Academic Freedom in a Plural World:
Global Critical Perspectives
Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University
Co-Chaired by Prof. Nandini Ramanujam & Prof. Frédéric Mégret
9-10 June 2021

Tentative Program

(All times are for Montreal, Eastern Daylight Time, and all sessions will be conducted on Zoom and recorded.)

Day 1: 9 June 2021

08:00 – 08:15 AM (EDT)
Opening Remarks – Profs. Nandini Ramanujam & Frédéric Mégret (Conference Co-Chairs)

08:15 – 9:45 AM
Panel 1: Imagining, Defending, Critiquing Academic Freedom

Moderator: Prof. Jacob Levy (McGill University)

Panelists:
Prof. John Palfrey (John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation)
Prof. Zhidong Hao (University of Macau)
Prof. Sigal Ben-Porath (University of Pennsylvania)
Prof. Terence Karran (University of Lincoln)

9:45-10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 11:45 AM
Panel 2: Diversity and the Democratization of Academic Freedom

Moderator: Prof. Angela Campbell (McGill University)

Panelists:
Dr. Sijbolt Noorda (Observatory Magna Charta Universitatum)
Prof. Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua (University of Ghana)
Prof. Reshmi Dutt-Ballerstadt (Linfield University)
Dr. Murtaza Shaikh (Ofcom, London & Advisor to UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues)

11:45 – 12:00
Close of Day 1

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**Day 2: 10 June 2021**

10:00 – 10:15 AM (EDT)
**Opening Remarks** – Prof. Nandini Ramanujam & Frédéric Mégret (Conference Co-Chairs)

10:15 – 11:45 AM
**Panel 3: Between Authoritarianism and Populism: State Interference with Academic Freedom**

Moderator: Dr. Sejal Parmar (University of Sheffield)

Panelists:
- Prof. Flavia Biroli (University of Brasília)
- Prof. Nandini Sundar (University of Delhi)
- Prof. Stéphanie Hennette-Vauchez (Université Paris Nanterre)
- Prof. Liviu Matei (Central European University)

11:45-12:15    BREAK

12:15 – 01:45 PM
**Panel 4: Emerging Threats and Responses**

Moderator: Mr. Robert Quinn (Scholars at Risk Network)

Panelists:
- Prof. Jenny Lee (University of Arizona)
- Prof. Teng Biao (Hunter College)
- Mr. Vincent Wong (York University, Osgoode Hall Law School)
- Prof. Lisa Bero (University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus)

01:45 – 02:00 PM
**Closing Remarks:** Prof. Terri Givens (McGill University)