Revised Program (as of 16 March 2016)

**Thursday**

**Gather** – 2:00 pm (place to be announced; probably at India International House)

- 2:15 to 3:45 pm – Panel Discussion – #FeesMustFall and protest in South Africa – Jackie Dugard, Tshepo Madlingozi, Karl Klare (convener)
- 3:45 to 4:00 pm – Tea Break
- 4:00 to 6:30 pm – Projects and work-in-progress – Discussion
  - Lucy Williams – World Bank intervention; discussant – Dennis Davis
  - Margaret Woo – HR litigation in China; discussant – Octavio Luiz Motta Ferraz
  - Ana Paula de Barcellos – Democratic law-making and monitoring; discussant – Danie Brand
  - Aziza Ahmed—Gender and Sexuality; discussant – Jackie Dugard

**Social time & dinner**

**Friday**

**Morning** –

- 10:00 to 10:10 am – Welcome: Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President, CPR
- 10:10 am to 11:00 am – “India 101” orientation session – Usha Ramanathan
- 11:00 to 11:15 am – Tea break
- 11:15 am to 1:00 pm – SER and Property with a focus on Land Rights/National Resources/Forest & Land Rights – Usha Ramanathan, Namita Wahi (convener); Danie Brand; Jackie Dugard; discussant – Frank Michelman
Lunch 1:00 to 2:00 pm

Afternoon – 2:00 to 4:00 pm

- Shrinking Space for Civil Society – Jayshree Satpute (convener)
  - Henri Tiphagne – The Indian experience
  - Bojan Bugarić – Europe following the Debt and Refugee Crises
  - Discussants – Tshepo Madlingozi (attacks on civil society in SA); Margaret Woo (China)

Tea – 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Evening – 5:00 to 7:00 pm – [public session]

- Right to Education – Kiran Bhattiy (convener), N. Paul Divakar, Annie Namala, Henri Tiphagne, Dr R. Govinda; Jayna Kothari, Kevin Murray, Esteban Hoyos Ceballos, Lucy Williams

Dinner

- at IIC

Saturday

Morning – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

- Field visit (Sukti Dhital and Jayshree Satpute)

Lunch – 12:30 to 1:30 pm

Afternoon I – 1:30 to 3:00 pm

- The Right to Food – Colin Gonsalves (convener), Biraj Patnaik, Kavita Srivastava; discussants – Kevin Murray, Bruce Porter

Tea – 3:00 to 3:30 pm

Afternoon II – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

- Human Rights, Economic Development, Mega-Projects – Komala Ramachandra (convener), Mr. R. Sreedhar, Natalia Angel-Cabo on urbanization and SER
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| Afternoon III – 5:15 to 6:45 pm | • Right to Health – Justice Muralidhar, Sukti Dhital (convener), Ana Paula de Barcellos, Octavio Luiz Motta Ferraz, Aziza Ahmed  
Dinner – with Justice Muralidhar and Usha Ramanathan |
| Sunday             | Morning – 10:00 am to 12:00                                         |
|                    | • Whither Constitutional Courts? – The Colombian Constitutional Court in the Post-Cepeda Era (Natalia Angel Cabo, Esteban Hoyos Ceballos); the ECJ and ECtHR (Bojan Bugarić); Constitutional Court of South Africa at a turning point (Dennis Davis) [Karl Klare – convener] |
|                    | Early afternoon – 12:15 to 1:45 pm                                   |
|                    | • Recent Debates and New Frontiers in Constitutional Theory: Bojan Bugarić – Recent criticisms of human rights discourse and the promise of SER litigation strategies; Frank Michelman – Recent thinking about “constitutional recognition” for re-distributive and social-structural claims; Roberto Gargarella – Dialogical Devices in Resolving SER cases [Karl Klare – convener] |
|                    | Lunch – 1:45 to 2:45                                                |
|                    | Afternoon – 3:00 to 5:00 pm – [public]                              |
|                    | • Right to Adequate Housing; Struggle Across India; UNSR’s upcoming visit – Justice A. P. Shah, Miloon Kothari (convener), Shivani Chaudhry, Bruce Porter, Jayshree Satpute; discussant – Octavio Luiz Motta Ferraz |
|                    | Informal farewell dinner and discussion of future of iSERP – 5:00 to 7:00 pm |


