

Adjudicating Socio-Economic Rights

Participant Biographies

Pius Langa was appointed to the bench in 1994 by Nelson Mandela, and was elevated to Chief Justice of South Africa in 2005 by Thabo Mbeki. As Chief Justice, Justice Langa is chairperson of the Judicial Service Commission and is also the current chairperson of the Southern African Judges Commission, a forum of Chief Justices in Southern and East Africa. He is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

In 2000 he was appointed the Commonwealth's Special Envoy to assist the Fiji Islands' return to democracy. He has participated in the work of constitutional review commissions in Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Tanzania, and has led a delegation of the International Bar Association to Cameroon, at the request of the Cameroon Government, to review and integrate that country's system of criminal procedure. He is a member of the Judicial Integrity Group which was responsible for the compilation of the Bangalore Principles for Judicial Ethics.

Justice Langa was appointed Honorary Professor in the Department of Procedural and Clinical Law, University of Natal in June 1998 and has served for several years as Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas in the United States of America. He has been honoured with awards for the advancement of justice and human rights by the Black Lawyers Association, the National Association of Democratic Lawyers and the Judicial Council of the American National Bar Association. He was awarded the 2004 Justice Prize, jointly with the then Chief Justice of South Africa, Justice Arthur Chaskalson, by the Peter Gruber Foundation in the United States of America and received the 2006 Sydney and Felicia Kentridge Award for Service to Justice in 2006.

John Adams is the Chairman and founder of the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society. He practised law for twelve years with the firm of Dillon, Bitar & Luther LLC in Morristown, New Jersey. He had previously been a captain in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the US Air Force. From 1984 to 2004, John was president of Smith Management Company, a New York based investment firm with investments located throughout the world. He has a BA from Rutgers College, a JD from Seton Hall Law School, and an LLM from New York University. In 2001 John enjoyed a sabbatical at Oxford University where he was a visiting scholar at Wolfson College and a visiting fellow at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies.

Denis Galligan is Professor of Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford and Director of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. He came to Oxford as an Australian Rhodes Scholar and has taught at various universities in Britain and Australia. He has had extensive experience in Central and east Europe in research and in advising governments and international bodies on law, government, and public administration.

His research interests are in public law, the role of law in society, legal theory, and constitutional law. He is a Professorial Fellow of Wolfson College. He holds appointments as Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Princeton University; he is Jean Monnet Professor at Università degli Studi di Siena.

Geraldine Van Bueren is Professor of International Human Rights Law and is also a Visiting Fellow, Kellogg College, Oxford. She is a barrister and an Associate Tenant at Doughty Street Chambers. Professor Van Bueren works extensively with governments and intergovernmental organisations. She is working on a project for UNESCO on how the law can be used constructively to help combat poverty. She is a member of the Attorney General's International Pro Bono Committee and her most recent book *Child Rights in Europe* is published by the Council of Europe.

From 2002 to 2006 Professor Van Bueren held a second concurrent chair W P Schreiner Professor, Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Cape Town. In 2003, Professor Van Bueren was awarded the Child Rights Lawyer Award. The Award, jointly organised by the Law Society, UNICEF and The Lawyer, recognises lawyers who have done outstanding work in the field of children's rights. Professor Van Bueren is one of the original drafters of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and also helped draft the United Nations Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty, the UNHCR Guidelines on Refugee Children and the United Nations Programme of Action on Children in the Criminal Justice System.

Professor Van Bueren represented Amnesty International for ten years at the UN on children's rights and is a member of the Advisory Board of Human Rights Watch (Children's Rights Project), Child Rights International and is on the Advisory Board of the British Institute of Human Rights and a director and Trustee of Save the Children.

Daniel Butt is the Programme Director for the *Courts and the Making of Public Policy* programme, the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society. He is Fellow and Tutor in Politics at Oriel College, Oxford, and an associate member of the Centre for the Study of Social Justice, affiliated with the Department of Politics and International Relations at Oxford University.

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Wojciech Sadurski is Professor of Legal Theory and Legal Philosophy at the European University Institute, Florence. Professor Sadurski is Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. He specializes in the philosophy of law, especially moral dimensions of law; political philosophy, especially theory of justice and of liberal state; and constitutional theory and comparative constitutionalism, especially post-Communist constitutional law and constitutional theory.

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From 2002 to 2007 she held research, teaching and e-learning posts at Westminster University and the London School of Economics. Her research interests include judicial independence, state-civil society relations, and East European and EU Politics.

