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International Project on Judicial Independence

International Conférence on

Judicial Independence: Global Challenges and Appropriate Remedies; and
Measuring Justice and the Rule of Law

20-22 June 2018

London

Conference Programme

Social Programme and Hotel Recommendations

Dear All

It is our pleasure to attach the details of the 2018 International Conference on Judicial Independence including the Conference Programme, Social Programme and Hotel Recommendations .

Please advise Jessica McFarlane the Conference Coordinator, of any special dietary needs.

Looking forward to meeting you again in London.

Warmest Regards,

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Day 1 – Wednesday 20 June 2018

17:00 – 19:00 Registration and Arrival Drinks Reception in the Senior Common Room, Queen’s Building, Queen Mary University of London

We will start the conference programme with a short drinks reception. The Senior Common Room Lounge is located in Queen Mary University of London’s Queen’s Building, where wine, juices and light nibbles will be served before we depart for dinner. This will be an opportunity to meet other conference participants, and the conference organisers, and register for the conference.

Location: Queen’s Building, Queen Mary campus on Mile End Road, London E1 4NS.

19:30 – 21:30 Informal dinner at The Coborn

Within the pretty Victorian terraces on Coborn Road, between Mile End and Bow, this provides the classic British pub experience. The seasonal menu includes a variety of fresh, British plates. Craft beer, cocktails and wines from all around the world are always stocked in both the bar and restaurant. There will be a set menu for the evening, which will be circulated on Monday 11 June.

Location: 8 Coborn Road, Mile End, London, E3 2DA

Day 2 – Thursday 21 June 2018

Location of proceedings: Collette Bowe Room, Queens’ Building, Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NT.

9:00 – 9:30 Morning Coffee and Registration

9:30 – 11:00 Opening Session

Chair: Professor Seán McConville, Professor of Law and Public Policy Queen Mary University of London, co-chair of the conference.

Opening Remarks

Professor Shimon Shetreet Hebrew University of Jerusalem, President of the International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace, co-chair of the conference.

Professor Seán McConville, Professor of Law and Public Policy Queen Mary University of London, co-chair of the conference.

Introduction of Lord Thomas

Lord Pannick QC, Blackstone Chamber and House of Lords

Keynote speech:

The Right Honourable Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales

11:00 – 11:30 Tea and Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: Judicial Independence: Global Challenges and Appropriate Remedies

Chair: Mr. Gian Andrea Danuser, Senior advocate, Zurich, General Secretary JIWP

Speakers:

- **Elwira Macierzynska**, Kozminski University, Warsaw, New Polish Supreme on “Court Act and Rule of Law”.
- **Prof. Maimon Schwarzschild**, University of San Diego on “The Judicial Role in the US and the Political Question Doctrine”.
- **Professor Sebastien Spinei**, Faculty of Law, LB University, Sibiu, Romania on “Aged clichés, Different Suburb., Justice in Romania: Crisis vs. Independence”
- **Professor Wayne McCormack**, Law School, University of Utah on “Challenges to Judicial Independence in the US”.
- **Professor Seán McConville**, Professor of Law and Public Policy Queen Mary University of London on “Nationalisation of Criminal Justice and Sentencing”.

- **Prof Alexander Trunk**, University of Kiel on “Judicial Independence in Ukraine - A View from the Outside”.

13:00– 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Session 3: Measuring Justice and Rule of Law

Chair: Professor Anton Cooray, School of Law, City University of London

Speakers:

- **Professor Hiram Chodosh**, President Claremont McKenna College California (Topic TBC)
- **Jože Štrus**, EU official, European Commission’s Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (Topic TBC)
- **Professor Daniela Piana**, University of Bologna on “OECD Debate on equal access to justice and legal needs measurement”.
- **Professor Emmanuel Cartier**, Full Professor in Constitutional Law and Director of the CRD&P (Laws and Perspectives of the Laws Research Center) at the University de Lille (France) on “Rule of Law: French pattern and its contradictions in the European context”.
- **Professor Avrom Sherr**, University of London on “Too Few Judges?”

15:30 – 16:00 Tea and Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Session 4: Challenges of Justice

Chair: Professor Christopher Forsyth on Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

Speakers:

- **Professor Giuseppe Franco Ferrari**, University of Bocconi, Milan on “Supreme and Constitutional Courts and social rights in times of crisis”.
- **Ksenyia Laputko**, Belarus State University on “Transformation of the understanding of judicial independence in Belarus in post-Communist Era”.
- **Professor Neil H Andrews**, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge on “Impartiality of judges and arbitrators and mediators and expert witnesses”.
- **Professor Christoph Paulus**, Humboldt University Berlin on “Dealing with Governments Debts in International Tribunals”.
- **Professor Fryderyk Zoll**, Jagellonian University and Osnabrück University on “The Contemporary Challenges of the Rule of Law in Poland”.
- **Professor Wolfgang Wieshaider**, University of Vienna-European Jurisprudence on “Issues of Law and Religion”
- **Prof. Harry Wang**, University of Macau on “The Rule of Law in a Chinese Context: Instrumentalism and Selective Adaptation”.

