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on

Comparative Perspectives on Democratic Governance: Transparency and Accountability

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Monday 3 December 2012 | O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) Sonipat Narela Road, Near Jagdishpur Village Sonipat, Haryana - 131001, NCR of Delhi | 10:00 am — 5:00 pm
Tuesday 4 December 2012 | | 10:00 am — 5:00 pm
Day 1
Monday, 3 December 2012

INAUGURAL SESSION:
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Welcome Address
C. Raj Kumar, Professor & Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)

Introductory Remarks
R. Sudarshan, Professor & Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP)
Henry E. Brady, Professor & Dean, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

Keynote Address
Peter Ronald deSouza, Professor & Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla
Democratic Political Institutions: What’s the Big Picture?

Tea Break: 10:45 am – 11:00 am

FIRST THEMATIC SESSION:
Corruption: Politics, Power and Institutions
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Chairperson
Sudha Shetty, Professor & Assistant Dean, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

Presentations
Shiv Visvanathan, Professor, JSGP
The Necessity of Corruption

Vegard Iversen, Professor & Vice Dean, JSGP
Gender, Governance and Corruption

Aseem Prakash, Assistant Professor & Assistant Dean, JSGP
Everyday Forms of Corruption

Discussion: 12:15 pm —1:00 pm

Lunch: 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

SECOND THEMATIC SESSION:
Elections and the Politics of Representation
1:45 pm – 3:30 pm

Chairperson
Sreeram Sundar Chaulia, Professor and Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs

Presentations
S.Y. Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India
Democratic Governance and Elections

Henry E. Brady, Professor & Dean, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

E. Sridharan, Professor & Director, University of Pennsylvania Institute for the Advanced Study of India
Reforming Electoral and Party Financing in India

Discussion: 2:45 pm —3:30 pm

Tea Break: 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm
THIRD THEMATIC SESSION: Accountability and the Rule of Law – A Panel Discussion
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

Moderator  
C. Raj Kumar, Professor & Vice Chancellor, JGU

Panelists  
Ken Taymor, Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Law, Executive Director, Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy  
R. Venkatramani, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India & Member, Law Commission of India

Discussion: 4:35 pm – 5:00 pm

FOURTH THEMATIC SESSION: Monitory Democracy: Right to Information and Social Audits
10:00 am – 11:30 am

Chairperson  
Ajay Pandey, Associate Professor & Executive Director, Clinical Programmes, Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)

Presentations  
Shailesh Gandhi, Former Member, Central Information Commission  
Rajdeep Pakanati, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs  
Anupama Jha, Director, Transparency International, India  
Ashwani Kumar, Associate Professor, Jindal Global Business School (JGBS) & Former Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)  
Debasis Bhattacharya, Executive Director, Institute of Corporate Sustainability Management

Discussion: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

Tea Break: 11:30 am – 11:45 am

FIFTH THEMATIC SESSION: Rights-Based Approach to Governance and Civil Society Activism
11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Chairperson  
R. Sudarshan, Dean, JSGP

Presentations  
Harsh Mander, Former Member, National Advisory Council  
Harsh Sethi, Consulting Editor, Seminar  
Amitabh Behar, Director, National Foundation of India  
B.V. Rao, Editor, Governance Now

Discussion: 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch: 1:15 pm – 2:00 pm
SIXTH THEMATIC SESSION:
Transparency in the Age of New Media – A Panel Discussion
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Moderator
Shiv Visvanathan, Professor, JSGP

Panelists
Malini Parthasarathy, Former Executive Editor, The Hindu & Director, The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy
Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Senior Journalist
Jennifer Bussell, Assistant Professor, University of Texas, Austin

Discussion: 3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

VALEDICTORY SESSION
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Concluding Remarks
C. Raj Kumar, Professor & Vice Chancellor, JGU
R. Sudarshan, Professor & Dean, JSGP
Henry E. Brady, Professor & Dean, Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley

Valedictory Address
Justice A.K. Ganguly, Hon’ble Chairperson, West Bengal Human Rights Commission & Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Vote of Thanks
Y.S.R. Murthy, Professor & Registrar, JGU