List of Participants

Aziza Ahmed is Associate Professor of Law, Northeastern University, Boston, USA. Aziza is an expert on health law, criminal law, law and development, sexuality, and race; expert member of the Technical Advisory Group on HIV and the Law, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Natalia Angel-Cabo is Professor of Law at the Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia). She is the founder and former director of the Action Program for Equality and Social Inclusion, PAIIS-Universidad de los Andes. She has been Deputy Justice of the Colombian Constitutional Court, director of the Support Office to the Special Follow-up Plenary on the constitutional Judgment T-025/04 (internal forced displacement), and consultant in various human rights projects. She holds a JD from Universidad de los Andes and an LL.M form Harvard.

Ana Paula Gonçalves Pereira de Barcellos, JD, LLM, SJD, is a professor of constitutional law at the State University of Rio de Janeiro. In 2012-2013, she was a Takemi Fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA. She practices law in Brazil.

Kiran Bhatt is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research [CPR] currently working on issues of institutional functioning in elementary education. She coordinates the PAGE [Public Accountability and Governance in Education] project at CPR, which is aimed at analyzing systems of data management, accountability and community monitoring in education, through action research. Her current research focuses on decentralized data systems for education and the response of the judiciary in implementing the RTE Act. She is also the founder-coordinator of The Forum for Deliberations in Education [The Forum] – a collaborative initiative that conducts a monthly seminar series on education.

Prior to joining CPR she was the National Coordinator for RTE at the NCPCR- mandated to monitor the RTE Act. She has also worked as an Education specialist at UNICEF and on several research projects such as the PROBE report on Basic Education and the FOCUS report on early childhood care.

She has been a member of several National Committees such as the Bordia Committee that drafted the guidelines for merging Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan [SSA] with RTE; the Committee for finalizing SSA norms under RTE; and chair of the special group set up for drafting guidelines for school social audits. She is currently a member of the Advisory Committee for Data and Management Systems at the National University for Education Planning and Administration [NUEPA],

She has a Masters degree in Economics and an MPhil in Development Studies from the London School of Economics, UK

Danie Brand is an associate professor of public law at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, where he has worked for the past 21 years (since 1994). He teaches administrative law, constitutional law and land law. He is also a member of the Pretoria Bar and runs a public interest litigation practice.
Bojan Bugarič is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. He has published numerous articles on comparative constitutional law, comparative administrative law, European Union Law and law and development. His most recent publications include an article called Law and Development in Central and Eastern Europe: Neoliberal Development State and its Problems published by Cambridge University Press. He currently is working on a book, Authoritarianism versus Democracy in Post Communist Europe, examining why constitutional democracies in Central and Eastern Europe struggle to maintain the rule of law as they face the challenges of the Euro crisis. Bugarič served as Deputy Minister at the Ministry of the Interior in the Slovenian government from 2000-2004. He was a Fulbright Visiting Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), in 1998. He holds a Doctor of Juridical Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Masters of Law from UCLA.

Shivani Chaudhry is the Executive Director of Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN), New Delhi, where she has been working since 2004. Prior to this, she worked for five years with the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Shivani received her B.A. (Economics) from Bombay University, India, and her M.A. (Environmental Studies) from Brown University, Providence, U.S.A. She has been working in the field of human rights for over fifteen years, with a specific focus on economic, social, and cultural rights, especially the human rights to adequate housing, land, livelihood, and the environment. She has been engaged actively with issues related to forced evictions, homelessness, land, disasters, discrimination, women’s rights, and human rights education. She has carried out several human rights workshops and contributed to the development of tools to monitor housing and land rights, both in India and at the global level.

