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Cordially invite you to the

JINDAL-STANFORD CONFERENCE ON

THE LAWS AND LIVES OF DEMOCRACIES

Elections, Representation and Accountability in India and US



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan

*Founder of Lok Satta Party, and
the Founder and General Secretary of
Foundation for Democratic Reforms*
will deliver the Keynote Address

Date: Thursday, 30 March 2017

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Venue: T-1, The Big Bang Conference Room
O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat**

INTRODUCTION

Elections provides an opportunity not merely for the study of the routes and practices through which political power is acquired and exercised, but also for critical engagement with ideological and legal commitments that underlie the exercise of politics. Its wide canvas means that it embraces normative enquiries into meanings and modes of representation as well policy debates over campaign finance, corruption and criminalization of politics. Given that democratic politics is not autonomous of law, this conference on election law and practice will inaugurate an interdisciplinary and comparative conversation about the mechanics of world's two largest democracies. This conference is organized jointly by Jindal Global University and Stanford University and offers an exciting exploration of the legal, political and social constructions of the Indian and American democracies. It will assemble a diverse range of thinkers and practitioners to reflect on democratic processes, election laws and institutional design and the panelists will employ a range of methods – historical, comparative, philosophical, legal and empirical - to explore challenges in the theory and practice of democracy. This conference is part of an evolving research agenda between partner institutions and the conference papers will be published in an edited volume by a leading academic publisher.

PROGRAMME

08:00 am – 9:00 am Registration and Tea/ Breakfast

INAUGURAL SESSION: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

- 9:00 am – 9:03 am **Welcome Address**
Professor (Dr.) C. Raj Kumar, Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU), Dean, Jindal Global Law School (JGLS)
- 9:03 am – 9:10 am **Inaugural Address**
Professor Nathaniel Persily, James B. McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School, Stanford University
- 9:10 am – 9:15 am **Introduction to the Conference**
Professor Dabiru Sridhar Patnaik, Director, Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies, JGLS
Professor Satya Prateek, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Centre on Public Law and Jurisprudence, JGLS
- 9:15 am – 9:45 am **Keynote Address**
Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Founder of Lok Satta Party, and the Founder and General Secretary of Foundation for Democratic Reforms
"Dreaming Democratic Decentralization: On What it takes to Represent Cities and Villages"
- 9:45 am – 10:00 am **Q and A/ Discussion**

FIRST THEMATIC SESSION: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM REPRESENTATION

Chair: Professor Gitanjali Surendran, Associate Professor, JGLS

- Dr. Upasana Mahanta, Assistant Professor, JGLS
"Gendered Citizenship and Voting Rights under the Indian Constitution"
- Dr. Swagato Sarkar, Associate Professor, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy
"Representation and Political Metaphors"
- Professor Hilal Ahmed, Associate Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies
"Framing the Muslim Question in Indian Politics"
- Dr. Ajay Gudavarthy, Associate Professor, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University
"Representing Intersectionality in the Age of Identity Politics"

11:30 am – 11:45 am: Tea Break

SECOND THEMATIC SESSION: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM CONSTITUENCIES

Chair: Dr. Alexander Christoph Fischer, Associate Professor, JGLS

- **Professor Suvrajyoti Gupta**, Assistant Professor, JGLS
"Drawing Boundaries of Indian Democracy: Legal and Political Challenges to Delimitation and Electoral Reservations in India"
- **Professor Nathaniel Persily**, James B. McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School, Stanford University
"The Law and Politics of Redistricting in the United States."
- **Professor Badri Narayan Tiwari**, Professor, Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute
"The Invisibles in Indian Democracy: Representing Minorities within Minorities in Reserved Constituencies"
- **Mr. Rahul Verma**, PhD Candidate in Political Science at University of California, Berkeley
"Decline of the Congress System and the Rise of the Right: Explaining Electoral Behavior through Ideology in India"

1:15 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

THIRD THEMATIC SESSION: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ELECTION FINANCE

Chair: Professor R. Sudarshan, Dean, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy

- **Professor Gilles Verniers**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ashoka University
"Of Criminals and Crorepatis: Tracking Political Finance and Election Funding in India"
- **Professor Benjamin L. Ginsberg**, Stanford Lecturer, Partner, Jones Day Law Firm, Stanford Law School, Stanford University
"Campaign Finance Disclosure in the United States"
- **Dr. Rajdeep Pakanati**, Associate Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs
"Let's Talk about Transparency: Evaluating the Case for Political Party Regulation and RTI"

3:00 pm – 3:10 pm: Tea Break

FOURTH THEMATIC SESSION: 3:10 PM – 4:30 PM RHETORIC AND SPEECH

Chair: Professor Gudmundur Eiriksson, Professor, JGLS

- **Ms. Grace Koh**, JD Student, Stanford Law School
"Crossnational Perspectives on Regulation of the Internet During Campaigns"
- **Professor Amit Bindal**, Assistant Professor, JGLS
"Identity at the Booth? Semiotics of the Two Hindutva Judgments"
- **Dr. Anish Vanaik**, Assistant Professor, JGLS
"Cartoons, Representation and the Political Publics in India"
- **Professor Satya Prateek**, Assistant Professor, JGLS
"Disqualifying Democracy: Three Moments in the Making of an Oligarchy"

Vote of Thanks

Dr. Indranath Gupta, Assistant Director, Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies, JGLS

Short Bio Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan is the founder of Loksatta Party and one of the foremost voices on the issue of electoral and political reform in India. He was trained as a physician and qualified for the prestigious Indian Administrative Service, where he held different administrative roles for 16 years before founding the Loksatta Party and competing in electoral politics. He was elected as a member of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and has served as the member of the National Advisory Council and Second Administrative Reforms Commission. He has been invited by leading universities of the world to speak on democratic decentralization and urban governance, two causes that he has championed with distinction, in his illustrious public life. Dr Narayan or JP, as he is fondly called, is presently the General Secretary of Foundation for Democratic Reforms.

About O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)

O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is a non-profit global university established by the Government of Haryana and recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC). JGU was established as a philanthropic initiative of its Founding Chancellor, Mr. Naveen Jindal in memory of his father, Mr. O.P. Jindal. Recently, the O.P. Jindal Global University has been awarded the highest grade 'A' by the National Accreditation & Assessment Council (NAAC). The mission of JGU is to promote global courses, global programmes, global curriculum, global research, global collaborations, and global interaction through a global faculty. JGU is situated on an 80-acre state of the art residential campus. JGU is one of the few universities in Asia that maintains a 1:13 faculty-student ratio and appoints faculty members from different parts of the world with outstanding academic qualifications and experience. JGU is a research intensive University, which has established several research centres. JGU has established six schools: Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), Jindal Global Business School (JGBS), Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), Jindal School of Government and Public Policy (JSGP), Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities (JSLH), and Jindal School of Journalism & Communication (JSJC).

JGU at a Glance

1:13	Faculty-student ratio	42	Interdisciplinary research centres	80	Acres of university campus
3	Research and capacity building institutes	42%	Women students	160	International collaborations
6	Interdisciplinary schools	40	Countries with collaborating institutions	220	Full time faculty members
5	Rhodes Scholars as faculty and staff	45%	Women faculty members	1000	Faculty publications
20%	Full time international faculty members	45%	Faculty members who are graduates from the world's top 50 universities	950	Alumni
30	Countries represented by students and faculty on campus	70%	Student scholarship awardees	2800	Students