Handbook on Environmental Constitutionalism and its Compendium of Cases (3d edition 2019), used in UN Environment judicial workshops worldwide. She is Executive Director of Dignity Rights International, which advances the human right to dignity throughout the world through education, advocacy, and litigation. She is also the

author of Dignity Rights: Courts, Constitutions, and the Worth of the Human Person (2013) (with a foreword by Aharon Barak), a comparative analysis of the global jurisprudence of the right to human dignity and she is currently at work on a casebook as well as other book projects relating to dignity under the law. Her first book, Reconciliation in Divided Societies: Finding Common Ground (2006), co-authored with South African scholar Jeremy Sarkin and with an Introduction by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, considered transitional and transformative justice after political upheaval. She serves as the US National Correspondent for the Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement (CIDCE).

James R. May is Distinguished Professor of Law, Founder of the Global Environmental Rights Institute, and co-Founder of the Dignity Rights Project and the Environmental Rights Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School, where he has served as the H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law. At Widener University, he has served on the President's Executive Team, and as inaugural Chief Sustainability Officer, co-chair of the University Sustainability Council, Adjunct Professor of Graduate Engineering, and Phi Kappa Phi inductee.

May has taught 20 courses, founded or co-founded three law centres, four

non-profit environmental organizations and a joint degree program, directed an environmental law clinic, and held numerous visiting appointments, including as faculty at the Pakistan College of Law, Universidade do Vale do Itajaí Brazil, Georgetown University Law Center, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne University, University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law, National Judicial College, and Vermont Law School, and as a Fellow of The Environmental Law Institute, Essex University (UK), and University of A Coruña (Spain). May is a former national defence engineer and litigator who has prosecuted hundreds of public interest claims in federal court.







Panel 1: Dignity Rights and Climate Change

Dr Sanval Nasim is an Assistant Professor of Economics at LUMS. His primary research field is environmental and natural resource economics. His research work includes behavioural experiments on air pollution forecasts and information based pollution mitigation interventions, optimal control modelling of water resources, and cost-benefit analysis of clean technology adoption. He obtained his PhD in environmental and natural resource economics from the University of California, Riverside in 2015 and a BA in economics mathematics and in history from Colby College in 2008.

Ms Medha Patkar is an Indian social activist working on various crucial political and economic issues raised by tribals, Dalits, farmers, labourers and women facing injustice in India. Ms Patkar is the founder member of the 32 years old people's movement called Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) in three states: Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. NBA has been engaged in a struggle for justice for the people affected by the dam projects related to the Sardar Sarovar dam project, especially those whose homes will be submerged but have not yet been rehabilitated.







Mr Ahmad Rafay Alam is a Pakistani environmental lawyer and activist and the founding partner of *Saleem, Alam & Co.* In 2013, after over a decade of practising corporate and constitutional law, Rafay co-founded Saleem, Alam & Co., a firm that specializes in the energy, water, natural resources, and urban infrastructure sectors. As one of Pakistan's leading environment lawyers, Rafay regularly advises the federal and provincial governments, the World Bank, ADB, IFC and a number of INGOs on issues of policy and strategy in these sectors, and he provides corporate clients strategic insights.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah was elevated to the bench at the Lahore High Court in 2009 and after serving as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court for almost two years was elevated to the Supreme Court of Pakistan in early 2018. He has a passion for teaching and taught law for almost two decades at LUMS, Punjab Law College and Pakistan College of Law, Lahore. He was also part of the steering committee that established the Shaikh Ahmed Hassan School of Law (SAHSOL), LUMS. His areas of interest are constitutional law, human rights, administrative law, taxation, climate and water justice, environmental sustainability, disability rights, digital surveillance, privacy and proportionality. He is a keen proponent of sustainable development and has a heart for judicial reforms, and as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, he spearheaded the formation of Alternate Dispute Resolution Centers (ADRC) in every district of the Province providing an alternative to litigation and to reduce the staggering pendency of cases.



He underlines the need for Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Human Resource Development and Restructuring of the District Judiciary as the effective engines of change for the future and would like them to be mainstreamed to achieve a state of the art judicial governance. He lays great emphasis on empowering the District Judiciary by enhancing their capacity through international and domestic training, based on performance indicators and by providing them with a secure and conducive working environment, especially for the women judges. He feels that we need to increase judge per capita to improve the quality and speed of dispensation of justice in the country. He helped restructure the curriculum at the Punjab Judicial Academy and brought it in line with the global best practices building a sustainable platform for judicial capacity building of the members of the District judiciary and the ministerial court staff. He laid special emphasis on research and played a foundational role in setting up the Lahore High Court Research Centre (LHCRC).