She is associated with several social movements and networks. She is a co-convenor of the National Forum for Housing Rights, and Executive Committee member of Shahri Adhikar Manch: Begharon Ke Saath (Urban Rights Forum: With the Homeless). She was a member of the Ministry of Rural Development's Task Force on Land Reforms, and contributed to the draft national land reform policy. Shivani regularly speaks on human rights issues at various platforms – both nationally and internationally. She also writes on these topics and has published articles in newspapers, magazines, journals, and has contributed to several publications and books, including those published by the American Society for International Law, UN-Habitat, Zubaan, and Oxford University Press.

Dennis Davis is Judge of the High Court of South Africa and Judge President of the Competition Appeals Court, South Africa. He is an Honorary Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, and has been a visiting professor of law at Harvard Law School, NYU Law School, Georgetown Law School.

Sukti Dhital is a human rights lawyer and Co-Founder Director of Nazdeek, a legal capacity-building organization serving marginalized communities in India.

N. Paul Divakar is an advocate for Dalit rights, Economic Rights Expert, and Human rights defender. He is one of the founding members of the National Campaign on Dalit Rights and is currently the General Secretary of Dalit Arthik Adhikar Andolan of the National Campaign on
Dalit Human Rights (NCDHR). He is also currently the Chairperson of the Asia Dalit Rights Forum, which is a forum consisting of organisations and networks from across the five South Asian countries, working towards ensuring inclusion and to address issues of untouchability and caste-based discrimination in the region. His deep interest for the economic empowerment of Dalits has been the reason behind initiating a campaign on ensuring equitable access to government budgets and he is the convenor of the National Coalition on SCP TSP Legislation (NACSTL).

He has been actively engaging with the communities in strengthening access to justice, gender concerns especially on the intersectionality of gender and caste, financial accountability, transparency and participation. He has also engaged with the state on issues of budgets and bringing in the perspective of issues of the marginalised and has served on several committees constituted by the government to look at budgetary allocations and equity budgeting. Paul was elected to the International Board of Amnesty International in 2013.

**Jackie Dugard** has a BA (Hons) and LLB from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg; an MPhil and PhD from the University of Cambridge; and an LLM from the University of Essex. She worked at the Commonwealth Secretariat from 2001-2003, the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand from 2004-2009; and co-founded and was the first executive director of the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI) from 2010-2013. In February 2014, Jackie was appointed as the first director of a new Gender Equity Office at the University of the Witwatersrand; and in August 2014 she was also appointed as an associate professor of law at the University. She teaches Property Law and engages in socio-legal research on the role of courts, socio-economic rights and social movements.

**Octavio Luiz Motta Ferraz** is a Brazilian born legal academic based in the UK. He is currently a Reader in Transnational Law at King’s College London, UK. He received his LLM from the University of Sao Paulo, his MA from King’s College London (prize Benjamin Gijsen winner), and his PhD from University College London. He is a former research officer to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health and a former Associate Professor at Warwick University. He has published extensively on social and economic human rights, in particular the right to health.


**Colin Gonsalves** is the Founder of Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), India’s leading public interest law group. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Mr. Gonsalves started his professional life as a civil engineer but was drawn into the field of law through his work with the unions in Bombay. He commenced formal legal study in 1979 and litigated his first case, while still in law school, on behalf of 5,000 workers locked out of their jobs.
Upon attaining his law degree in 1983, Mr. Gonsalves co-founded the Human Rights Law Network (HRLN) and developed it into a national organization that brought together over 200 lawyers and paralegals operating out of 28 offices spread throughout India. Mr. Gonsalves transitioned his practice from the Labour Courts to the Bombay High Court in 1984 and was designated as Senior Advocate, before moving onto the Supreme Court of India in 2001. Mr. Gonsalves has written, edited and co-edited copious number of articles and books on a range of human rights law issues. For such inspiring work, he was presented with the “International Human Rights Award” by the American Bar Association in 2005. Most recently, in 2010, he has been conferred a Doctorate of the University, *honoris causa*, by the University of Middlesex, UK. He was also given the “Mother Teresa Memorial Award” for Social Justice “in recognition of remarkable contribution in legal services addressing human rights” in 2010.