Matthew Diller is Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Fordham University. He has taught courses in Civil Procedure, Administrative Law, Social Welfare Law, and an Advanced Seminar in Ethics and Public Interest Law since he joined the Fordham Law School faculty in 1993. After graduating magna cum laude from Harvard College in 1981, Professor Diller graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1985, where he was an Editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Professor Diller is a past chair of the Poverty Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, a member of the Boards of Directors of Legal Services of New York and of The Welfare Law Center. In 1991, Professor Diller received the prestigious Legal Services Award. More recently, Professor Diller was awarded the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award by the Fordham Urban Law Journal in recognition of his contributions toward the advancement of urban law.

Mónica Ferial Tinta is a practicing public international lawyer. Born in 1966 in Lima, she graduated from the law faculty of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú in 1991. She holds a Master of Laws with merit from the London School of Economics and received further training in international law at the Institut International des droits de

l'Homme in Strasbourg (1998) and at the Institute of Human Rights of the Abo Academy in Turko (Finland) under the sponsorship of the European Commission and the Finish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001.

In 2000, she was awarded the Diploma of the Hague Academy of International Law, becoming the first Peruvian lawyer ever to be awarded this distinction in over 50 years of existence of the Academy. She has been the recipient of many academic awards including the Olive Stone memorial Scholarship, the Sydney Perry Foundation award, the London School of Economics and Political Science Post-graduate award and the British Federation of Women Graduates award.

Daniel Slifkin is a partner in the Litigation Department of Cravath, Swaine & Moore. His broad practice includes representing clients in litigation related to contract and commercial disputes, bankruptcies, securities actions, intellectual property, patents and SEC investigations. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1991.

Polonca Koncar is President of the European Committee of Social Rights and Professor of Labour Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. In 2001, she was elected to the European Committee for Social Rights of the Council of Europe as a recognition of her expertise in the area of social rights.

Amir Paz-Fuchs is Programme Director for *The Social Contract Revisited* programme, the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society. He completed his first degree (magna cum laude) in law and philosophy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. As a lawyer, he worked as the head of the Centre for the Rights of the Unemployed, giving pro bono legal counseling to unemployed Israeli and Palestinians in matters of social security and labour rights. In 2006, Amir finished his DPhil at Oxford, and his thesis has been recently published under the title, *Welfare to Work: Conditional Rights in Social Policy* by Oxford University Press. Recent publications include 'Antecedent Themes in Welfare to Work Programs' (2008) 29 Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law and 'Rights, Duties and Conditioning Welfare' (2008) 21 Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence. Amir currently teaches labour law and jurisprudence at the Ono College of Law, Israel. He continues his pro bono work with several human rights organizations.

Paul Hunt was Director of the Human Rights Centre from 2001-2003. He served as an independent expert on the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1999-2002). Throughout this period he was the Committee's Rapporteur. In 2002, he was appointed the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health for a three-year term that was extended in 2005 for a second term of three years. In the same year, at the request of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, he also co-authored draft human rights guidelines for poverty reduction strategies. He has practised as a solicitor in London and held the posts of Legal Officer and Acting General Secretary

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Professor Hunt has published widely on human rights issues, focusing particularly on economic, social and cultural rights. His publications include *Reclaiming Social Rights: International and Comparative Perspectives* (1996); (co-ed) *Culture, Rights and Cultural Rights: Perspectives from the South Pacific* (2000); (co-ed) *World Bank, IMF and Human Rights: Including The Tilburg Guiding Principles on World Bank, IMF and Human Rights* (2003). He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Waikato, Aotearoa/New Zealand.

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Peter Carver teaches and researches in the areas of Canadian constitutional, administrative and immigration law, and in disability studies and mental health law. He is a member of the Board of the Centre for Constitutional Studies. Prior to coming to the University of Alberta, Professor Carver served as a member of the federal Immigration and Refugee Board and practiced law in British Columbia. His most recent publications include the Chapter "*Recurring Constitutional Themes*" in *Public Law: Cases, Commentary and Materials* (Emond Montgomery, 2006), "*Guides' Honour: A Case Comment on Thamothers v. Canada and Benitez v. Canada*" (2006) 40 *Administrative Law Reports* (4th) 279-294, and "*The Role and Powers of Forensic Psychiatric Review Boards in Canada: Recent Developments*" (2006) 41 *Health Law Journal* 1-20 (with CherieLanglois-Klassen).

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