

THE CHALLENGES OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE ILAG / HARVARD CONFERENCE 21-23 JUNE 2023

Wednesday 21st June

Venue: Harvard University Law School

- 12.00-12.45pm Registration
- 12.45-1.30 pm **Introduction**
Welcome from Harvard Law School
Professor David Wilkins, Center for the Legal Profession
Welcome from International Legal Aid Group
Professor Alan Paterson – Chair International Legal Aid Group
- 1.30-2.30 pm **National reports**
Santosh Snehi Mann: Empowering Indian citizens through Legal Aid
Isidro Garcia Mingo: Legal Aid in Jordan: Expanding Access to the Public System [10 minutes each.]

Overall summary - Avrom Sherr (20 minutes).
- 2.30-3.45pm
Session One **Measuring Access to Justice – Panel Session**

David Wilkins; Rebecca Sandefur, James Greiner, David Colarusso and James Teufel
- 3.45-4.00pm Tea/Coffee
- 4.00-5.45pm
Session Two **Recent developments in the USA:
What lessons for the wider world?**

Catrina Denvir, Jessica Mant, Meredith Edelman and Alvx Mark
Exploring the Relationship between Age of Parenthood and Civil Justice Problem Incidence

Neil Steinkamp Tending to the Garden of Justice – Innovative Techniques for Fostering the Development of Thriving Justice Systems

Mallory SoRelle: Race, Class and Democratic consequences of Unequal Access to Justice

Elizabeth Chambliss : The Vanishing Rural Lawyer
- Reception – conference venue**

Thursday 22nd June
Venue: Harvard University Law School

Session Three A

9 am to 10.45 am

SDG 16.3 and Access to Justice

Adrian Di Giovanni: Supporting Southern-led Research and Evidence to Close the Justice Gap”

Vicky Kemp:” Access to justice for child suspects drawn into an adversarial system of justice

Katie Kelso and Bianca Dufty: Early legal assistance in child protection

Mies Westerveld: Access to Justice, a multi-layered concept

Session Three B

9 am to 10.45 am

Crime and Access to Justice

Sofia Libedinsky and Pablo Aranda Aliaga: Access to Justice and comprehensive services for victims of institutional prison violence

Andre Castro: The Red Room Case: A Landmark application of the Exclusion Rule in Brazil

Miri Sharon, Anat Horovitz & Yoav Sapir : The Challenge of Defending Indigent Clients in a World of Global Enforcement

Anika Holterhof and Wendy O'Brien: Human Rights-Based and Technology-Enabled Approaches to Enhancing Access to Legal Aid

10.45 am to 11.15 am

Tea/Coffee

Session Four A

11.15 am to 1 pm

Helping those ineligible for legal aid

Bonnie Hough: “Rising to the Challenge – California’s Self-Help Centers in Pandemic Times

Tatiana Grieshofer: Informational justice at risk: An empirical and textual analysis of information and advice provision in family courts

Jin Ho Verdonschot, Carla van Rooijen, Susanne Peters, Corry van Zeeland: Steps towards an evidence-based legal aid system

Matias Huhtilainen and Tarja Koskela: Financial eligibility and Legal aid in Finland

Session Four B

11.15 am to 1 pm

The Justification for Legal Aid

Trevor Farrow and Marcus Pratt: Exploring the Importance of Criminal Legal Aid: A Canadian perspective .

Louise Glanville and Martha Arkalis: What is the cost of not funding legal assistance?

Sunil Chauhan: Legal Needs in Rural India: Challenges and responses of legal aid authorities

Matthias Killian: Making it attractive to private lawyers.

1 pm to 2.00 pm

Lunch:

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Session Five

Unpacking the concept of Access in Access to Justice

Ab Currie: The First Step in People-Centered Justice

Gabrielle Canny: The role of modern communications in providing legal assistance

Jane Cipants and Ruby Steele: Is access for all really access to justice?

Matthew Burnett and Rebecca Sandefur: Mapping global access to justice research to support evidence-based policy and practice

3.30-3.45 pm

Tea/Coffee

3.45-5.30pm

Session Six

Where legal aid lawyers will come from in the future?

Cleber Alves and Livia Casseres: Equality in Ethnic Recruitment in Brazil

Colin Lancaster: Supply problems in Scotland?

Megan Longley: The Role of University Teaching Clinics in Access to Justice and Legal Aid

Catrina Denvir; Jacqui Kinghan, Jessica Mant and Daniel Newman: Access to Justice and the Future of Legal Aid - A census of legal aid providers in England and Wales

Conference Dinner – conference venue

9 am to 10.45 am

Session Seven

Holistic provision : The Way of the Future?

Hazel Genn: “Addressing health inequalities through Health Justice Partnerships: NHS and Ministry of Justice policy and practice developments in England & Wales”

Maaike de Langen: Delivering justice and fairness in people’s lives, looking beyond the usual suspects

Sue James: ‘Going to where the people are who need our help – legal empowerment and multidisciplinary innovation’

10.45 am to 11.15 am

Tea/Coffee

11.15 am to 1 pm

Session Eight

Technology and Access

Andrews Kananga : The Use of Mobile technology for legal aid delivery

Stefanie Lemke: Ensuring Equal Access to Justice: Is Legal Technology the Answer? Observations and Global Trends from Asia and Europe

Yu-Shan: Not All Clients Are The Same: Exploring the Possibility of Legal Aid Service Innovation with Modern Technology

1 pm to 2 pm

Lunch

2 pm to 3.45 pm

Session Nine

Technology as the problem?

Aneurin Thomas: AI and Access to Justice: Where are we and Where are we going?

Stuart Kelly : Technology and the Future of Lawyers

Riikka Koulu and Frida Westerling: Rethinking Access to Justice through digitalisation: User experiences of digital legal aid services

Natalie Byrom: “Justice Data Matters: Datafication and access to justice”

3.45 pm to 4.00 pm

CLOSURE: Where Next? Alan Paterson