Rule of Law in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

Friday, 1 February & Saturday, 2 February 2019
at the Loyola University Chicago, John Felice Rome Center
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, 1 February 2019

9.00 Registration and Coffee

9.30 Welcome remarks
William T. Loris, Director, Rule of Law for Development Program, Loyola University Chicago School of Law
Michael Andrews, Ph.D., Director, John Felice Rome Center, Loyola University of Chicago

9.45 Introduction
Thomas F. McInerney, Professor, Rule of Law for Development, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

10.15 Keynote address
SDG16 at a cross-roads
Frauke Lachenmann, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law. Heidelberg, Germany

11.15 Coffee Break

11.30-13.30 Parallel sessions 1 and 2

Session 1: Justice sector and rule of law
Moderator: Thomas F. McInerney, Professor, Rule of Law for Development, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

From Thin to Thick: Substantive and Normative Cross-Cuttingness of the Rule of Law in the 2030 Agenda and its Implementation
Noora Arajärvi, Ph.D., Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Can Legal Institutions Protect the Rule of Law: Evidence from Poland and Estonia
Christopher A. Hartwell, Ph.D., Bournemouth University (UK) & Kozminski University (Poland)
Mateusz Urban, Duke University. USA

Legal and institutional framework as the key to success of the SDGs and rule of law empowerment
Jacek Barcik, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Silesia. Katowice, Poland

Supporting the Legal Profession as a Foundation for Sustainable Development
Linda Bishai, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. Washington, D.C., USA
Salome Tsereteili-Stephens, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative. Washington, D.C., USA
Session 2: Human rights

Moderator: Naresh Singh, Ph.D., Independent International Development Consultant

Development and the Independence of the Judiciary: Preventing Crimes Against Humanity in Burma
Daniel Aguirre, Ph.D., University of Roehampton, London, UK

Challenges of the Rule of Law at the National Level: A Brief Review of Reservation to International Conventions
Zahra Mousavi, Lecturer in International and European Union Law at The Hague University of Applied Science, The Netherlands

Linking Human Rights and UN SDGs in North Korea: Women’s Access to Justice
Patricia Goedde, Sungkyunkwan University School of Law. Seoul, South Korea
Buhm-seok Baek, Kyung Hee College of International Studies. Seoul, South Korea

Right to Education—a prerequisite to support SDGs’ implementation
Gunay Faradova, Independent Researcher. Paris, France

13.30-14.15 Lunch

14.15-16.15 Parallel sessions 3 and 4

Session 3: Realizing rights and building and maintaining peaceful societies

Moderator: William T. Loris, Director, Rule of Law for Development Program, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Building Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies through Legal Empowerment and Integrative Peace Building
Naresh Singh, Ph.D., Independent International Development Consultant

Uniting for Peace and sustainable development: Implementing Agenda 2030 in post-conflict settings
Elizabeth Bakibinga-Gaswaga, Adviser in International Development Law, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK

Peace as a right of humanity
Iryna Ivaniv, National Rule of Law Adviser, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine & Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”. Kyiv, Ukraine

Institutional development for maintaining peace and justice: UN and EU future role in rule of law development in post-conflict countries
Attila Nagy, Independent researcher. London, UK

The Obligation Under Customary International Law to Grant Nationality to Stateless Children at Birth
William Thomas Worster, Senior Lecturer, International Law, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands
Session 4: Business, commercial and investment law  
Sala Addis

Moderator: Alexandre Cordahi, Adjunct Professor, Rule of Law for Development Program, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

*Environmental Sustainability and CISG Contracts*
Cristina Poncibò, Department of Law, University of Turin. Turin, Italy

*Rule of law: Bridging the gap between business dynamics and human rights*
Garima Srivastava, Senior Associate, Customs and Antitrust Practice, Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan Attorneys. New Delhi, India

*The impact of bank insolvency on consumer protection and the drive towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Developing Economies: A Ugandan Perspective*
Hamisii Junior Nsubuga, Ph.D., Lecturer in Law, Middlesex University. London, UK