**Prof. R. Govinda** is Vice Chancellor of National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi. Previously he has worked in the Institute of Education, University of London, M.S. University of Baroda, and the International Institute of Educational Planning (IIEP), UNESCO. He is a member of several national and international bodies and serves on the editorial board of the ‘Global Monitoring Report’ for ‘Education for All’; is a Consultant Fellow to International Bureau of Education; a member of the Central Advisory Board of Education; a and member of the National Advisory Committee on Right to Education of Government of India. His research interests include primary education and literacy, decentralized management, programme evaluation, and reforms in higher education. He has published widely on these issues in several books and journals. Oxford University Press has recently published another book by him entitled “Who Goes to School Exploring Exclusion in Indian Education.”

**Esteban Hoyos-Ceballos** studied law at Universidad de los Andes. He holds a Masters of Laws (LL.M) by Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY (USA). He is also a J.S.D. candidate from Cornell Law School. After law school Esteban Hoyos was a law clerk of the Colombian Constitutional Court. Hoyos has been a professor of law at EAFIT University law school in Medellín (Colombia) since 2006 where he teaches courses on Colombian Constitutional Law. His research interests include Colombian Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, Social and Economic Rights, International Human Rights Law, Clinical Legal Education and Public Interest Law.

**Karl Klare** is George J. & Kathleen Waters Matthews Distinguished University Professor, Northeastern University, Boston, USA; Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa; Deputy Convenor, International Social and Economic Rights Project (iSERP). Karl originally focused on US labor and employment law and on legal theory. His involvement with South Africa in recent decades has led him into constitutional theory.

**Jayna Kothari** is one of the founder members of CLPR. She graduated from University Law College with a B.A. & LL.B degree in 1999. She also completed her post-graduate studies as a Bachelor in Civil Law at the University of Oxford. She has also taught in University Law College, Bangalore as well as National Law School of India University, Bangalore. In 2008, Jayna was awarded the Wrangler D.C. Pavate Fellowship in the University of Cambridge. She is
also a recipient of the National Child Rights Fellowship, 2010 awarded by Child Rights and You (CRY).

Having practiced previously in the Supreme Court of India in the Office of Ms. Indira Jaising, Jayna is now a partner in Ashira Law, a law firm in Bangalore and is practicing in the High Court of Karnataka. Her articles and other writings have been published in academic and non-academic works. Her focus areas of interest and expertise include disability law, constitutional law, human rights and intellectual property law.

**Miloon Kothari** is an architect by training. He now resides in New Delhi, India, and researches housing, land rights and displacement. Miloon is President of UPR info and was a Visiting Scholar at the Program on Human Rights and Justice and a Lecturer at MIT’s Department for Urban Studies and Planning. Mr. Kothari is a leading voice at national, regional and international forums on human rights, especially economic, social and cultural rights. He is an outspoken critic of the countries and institutions that see the neo-liberal and military/security policies as a means to achieving democracy and human rights.

He served (from 2000-2008) as the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council. He is also the founder and former coordinator of the South Asian Regional Programme of the Habitat International Coalition’s Housing and Land Rights Network and is founding member of the International NGO Committee on Human Rights in Trade and Investment. In recent years, he has been particularly active on issues such as Women’s rights to land, inheritance, property, housing and globalization, trade liberalization and their impacts on the right to adequate housing and other related rights and the UN’s Universal Review Process (UPR). Since 2009, Mr. Kothari has contributed significantly, as founding member and convener to the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN.

**Tshepo Madlingozi** is senior lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria and he is also a PhD Candidate at Birkbeck, University of London. He holds master’s degrees in both law and sociology. He is a member of the editorial committee of the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and sits on the management committee of Pretoria University Law Press. From 2011 he has been a permanent collaborator in a 5-year European Union Project entitled ‘ALICE, Strange Mirrors, Unsuspected Lesson: Leading Europe to a new way of sharing the world’ under the coordination of Professor Boaventura de Sousa Santos at the University of Coimbra (www.alice.ces.uc.pt). He has sat on the boards of several social movements and NGO’s. He is currently the chairperson of Khulumani Support Group. He is co-editor of *Socio-economic Rights in South Africa: Symbol or Substance?* (Cambridge UP). His recent publication is: “Rights-Compromised or Rights-Savvy? The Use of Rights-Based Strategies to Advance Socio-Economic Struggles by Abahlali baseMjondolo, the South African Shack-Dwellers’ Movement” co-authored with Jackie Dugard and Kate Tissington in *Social and Economic Rights in Theory and Practice: Critical Inquiries* (Routledge) by Garcia et al (eds.) 2015.