Discussants

Professor Walter Rechberger, University of Vienna

19:30 Formal Dinner at the Reform Club

Conference participants are invited to a formal dinner at The Reform Club as guests of Professor McConville. This private members' club has a strictly enforced dress code, so please read the requirements in the note on the formal dinner.

If you would like to bring spouses along as a plus one there is limited availability at the discretion of the Club. Please contact the conference events manager, Jessica McFarlane at j.mcfarlane@qmul.ac.uk by the strict deadline Monday 11 June 2018, should you require an extra place. It should be noted that you will be required to pay for your plus one's dinner by Pounds Sterling cheque or cash when you register for the conference. Unfortunately, we are unable to take credit cards.

Day 3 – Friday, 22 June 2018

Location: Room 601, Graduate Centre, Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Road, London E1 4NS.

9:30 – 11:00 Session 5: Contemporary Issues on Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law

Chair: Lord Collins, Former Justice, UK Supreme Court

Speakers:

- **Sir Louis Blom-Cooper** QC on “Judges on and off the Bench”.
- **Professor Shimon Shetreet** on “Assessing the Justice System: Value Issues and Practical and management Challenges in a Globalised World”.
- **Dr. Sophie Turenne**, University of Cambridge on “The impact of the English Government's policy, 'Transforming our Justice System' on Judicial Independence”.
- **Professor Dr. Thorsten Ingo Schmidt**, University of Potsdam on “Code of Conduct of the Justices of the German Federal Constitutional Court”
- **Professor Lord Norton**, University of Hull on “Parliament, the executive and the courts in the UK: a democratic dialogue?”

11:00 – 11:30 Tea and Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Concluding Session: Deliberation on Amendments on Mt. Scopus International Standards of Judicial Independence, and the Bologna Milano Global Code of Judicial Ethics

Chair: Mr. Eli Ben Tovim, Senior Advocate, Jerusalem.

Opening presentations:

- **Prof. Shimon Shetreet, President JIWP** (Topic TBC)
- **Professor Keith Uff, University of Birmingham** on “Update on Disciplining the Judiciary in England”.
- **Dr. CY Das, Senior lawyer, Malaysia** on “Judicial Independence: The Challenges from Within (Case assignments, Promotions & Continuance of Tenure)”.
- **Prof Mikhail Antonov, University of Saint Petersburg** on “Evaluating Judicial Independence in Russia”.
- **Dr Wafik Moustafa, chairman British ARAB Network, London** on “Challenges of the Judiciary and Judicial independence in the Arab World”.

Planning the Next conferences

Prof. Hiram Chodosh, President Claremont McKenna College California

Mr. Mihai Chirica – TBD

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Departure or optional social event

We will have an optional social event after the lunch on the second day of the conference. If you are interested in attending, please contact the conference events manager, Jessica McFarlane at lawevents@qmul.ac.uk, who will be able to arrange this. The strict deadline for declarations of interest is strictly Monday 11 June 2018.

14:00 – 16:00 Visit to the Royal Courts of Justice

The Royal Courts of Justice (London’s High Court) located on London’s Fleet Street. It houses, together with the Court of Appeal, one of the senior courts of England & Wales. It has three main divisions (The Queen’s Bench Division, The Chancery Division and The Family Division) and hears appeals from the High Court and the Crown Court. It also used to accommodate the court of last resort and highest appellate court in the UK, until the Supreme Court (another interesting London courthouse) was established in 2009.

The building is reminiscent of a cathedral in both style and scale. Soaring arches and beautiful stained glass windows ornamented with the coats of arms of Lord Chancellors and Keepers of the Great Seal, combined with a mosaic marble floor leading to a maze of enchanting corridors to create a majestic setting for visitors.

Formal Dinner: Notes for guests

About the Reform Club

The Reform Club was founded in 1836, in Pall Mall, in the centre of what is often called London’s Clubland. The founders commissioned a leading architect of the day, Charles Barry (who inter alia was the architect of the rebuilt Houses of Parliament), to create an imposing and palatial clubhouse. It is as splendid today as when it opened in 1841. Membership was restricted to those who pledged support for the Great Reform Act of

1832, and the many MPs and Whig peers among the early members developed the Club as the political headquarters of the Liberal Party. The Reform Club is no longer associated with any particular political party, and now serves a purely social function. Today's Reformers are men and women drawn from many backgrounds and a wide field of professional life. Former members included British Prime Ministers such as Winston Churchill, Herbert Asquith, and Lord Palmerston. Writers included H.G Wells, Henry James and others. The club will always be associated with Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

Dress Requirements

Gentlemen are required to wear a jacket and shirt with full collar. Ties are encouraged but not required. Ladies are required to dress with similar formality. Jackets may be removed at any time in the summer months of June, July and August. Recognised national and religious dress and service dress uniform may be worn at any time.

The following are unacceptable, and door staff will refuse admittance if you wear:

- Denim
- Track suits, leisure wear, shorts, leggings, jodhpur-style trousers and other similar attire
- T shirts, sweat shirts, bodice/cropped tops and similar items.
- Training shoes, hiking boots, deck shoes, plimsolls, flip-flop sandals and similar sports style footwear.