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**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

*Program*

*(All times are for Montreal, Eastern Daylight Time. 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)

Dr. Murtaza Shaikh (Ofcom, London & Advisor to UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues)

**11:45 – 12:00**

**Close of Day 1**



## **Academic Freedom in a Plural World: Global Critical Perspectives**

**Day 2: 10 June 2021**

**9:45 – 10:00 AM (EDT)**

**Opening Remarks** – Profs. Nandini Ramanujam & Frédéric Mégret (Conference Co-Chairs)

**10:00 – 11:30 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)

**11:30-12:00 BREAK**

**12:00 – 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)

Prof. Reshmi Dutt-Ballerstadt (Linfield University)

**01:45 – 02:00 PM**

**Closing Remarks:** Prof. Terri Givens (McGill University)