**Dr. Pratap Bhanu Mehta** is the president and chief executive of CPR. Regarded as one of the foremost public intellectuals in India, Dr. Mehta is a political scientist who has taught at Harvard University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and the New York University School of Law. His areas
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Frank I. Michelman is Robert Walmsley University Professor, Emeritus, at Harvard University, where he taught from 1963 to 2012. He is the author of Brennan and Democracy (1999), and has published widely in the fields of property law and theory, constitutional law and theory, comparative constitutionalism, South African constitutionalism, local government law, and general legal theory. Professor Michelman is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a past President (1994-95) of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy. He has served on the Committee of Directors for the annual Prague Conference on Philosophy and the Social Sciences, the Board of Directors of the United States Association of Constitutional Law, and the National Advisory Board of the American Constitution Society. In 2005, Professor Michelman was awarded the American Philosophical Society’s Phillips Prize in Jurisprudence and, in 2004, the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize. In January, 1995, and again in January 1996, Professor Michelman served as a co-organizer and co-leader of Judges’ Conferences sponsored by the Centre on Applied Legal Studies of the University of the Witwatersrand, devoted to matters of constitutional law in South Africa. In December, 2011, Professor Michelman delivered the keynote address for a multi-day Conference on “The 20th Anniversary of Israel’s Human Rights Revolution,” at a session held at the Knesset, Jerusalem.

S. Muralidhar began his law practice in Chennai in September 1984 and in 1987 shifted to the Supreme Court of India and the Delhi High Court. He was active as a lawyer for the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee and later was its member for two terms. His pro bono work included the cases for the victims of the Bhopal Gas Disaster and those displaced by the dams on the Narmada. He was appointed amicus curiae by the Supreme Court in several PIL cases and in cases involving convicts on the death row. Muralidhar was counsel for the National Human Rights Commission and the Election Commission of India and a part-time member of the Law Commission from December 2002 till May 2006 when he was appointed a judge of the Delhi High Court. Muralidhar was awarded the Ph D by the Delhi University in 2003. He is the author of ‘Law, Poverty and Legal Aid: Access to Criminal Justice' a book published by LexisNexis Butterworths in August 2004.

Some of his landmark decisions include Naz Foundation v. Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 160 Delhi Law Times 277 (Delhi High Court 2009), Sudama Singh & Ors v. Govt of Delhi & Ors.,
Kevin Murray is Executive Director, Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy, Northeastern University School of Law. Decades of previous experience in leadership and advising positions within international development and human rights advocacy organizations including Oxfam America, Jesuit Refugee Service, Lutheran World Relief, Grassroots International and Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Annie Namala is an activist and the Executive Director of Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion. She has over 25 years of experience working with Dalit communities. She has worked extensively in building community-based organizations, networking, training and advocacy. Having worked for over 20 years in South India, she moved to New Delhi to engage in policy and advocacy work with bilateral and UN agencies, particularly in the arena of child rights and right to education. Annie has worked as the Senior Social Policy Advisor for the UNICEF Regional office in Kathmandu. As a member of the National Advisory Council for Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, she chaired the sub-group on equity and inclusion. Currently she is a member of the National Resource Group for the Mahila Samakhya programme.

Biraj Patnaik is the Principal Adviser to the Commissioners of the Supreme Court. He works closely with the Commissioners in discharging their mandates i.e., to communicate issues and concerns relevant to food entitlements and to articulate policy demands with the pertinent authorities to augment the implementation of Orders relevant to the right to food case; and to make state visits, conduct inquiries, and verify complaints on the compliance of said Orders.