At the Supreme Court of Pakistan, he has helped establish e-courts by video linking the Principal Seat of the Supreme Court with all the Provincial Registries of the Supreme Court, which has helped save travel cost to Islamabad from all over the country and has brought relief to the working schedule of the lawyers who can attend to more cases, work more efficiently by avoiding adjournments. This was done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and has attained exceptional utility during the pandemic. The new SC Judicial Mobile Application helps lawyers and litigants navigate their way through the cause lists and court rosters and have enhanced their access to justice. Research and scholarship are the hallmarks of any apex court in the country, hence the Research Centre (SCRC) at the SC building was established, manned by bright and promising Civil Judges from all across Pakistan. SCRC carries the vision to eventually provide and support research to all the courts in the country, thereby enriching our jurisprudence and scholarship of our judges.

Ms Farhana Yamin is the founder and CEO of Track 0, as well as an internationally recognized environmental lawyer, climate change policy expert, and an activist. For 30 years she has provided high level strategic and legal advice to leaders of vulnerable countries and was the lead author of three assessment reports for the 'Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.' She is also credited with getting the goal of net-zero emissions by 2050 into the *2015 Paris Agreement* after which she founded Track 0. In 2018, she joined *Extinction Rebellion (XR)* as 'Coordinator of the Political Strategy Team 'and played a central role in the rebellion including getting arrested in April 2019 for glueing herself to the HQ of the oil giant, Shell. She now remains a member of XR's International Solidarity Network and is an Associate Fellow at Chatham House, a Senior Advisor for Systemiq, a Trustee for Greenpeace-UK and Julie's Bicycle, and a member of the Programme Committee of WWF-UK.



Dr Felisa Tibbitts is Chair in Human Rights Education in the Department of Law, Economics and Governance at Utrecht University and a Lecturer in the International Education Development Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is also UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Higher Education. Her research interests include peace, human rights and (global) democratic citizenship education; curriculum policy and reform; critical pedagogy; education and social movements; and human rights and higher education transformation. She was a Fulbright Fellow at Lund University, Sweden (Fall 2014) and a Human Rights Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2011-2013). She has published practical resources on curriculum, program development and evaluation on behalf of the Office

of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNICEF, UNESCO, OSCE/ODIHR, the Council of Europe and non-governmental organizations, such as Amnesty International and the Open Society Foundations. Dr Tibbitts is widely read in the field of human rights education and her scholarship has appeared in numerous books and journals including *Comparative Education*, *Teaching and Teacher Education*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Intercultural Education*, *Prospects: Quarterly Review of Comparative Education* and the *International Review of Education*.





Dr Sigal Ben-Porath received her doctorate in political philosophy from Tel Aviv University in 2000. She was awarded two successive Tel Aviv University President's postdoctoral grants. From 2001-2004, she was a postdoctoral research associate at the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University. She has been teaching at Penn

GSE since 2004. She is an associate member of the political science department and the philosophy department at Penn. She served as a special assistant to the university president, and as chair of the faculty advisory board to Penn Press. She is an executive committee member of the Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy. In 2012-2013 she was affiliated with the Safra Center for Ethics at Tel Aviv University, and in 2020-2021 she was a fellow in residence at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard. Dr Ben-Porath is interested in democratic theory and practice, and studies the ways institutions like schools and colleges can sustain and advance democracy. Her areas of expertise include philosophy of education and political philosophy. Her books include <u>Making Up Our Mind: What</u> <u>School Choice is Really About</u> (2012), <u>Free Speech on Campus</u> (2017) and <u>Varieties of</u>

<u>School Choice is Really About</u> (2019), <u>Free Speech on Campus</u> (2017) and <u>Varieties of</u> <u>Sovereignty and Citizenship</u> (2012), as well as <u>Tough Choices: Structured Paternalism and the Landscape of Choice</u> (2010) and <u>Citizenship under Fire: Democratic Education in Times of Conflict</u> (2006). She is currently continuing her work on campus free speech and is researching the promise of civic dialogue in schools and colleges.

Dr Ivan Suneel has worked at Drug rehabilitation Centers before joining Forman Christian College (FCC) in 2010. He has regularly delivered lectures and conducted workshops at the Center for Clinical Psychology, Punjab University, Clinical Psychology Unit at GCU, Institute of Psychology at BNU, and the Institute of Clinical Psychology at UMT. At present, he wears multiple hats at FCC, from being a part-time campus counsellor, Assistant Professor at the Department of Psychology, as well as heading it, and the Vice-Rector of the Intermediate Section.





