



Annual Research Symposium - 2021
Faculty of Law, University of Colombo

The Programme of the Department of Private & Comparative Law

Date: 27th of November 2021

Time: From 10.45 a.m. onwards

10.45 -10.50 a.m.- Welcome Address & Introduction to the Sessions by Dr. Udapadie Liyanage: The Head of the Department of Private and Comparative Law				
10.50-11.35 a.m. Keynote Speech by Prof. Deeksha Bhana: Professor of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg				
Technical Session I – Labour Law 11.40 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.				
	Time Duration	Title of the Paper	Name of the Author	Members of the Panel
PCL1.	11.40-11.50 a.m.	Masking face at workplace: unmasking the law relating to termination of services in Sri Lanka	Prof. A. Sarveswaran	1. Hon. Justice S. Thurairaja, PC (Justice of the Supreme Court) – Chairperson 2. Mr. Geoffrey Alagaratnam, PC
PCL2.	11.50-12.00 noon	Adoption leave: time for an equal motherhood	Ms. A. H. M. D. L. Abeyrathna	3. Ms. Shyama Salgado

PCL3.	12.00 -12.10 p.m.	Work from Home, now and forever more?: The way forward for the new normal employment rights in Sri Lanka	Ms. Sathiyaseelan Janani	
Panel Discussion 12.10 p.m.-12.35 p.m.				
Lunch 12.35 p.m.-1.15 p.m.				
Technical Session II – Law of Property and Trust 1.15 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.				
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PCL4.	1.20-1.30 p.m.	The property right to exclude: a right in need of reinforcement?	Ms. Malkanthi Abeyrathne	1. Dr. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe MP, PC – Chairperson 2. Dr. Anusha Perera 3. Dr. Yashodara Kathirgamathamby
PCL5.	1.30-1.40 p.m.	The potential impact of Covid-19 pandemic on trusts’ investments and estate planning in Sri Lanka: The way forward	Ms. M. P. S. Kaushani Pathirana	
PCL 6.	1.40-1.50 p.m.	Ownership and commodification of human biological materials; ethical and legal dilemmas	Ms. Buddhika Munasinghe	

PCL7.	1.50-2.00 p.m.	Filling the gaps and addressing the deficiencies concerning the rights of purchasers of provisional condominium property: Prospectus and challenges from a Sri Lankan context	Mr. G. P. D. Madhushan and Mr. K. A. A. N. Thilakarathna	
Panel Discussion 2.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m.				
Technical Session III Comparative Laws and Emerging Issues 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.				
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PCL 8	2.35-2.45 p.m.	Reforming the law relating to adoption of children – for whose interests?	Dr. N. R. Wijeyesekera	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Justice (Dr.) Saleem Marsoof, PC (Former Justice of the Supreme Court) – Chairperson 2. Professor Emerita Sharya Scharenguivel 3. Mr. Navin Marapana, PC 4. Mr. T. Weragoda (AAL)
PCL 9	2.45-2.55 p.m.	A comparative analysis on the relevance of intent based statutory interpretation	Ms. J. Jeyakala	
PCL10	2.55-3.05 p.m.	Quest for legalizing same-sex marriage: A natural law analysis	Ms. Samangi Abeyrathne	
PCL11	3.05-3.15 p.m.	The time for data protection is nigh: A robust data protection framework to assist in legitimately curbing the Covid-19 pandemic	Ms. Tavini Nanayakkara	

PCL 12	3.15 – 3.25 p.m.	Patient care and medical responsibility in Telemedicine during the Pandemic: A comparative study.	Dr. Udapadie Liyanage	
Panel Discussion 3.25 p.m.-4.00 p.m.				
Vote of Thanks by Ms. Sathiyaseelan Janani 4.00 p.m.-4.05 p.m.				