Patnaik also works intimately with States Advisers to oversee the performance of food schemes on the ground and serves as the overall person in-charge of the day-to-day manning of the Commissioners Secretariat. Patnaik, as well, currently assists the Central Vigilance Committee on the PDS. He is appointed by the Indian Supreme Court in an honorary capacity. Patnaik, has been a member of a number of Committees of the Planning Commission, the Government of India and State Governments on food, health care and public sector reforms.

Bruce Porter has been the Executive Director of the Social Rights Advocacy Centre <www.socialrights.ca> since 2002. He has also been the Co-Director of a major research project on social rights funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, involving three universities and four NGOs in Canada <www.socialrightscura.ca>. He has published widely on social rights, including the recently published book Advancing Social Rights in Canada (Irwin Law, 2014) which he co-edited with Martha Jackman. He has spearheaded important strategic litigation on poverty and social rights in Canada, coordinating 14 interventions at the Supreme Court of Canada by the Charter Committee on Poverty Issues, a national coalition created to act as a litigation voice for the poor, which Bruce has co-ordinated since 1994. He balances his time between work in Canada and international work at the UN and in other countries. He was a founding member of ESCR-Net www.escrnet.org and assists in coordinating that organization’s International Strategic Litigation Initiative. Bruce was a founding member of the NGO Coalition for the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR and played a central role in the drafting of the historic OP-ECESCR, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008 to establish a complaints procedure for social rights. He is co-editor of a forthcoming commentary on the
Optional Protocol and has published several articles on the “reasonableness” standard for compliance with the obligation of progressive realization under the Optional Protocol. He was previously the executive director of the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation from 1986 – 2002. He graduated from Queen’s University in Kingston Ontario with first class honours in History and from the University of Sussex with an MA in Intellectual History.

Komala Ramachandra is the South Asia Director of Accountability Counsel. For the last 6 years, Komala has been an attorney with Accountability Counsel, a non-profit organization that supports communities around the world to defend their human rights and environment. She works with communities to hold international companies and banks accountable for their actions, and ensure that national laws and institutional policies support transparency, accountability, and access to remedy. As head of Accountability Counsel's work in South Asia, working with communities in Nepal and India to hold the World Bank Group accountable for human rights violations caused by its investments. Komala graduated in 2010 from Harvard Law School and a BA in Political Science and Economics from Northwestern University.

Dr Usha Ramanathan works on the jurisprudence of law, poverty and rights. She is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in Delhi. She guest lectures at many universities around the world. She is a frequent adviser to non-governmental organisations and international organizations. She was, for instance, a member of Amnesty International's Advisory Panel on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. She writes and speaks on issues that include the Bhopal gas disaster, mass displacement, civil liberties, criminal law and the environment. She has been tracking, and engaging with, the Unique Identification project in India and has written, and debated extensively, on the subject. Her work draws heavily upon non- governmental experience in its encounters with the state, a 6 year stint with a law journal as reporter from the Supreme Court, and engaging with matters of public policy.

Jayshree Satpute is a human rights lawyer and Co-Founder of Nazdeek, a legal capacity-building organization serving marginalized communities in India.

Justice (Retd.) Ajit Prakash Shah is the Chairman of the 20th Law Commission of India. He was the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court from May 2008 till his retirement in February 2010. Justice Shah is known for his landmark judgments such as Naz Foundation v. Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 160 Delhi Law Times 277 (Delhi High Court 2009) and Sudama Singh & Ors v. Govt of Delhi & Ors., W.P. (C) No. 8904/2009.

Justice Shah graduated from from Solapur and attended Government Law College, Mumbai for his law degree. After a short span of practice at the Solapur District Court, he shifted to the Bombay High Court in 1977 and joined the chambers of the then-leading Advocate Shri S.C. Pratap. He gained experience in civil, constitutional, service and labour matters. Justice Shah was appointed Additional Judge of Bombay High Court on 18 December 1992 and became a permanent Judge of Bombay High Court on 8 April 1994. He assumed charge as the Chief Justice of Madras High Courton 12 November 2005 and was transferred as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court on 7 May 2008.
Since June 2011, Justice Shah has been the Chairperson of Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC), the self-regulatory body for non-news general entertainment channels (GECs) set up by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF).