Dr Rick Halperin began teaching human rights courses in 1990 in the William P. Clements Department of History. After being chosen as Director of the New Embrey Human Rights Program, he began overseeing its academic program, planning its public events, and developing a wide array of human rights-focused trips.

Halperin has held many leadership positions in human rights and social justice organizations. During his more than 40-year affiliation with Amnesty International USA, he has served as chair of its board of directors three times. He has also served on the boards of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, the Center for Survivors of Torture, the International Rescue Committee and the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He has participated in a U.N. human rights delegation that inspected Irish prison conditions in Dublin and

Belfast, as well as in delegations monitoring human rights in El Salvador and Palestinian refugee camps in Gaza.

Mr John Culhane is Professor of Law and H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law and Co-Director of the Family Health Law & Policy Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School, and a contributing writer for Slate Magazine. He is co-author of "Same-Sex Legal Kit for Dummies," editor and a contributor to "Reconsidering Law and Policy Debates: A Public Health Perspective," and the author of some three dozen law review articles on a wide range of topics, including the rights of LGBT couples; compensation of victims of mass disasters; the public health implications of such disparate issues as sports-related concussions, bullying, same-sex marriages, and vaccine compensation policy; and a wide range of tort law issues (including informed consent,



product liability, and educational malpractice). He is currently completing work on a book about the history and possible future of various new forms of legal statuses, including civil unions and domestic partnerships, and working with colleague Alicia Kelly on a digital casebook replacement for Family Law. Before coming to Widener in 1987, Professor Culhane was an associate editor of the Fordham Law Review. He then clerked for the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin, in federal district court in New York City, before working for the New York law firm of Cahill Gordon and Reindel. From 1986-87, he was a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School.

Panel 3: Dignity Rights and Labor Rights

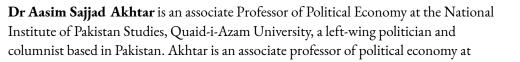
Dr Umair Javed is Assistant Professor of Politics and Sociology at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). His doctoral research focused on the politics and practices of accumulation, and labour relations in Pakistan's informal economy, with a specific focus on the retail-wholesale (bazaar) sector. His academic work has been published in Economic and Political Weekly, Current History, and Catalyst: A Journal of Theory and Strategy. He has also contributed book chapters to volumes published by Routledge, Cambridge University Press, and the Australian National University Press. His ongoing research engagements include studying the development of welfare interventions

under democratic and authoritarian regimes in Pakistan; and a comparative study of the politics of taxation, zakat, and charitable giving in Pakistan, Egypt, and Morocco.

Dr Hadia Majid is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Lahore University of Management Sciences, She is a Fulbright Scholar and holds a PhD in Development Economics from Ohio State University. Her research interests include economics of the household, parental decision-making, and human capital acquisition. Her earlier work evaluates the Mexican conditional cash transfer program at the intra-household level, the micro-impacts of the Lahore Metrobus, and the impacts of inequality on public goods access and charitable giving. Currently, she is focused on labor markets. Here, her projects include mapping various aspects of the female labor force participation in Pakistan over the past 30 years, **examining the constraints and vulnerabilities of women in the urban informal economy,** the status of Decent Work in rural Pakistan for men and women, the links between macroeconomic growth and gendered employment, the impact of BISP on **women's lab**

between macroeconomic growth and gendered employment, the impact of BISP on women's labor market outcomes and decision-making, and workplace harassmentamong female factory workers.

Dr Muhammad Azeem obtained a Bachelors's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Lahore. From his youth years, he has been an activist against child labor and was inspired by the writings of Asma Jahangir and many like her. As a result, he switched tracks, started writing in the print media, and completed an LLB from the University of Punjab. He practiced law and public interest litigation around issues concerning workers and peasants in the lower and High Court for 6 years and later went onto Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, to get a Ph.D. At present, he is an Assistant Professor at Shaikh Ahmad Hasan School of Law at LUMS. **factory workers survey**.











Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. He served as the president of the Awami Workers Party's Punjab executive committee from March 2014, to January 2020. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics with Honours in 1997 from Northwestern University, Master's degree in economics in 1999 from Yale University, and completed his PhD in Political Sociology in 2008 from SOAS, University of London.

Dr Ammar Ali Jan is an academic, left-wing political activist, and a teacher based in Lahore, Pakistan. Dr Jan has a Doctorate in History from the University of Cambridge. Upon his return to Pakistan in 2016, Dr Jan vowed to serve the people of Pakistan and taught at the Government College University (GCU) and Punjab University (PU). However, his tenure at both institutions came to an abrupt end. He later joined Forman Christain College in 2018, but later, in 2020, was fired for being 'too political. At present, Dr. Jan is associated with the Haqooq-e-Khalq Movement and continues his struggle against injustice.

