

# **CLHI Launch Conference**

**Tuesday, 23 June 2026 - Wednesday, 24 June 2026**

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## **Scientific Programme**

## PROGRAMME

Centre for Legal History of India (CLHI)  
Launch Conference

23 AND 24 JUNE 2026 | 9:00 (CEST) | MPILHLT (ROOM Z01) | CLHI

Tuesday, 23.06.2026

### DAY 1

09:00–09:30 Registration

09:30–09:50 Welcome address and Introduction to CLHI

Stefan Vogenauer and Reeru Ray (mpilht)

09:50–10:00 Introducing Opening Keynote

Stefan Vogenauer

10:00–10:45 Opening Keynote

Dr. Radhika Singha, Professor Modern Indian History, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Retd.)

10:45–11:15 Q&A

Coffee/tea 11:15–11:30

11:30–13:00 CLHI Orientation Scholars Research Showcase

Chair: Reeru Ray (mpilht)

11:30–11:45 Kriti Sharma (mpilht)

11:45–12:00 Saqib Rasool Bhat (mpilht)

12:00–12:15 Achintya Gurumurthy (mpilht)

12:15–12:30 Manpreet Sandhu (mpilhlt)

12:30–13:00 Feedback

Lunch 13:00–14:00

14:00–15:45 Beyond British India

Chair: Matilde Cazolla (University of Bologna)

14:00–14:15 Palvasha Shahab (Yale University)

14:15–14:30 Wafa Ben Mahmoud (Humboldt University)

14:30–14:45 Karoline Machado (mpilhlt)

14:45–15:00 Juma Omollo (mpilhlt)

15:00–15:15 Izhar Khan (mpilhlt)

15:15–15:40 Q&A

15:40–16:00

16:00–18:00 Roundtable: Legal History in times of Authoritarian Legalities/Illegalities

Chair: Stefan Vogenauer (mpilhlt)

16:00–16:20 Nandini Chatterjee (University of Oxford)

16:20–16:40 Aparna Balachandran (University of Delhi)

16:40–17:00 Razak Khan (Frei Universität Berlin)

17:00–17:20 Sandhya Fuchs (University of Bristol)

17:20–17:40 Reemu Ray (mpilhlt)

17:40–18:00 Discussion

Dinner 18:00–20:00

20:00–21:00 Feedback from participants on CLHI activities

Wednesday, 24.06.2026

Archives and Methods in Legal History

09:00–10:40 Panel 1

Chair: Erica Ollikainen-Reid (mpilht)

09:00–09:15 Chris Jenkins (mpilht)

09:15–09:30 Rukmini Chakraborty (EUI)

09:30–09:45 Himanshu Agarwal (University of Cambridge)

09:45–10:00 Akhila Yechury (University of St. Andrews)

10:00–10:15 Rômulo Ehalt (mpilht)

10:15–10:40 Q&A

Coffee/tea 10:40–10:50

10:55–12:30 Panel 2

Chair: Donal Coffey (Maynooth University)

10:55–11:10 Manav Kapur (Princeton University)

11:10–11:25 Aurif Muzafar (NALSAR)

11:25–11:40 Martin O’Donoghue (mpilhlt)

11:40–11:55 Prashant Iyengar (Columbia University/mpilhlt)

11:55–12:10 Ragini Surana (mpilhlt)

12:10–12:30 Q&A

12:30–13:00 Library Resources at mpilhlt

Ian Hillesheim (mpilhlt)

Lunch 13:00–14: 00

14:00-15:30 Panel 3

Chair: Martin O’Donoghue (mpilhlt)

14:00–14:15 Jaideep Singh Lalli (University of Cambridge)

14:15–14:30 Samyak Ghosh (NLSIU/guest CLHI)

14:30–14:45 Arighna Gupta (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

14:45–15:00 Erica Ollikainen-Read (mpilhlt)

15:00–15:15 Prakhar Ganguly (mpilhlt)

15:15–15:30 QnA

Coffee/tea 15:30–15:50

15:50 Introducing Closing Keynote

Reeju Ray (mpilhlt)

16:00–17:30 Closing Keynote Lecture

Prof. Janaki Nair, Professor Modern Indian History, Jawaharlal Nehru University (Retd.)

17:30–18:00 Closing Summary

Stefan Vogenauer (mpilhlt)

18:00–18:10 Vote of Thanks

Reeju Ray (mpilhlt)

18:10–19:00 Campus Tour before dinner

Dinner 19:00-20:00

20:00–21:00 Key takeaways

Stefan Vogenauer (mpilhlt)