*Business Support for Rule of Law*
Kishor Dere, Independent Researcher. New Delhi, India

*Conceptualizing Access to Justice in International Investment Law—Revisiting John Rawls’ Theory of Justice*
Xu Qian, PhD Candidate, Chinese University of Hong Kong. China

16.15  Coffee Break

16.30-17.45  Session 5

Session 5: Drivers & impediments to sustainable, social & economic development  
Sala Felice

Moderator: Frauke Lachenmann, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law. Heidelberg, Germany

*Rule of Law: A nexus between Human Rights and Sustainable Development*
Arpit Agarwal, Hidayatullah National Law University. Naya Raipur, India

*Combat Impunity in the United Kingdom as a Threat to the Rule of Law?*
Thomas Obel Hansen, Ph.D., Ulster University School of Law. Newtownabbey, UK

*Sustainable Development—Its influence to the realization of the rule of law in Poland*
Joanna Kielin-Maziarz, Ph.D., Division of Constitutional Law, Kozminski University. Warsaw, Poland

*Masking neo-liberal development: Polanyi, rule of law, and dis-embedding dynamics*
Mark Findlay, Singapore Management University School of Law, Singapore
Saturday, 2 February 2019

8.30  Coffee

9.00-10.00  Keynote address  Sala Felice

The Rule of Law: An Essential Prerequisite for Realizing Agenda 2030
Prof. Jan Wouters, Ph.D., Jean Monnet Chair and Full Professor of International Law, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Institute for International Law, KU Leuven, Belgium

10.00-11.15  Parallel Sessions 6 and 7

Session 6: Gender Rights, Gender-based Violence Prevention, and Rule of Law  Sala Felice
Moderator: Noora Arajärvi, Ph.D., Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Enhancing rule of law to effectively address gender-based violence and deliver on SDG 5 and SDG 16
Elizabeth Carthy, PhD Researcher, University College Dublin's (UCD) Centre for Humanitarian Action, Dublin, Ireland

The Link between Sustainable Development Goals and the Eradication of Sexual Violence
Ann Marie Thake, Court Attorney, Courts of Justice (Superior Jurisdiction), Malta

Rule of Law and Human Rights in Poland—current perspectives of women’s reproductive rights
Katarzyna Widlas, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Nicolaus Copernicus. Torun, Poland

Session 7: Biodiversity, agriculture, and land  Sala Addis
Moderator: Thomas F. McInerney, Professor, Rule of Law for Development, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Fostering Rule of Law in Egypt through Contract Farming: Agricultural Development, Poverty Reduction and income Equality
Hazal Atay, Lecturer & Ph.D. candidate, Center of political researches, Sciences Po. Paris, France.

Investing in Biodiversity: A Solution or A Challenge for Ecosystem Losses?
Sai Ma, PhD Candidate, Chinese University of Hong Kong, China

Global Biodiversity Regulation, Governance, and the SDGs: Self-organization and open-source platforms for Managing Fragmentation, Improving Coherence & Achieving Synergies
Thomas F. McInerney, Professor, Rule of Law for Development, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

11.15  Coffee Break
Session 8: Practical aspects of justice sector reform for the SDG

Moderator: William T. Loris, Director, Rule of Law for Development Program, Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Monitoring Progress on SDG 16 and Aspiration 3 of the 2063 Agenda: Can the African Peer Review Mechanism Represent an Effective Tool for Both?
Francesca Mussi, Post-Doc Research Fellow in International Law, School of Law of the University of Trento, Trento, Italy

Why is corruption blocking the path towards SDG 16, and what should be the response: case studies from Eastern Europe and Central Asia
Margarita Milikh, International Development Law Organization, Rome, Italy

“Experimental” rule of law programming: where to begin?
Emily Patterson, Attorney-at-Law, Texas, USA

Measuring Access to Justice: Indonesian Effort
Choky R. Ramadhan, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia. Depok, Indonesia
Arsa Ilmi, Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia, Depok, Indonesia

13.00-13.15 Concluding remarks

Thomas F. McInerney, Professor, Rule of Law for Development, Loyola University Chicago School of Law