Ms Tabitha Spence is a geographer focused on water and climate politics with degrees from the University of Texas and the University of Arizona. She took part in the people's mobilizations in Paris during the COP21 and is active with workers, youth, and farmers for a just transition of the economy to one that is democratic and sustainable. She is a Lahore-based member of *the Haqooq-e-Khalq* Movement, is part of 'Democratic Socialists of America', is active with Asia Europe People's Forum as well as the 'Progressives International.'

Panel 4: Dignity Rights and COVID-19

Dr Faisal Bari is an Associate Professor of Economics at LUMS. He is also the Director of Academic Programmes at the School of Education (SOE) at LUMS. His current teaching interests are in the areas of economics of education, game theory, microeconomics, and industrial organization. His research interests are also in the same areas. He is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (IDEAs). Dr. Bari obtained his Bachelors of Arts (Hons) degree from the University of Oxford and BSc from Government College, Lahore. He has an MA in Philosophy from the University of Punjab and a Doctorate in Economics from McGill University.

Ms Anum Malkani has rich experience in digital transformation, IT policy, and private sector development. Anum has worked in Microsoft, managing a business segment in Pakistan, Lebanon, and Jordan. She has also worked at Karandaaz, managing a Digital Financial Services program for financial inclusion, providing strategic direction, and overseeing a diverse project portfolio. Earlier in her career, Anum worked for Deloitte Consulting in the USA and as a researcher at the Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives. She provided a valuable resource to the Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP)'s Smart Containment with Active Learning (SCALE), their flagship research project on COVID-19 and its spread in Pakistan.

Dr Samia Waheed Altaf is a physician and public health specialist and was formerly the senior advisor to the Office of Health in the USAID Mission in Islamabad, Pakistan. Her career has focused on the management and coordination of complex health delivery systems for low-income populations. Dr. Altaf has also been on the faculty at Pakistan's Aga Khan University Medical College; served as a primary health care program officer for UNICEF; and consulted for international aid agencies. She was the Wilson Center's 2007-08 Pakistan Scholar.









Dr Sara Hanif Mirza is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Rush Medical College. She did her MD from Pakistan's Aga Khan University, followed by a residency at the University of Illinois and a fellowship at the Rush University Medical Center. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she served as a frontline worker and saw and studied the horrid effects of the disease firsthand.

Panel 5: Dignity Rights & Prisoners' Access to Justice

Mr. Saroop Ijaz is a lawyer and is associated with the Human Rights Watch as a Senior Counsel for Asia Division. He writes extensively in leading local and international publications, like DAWN, The News, Herald, and The Express Tribune.

Ms Haya Emaan Zahid is a Barrister-at-Law with a decade of experience working as legal empowerment professional. She is nominated by the Government of Sindh as a legal expert for the Committee for the Welfare of Prisoners. She has been working within the prison landscape, both at the grassroots and policy and research level, and has made key contributions to reforming prison legislation in Sindh. Ms Haya has worked as a special assistant for federal government committees notified to improve the situation of prisoners across Pakistan. She is also a member of the Sindh Public Safety and Police Complaints Commission, National Commission on the Status of Women, and Board Member of the Legal Aid and Justice Authority. Lastly, she is a founding member of the Legal Aid Society where she started working as the Project Director.

Ms Sarah Belal is the Founder and Executive Director of Justice Project Pakistan (JPP), a non-profit organization based in Lahore that represents the most vulnerable Pakistani prisoners facing the harshest punishments, at home and abroad. Under her leadership, JPP secured the release of 42 Pakistani detainees from Bagram in Afghanistan, the largest repatriation of any one nationality to date. Since the lifting of the moratorium in December 2014, JPP has secured stays of executions of several death row prisoners and has successfully highlighted the issue of Pakistan's use of the death penalty on the national and international stage. She is the recipient of the 2016 Franco-German Human Rights Prize, granted to only 16 human rights activists throughout the world. In Dec. 2016, she was also awarded the National Human Rights Prize by the Federal Ministry of Human Rights. In 2013, Sarah won the prestigious Echoing Green Global Fellowship –

making JPP the first Pakistani organization to be recognized in the fellowship's 25-year history.