R. Sreedhar, a geologist by training is the Chairperson of Mines, Minerals and People, a network of organisations working on the environmental and population displacement effects of mining and large projects in rural India. He is part of the core team of the Environics Trust.

Kavita Srivastava is a member of the People’s Union for Civil Liberties and has been integral part of the right to food campaign. She has been involved in many high-profile cases against the government like the Planning Commission’s take on BPL, supporting Binayak Sen and securing justice for missing Dalit nurse Bhanwari Devi.

Henri Tiphagne is an Advocate and the Executive Director of People’s Watch, a National Human Rights Organization. People’s Watch is engaged in a program of Human Rights Monitoring, Legal Intervention, Campaigning and Networking. It has been specialising in training programs across the country on training the activists to undertake fact finding missions particularly covering the caste base discrimination and practice of untouchability as well as torture, extra judicial killings and disappearances. The organisation also actively supports human rights education. In 1997, Tiphagne founded an institute offering training for teachers and providing human rights education programmes. To date it has reached 500,000 children in 18 Indian states. Henri has also been instrumental in initiating establishment of Sudhanthra, a rehabilitation centre for victims of domestic violence and torture.

Henri has served in numerous national and international organizations such as the Executive Committee Member of the International Organisation against Torture (OMCT) based in Geneva and serves as the Chairperson of Forum Asia based in Bangkok from 2010 onwards. He is presently also the National Convenor of the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN and serves the International Dalit Solidarity Network as its Council Member. Henri was recently awarded the Amnesty International Germany’s Human Rights award for his “exceptional commitment to human rights.”

Dr. Namita Wahi is a Fellow at CPR, where she heads the Land Rights Initiative. Namita holds a doctorate degree from Harvard Law School, where she wrote her dissertation on “The Right to Property and Economic Development in India.” Namita’s research interests are broadly in the areas of property rights, social and economic rights, and eminent domain or expropriation law. She has written extensively on these issues in various academic journals and edited volumes, as well as newspapers and magazines. Namita has taught courses in these areas at Harvard University, both at the Law School and the Department of Government, and at the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.

Before entering academia, Namita was a litigator with Davis Polk and Wardwell in New York, where she practised primarily in the areas of bankruptcy, securities, criminal defence and asylum law. Namita also holds an LLM from Harvard Law School, where she was awarded the Laylin Prize for the ‘Best Paper in International Law and BA and LLB (Hons.) degrees from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, where she graduated first in her class.
Lucy Williams teaches in the area of social welfare law and civil litigation at Northeastern University School of Law. An authority on social welfare law and low-wage labor, she has recently focused on judicial enforcement of social and economic rights. She is a co-director of the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy at and the Convener of the International Social and Economic Rights Project. She has published widely, including in the Yale Law Journal, the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, the Yale Law and Policy Review, the South African Journal on Human Rights and the Stellenbosch Law Review. In 1994-1995, she was honored by the school as the Public Interest Distinguished Professor. In August 1994, she was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the three-year Advisory Council on Unemployment Compensation, which evaluated all aspects of the unemployment compensation program and made policy recommendations to the president and Congress.

Margaret Woo is a Professor of Law at Northeastern University School of Law, with a BA from Brown University (magna cum laude), JD from New York University School of Law, and LLM from Georgetown University Law Center. At Northeastern, she teaches civil procedure, administrative law, and comparative law. In 1997, she was named the law school's Distinguished Professor of Public Policy. She was formerly a Fellow at the Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College and presently, an Associate in Research at East Asian Legal Studies Center of Harvard Law School and at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard College. In the spring of 2015, she was a visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for International, European and Regulatory Procedure Law in Luxembourg. She is a member of the prestigious American Law Institute and a fellow with the American Bar Foundation. She has published and spoken widely on China’s legal reforms, human rights and the global economy. Her books include Chinese Justice (Cambridge University Press, 2011); East Asian Law - Universal Norms and Local Cultures (Cruzon/Routledge Publishers, 2003); and Litigating in America (Aspen/Wolters Kluwer Publishers, 2006), a book that places American civil procedure in historical, empirical and sociological context.