Dr Syed Kaleem Imam serves as the Inspector General (IG) National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP), prior to that he headed the Sindh and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) police departments. Throughout his illustrious career as a civil servant and a police officer, he has received the *UN Peace Medal*, the *Tamgha-e-Imtiaz*, the *Quaid-e-Azam* Police Medal, and the *President's* Police Medal. In addition, he holds a doctorate in International Policy and Governance.











Panel 6: Dignity Rights & Women's Access to Justice

Justice Ayesha A. Malik studied law at Pakistan College of Law, Lahore. She went on to do her LL.M from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. where she was named a *London H. Gammon Fellow 1998-1999* for outstanding merit. She has taught law as a Lecturer of Banking Law, University of Punjab, Department of Masters of Business and Information Technology. She was also a lecturer of Mercantile Law, College of Accounting & Management Sciences, Karachi. In January 2019, Justice Ayesha became the president of a newly formed Committee for Protection of Women Judges in Lahore, Pakistan. She is also a part of The International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), an initiative of women empowerment through equality and justice for every female. She is also the author of the famous and iconic Lahore High Court judgment that did away with the archaic two-finger test in sexual assault cases.





Ms Zarizana Abdul Aziz is a Malaysian lawyer, was President of the Women's Crisis Centre in Malaysia where she provided legal and emotional support to victims of violence against women. She was also involved in legal reform in the area of violence against women, gender equality, family law and religious laws in Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh and East Timor, as well as training of lawyers, civil society advocates, religious scholars and government officials in the said areas. She served as an expert in the Expert Group Meeting on Good Practices pursuant to the United Nations Secretary-General in-depth study on all forms of violence against women (General Assembly resolution 58/185), as well as for various other international organizations, including UNIFEM (now part of UN Women), the UN Division for the Advancement of Women (now part of UN Women), the OHCHR and the

International Commission of Jurists.

Ms Hina Jillani is a well-known lawyer and a human-rights activist in Pakistan. Along with her sister, Asma Jahangir, she co-founded Pakistan's first all-female legal practice in 1980. She is also one of the founders of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) and the Women's Action Forum, a pressure group campaigning against Pakistan's discriminatory legislation, as well as the founder of Pakistan's first legal aid center in 1986. A prominent lawyer and a civil society activist for the last three decades, Jilani specializes in human rights litigation and the human rights of women, children, minorities, and prisoners. She has conducted several cases that have become landmarks in setting human rights (UNHCR), the Carter Center, and the UN Conference on



Women. From 2000 to 2008, she was the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders. In 2006, she was appointed to the UN International Fact-Finding Commission on Darfur. She is also a member of the Eminent Jurists Panel on Terrorism, Counter-terrorism, and Human Rights.

Panel 7: Dignity and Transgender Rights

Dr Fouzia Saeed is a social scientist with a PhD from the University of Minnesota, is the author of "Taboo! The Hidden Culture of a Red Light Area," as well as "Working With Sharks." She had been working as an Executive Director of the National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa). She transformed the institute into a vibrant hub of cultural activity. Dr Saeed is well known in the activist circles of Pakistan's social movement,



having worked for decades on women's issues especially those linked to violence against women, prostitution, women in the entertainment business, women's mobility, and sexual harassment. Her work on violence against women spans over 20 years and includes founding the first women's crisis center in Pakistan in 1991.



Mr Syed Naveed Qamar is a member of the National Assembly and throughout his political career has been affiliated with the Pakistan People's Party (PPP). Throughout his time in the Assembly, he has introduced legislation to empower people, the most important one being, The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act of 2018. At present, he serves as the Chairman Standing Committee on Commerce.

Ms Bindiya Rana is a transgender activist, as well as the founder and the president of *Gender Interactive Alliance* headquartered in Karachi, Pakistan and a member of the Khwaja Sira community in the country. Through her activism and organization, she advocates for the rights and the well-being of trans people in Pakistan.





Ms Nisha Rao is a Pakistani transgender lawyer and activist, as well as the founder of Trans Pride Society. In 2020, she became the first transgender law

graduate in Pakistan. With her activism and degree in law, she helps the transgender community legally and aims to provide them with legal education and assistance.

Dr Muhammad Moiz is a global health practitioner with a strong interest in urbanism, governance and reform in post-colonial states, and issues of gender and sexuality. His research methodology is transdisciplinary and utilizes elements of human-centered design thinking, participatory ethnography, systems thinking, and econometrics. He has previously consulted for the World Bank, Washington DC, International Center for Research on Women, and the International Committee of the Red Cross. He obtained his Masters in Global Health Policy as a Fulbright scholar from The George Washington University, USA. He has taught policy and research at Habib University, Karachi. He is often featured on national and international media for his views and analysis on contemporary issues.

