

P R E S E N T S

**RESEARCH TRANSITION  
CONFERENCE**  
**2022**

**CAREER PATHS AND  
EXCELLENCE AFTER  
GRAD SCHOOL**

**SPEAKERS**



**Ruth L. Okediji**  
Professor of Law  
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**Meinhard Doelle**  
Professor of Law and  
Associate Dean  
(Graduate Studies)  
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**Poonam Puri**  
Professor of Law  
Osgoode Hall Law School,  
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**Dr. Abdul Hasib Suenu**  
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**MODERATOR**



**Conor Falvey**  
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 **11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022** |  **9AM ADT**

**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## MORNING SESSION (*Keynote Speakers*) 9:00-12:00 ADT

- 9:00 - 9:10** Welcome Remarks by the Associate Dean Graduate Studies, Schulich School of Law, Prof. Meinhard Doelle.
- 9:15 - 9:35:** Presentation by Professor Ruth Okediji
- 9:35 - 9:55:** Presentation by Professor Poonam Puri
- 10:00 - 10:20:** Presentation by Doctor Abdul Hasib Suenu
- 10:20 - 10:30:** Coffee Break
- 10:30 - 11:15:** Open Floor Session: Moderated by Conor Falvey

## INTERLUDE & CASUAL NETWORKING: 11:15-12:00 ADT

## AFTERNOON SESSION (GRADUATE STUDENTS' PRESENTATIONS): 12:15-16:00 ADT

## SPEAKERS PROFILE



**Ruth L. Okediji**

Ruth L. Okediji is the Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and Co-Director of the Berkman Klein Center. She is a renowned scholar in international intellectual property (IP) law and a foremost authority on the role of intellectual property in social and economic development. Professor Okediji has advised inter-governmental organizations, regional economic communities, and national governments on a range of matters related to technology, innovation policy, and development. Professor Okediji was a member of the United States National Academies' Board on Science, Technology and Policy Committee on the Impact of Copyright Policy on Innovation in the Digital Era. She served as the Chief Technical Expert and Lead Negotiator for the Delegation of Nigeria to the 2013 WIPO Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities (Marrakesh VIP Treaty).

Okediji was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the 2015 – 2016 High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines. Professor Okediji is a recipient of numerous awards for excellence in teaching, research and mentoring. She is an editor of the *Journal of World Intellectual Property Law* and an elected member of the American Law Institute. Her most recent book, *Copyright Law in an Age of Limitations and Exceptions*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2017. She is a graduate of the University of Jos and Harvard Law School. She obtained her SJD from Harvard Law School in 1996.

## SPEAKERS PROFILE



**Meinhard Doelle**

Meinhard Doelle is a professor of law at Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University. Professor Doelle specializes in environmental and energy law, with a focus on climate change and environmental assessment processes. He has been involved in the practice of environmental law in Nova Scotia since 1990 and in that capacity served as the drafter of the NS Environment Act and as a policy advisor on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (1992). From 2000 to 2006, Professor Doelle was a non-governmental member of the Canadian delegation to the UN climate change negotiations. He continues to follow the negotiations as an official observer. From January to May 2008, he was a visiting scholar at the Environmental Law Center of the IUCN in Bonn, Germany.

He co-chaired a strategic environmental assessment on tidal energy in the Bay of Fundy from 2007 to 2008, served on the Lower Churchill Joint Federal-Provincial Review Panel from 2009 to 2011, and co-chaired a provincial panel on aquaculture from 2013 to 2014. Professor Doelle has written on a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, energy law, invasive species, environmental assessments, and public participation in environmental decision-making. His book projects include "Environmental Law: Cases and Materials" (2013), "Promoting Compliance in an Evolving Climate Regime" (2012), "The Federal Environmental Assessment Process, a Guide and Critique" (2009), and "From Hot Air to Action: Climate Change, Compliance and the Future of International Environmental Law" (2005). He is a graduate of Dalhousie University and Osgoode Hall Law School.

## SPEAKERS PROFILE



**Poonam Puri**

Poonam Puri is a professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School known for her writing on corporate governance, corporate law, securities regulation and white-collar crime. She is one of Canada's leading experts in corporate governance, corporate law and securities law. She has served as both Associate Dean and Associate Dean, Research, Graduate Studies and Institutional Relations at Osgoode, and she has also chaired Osgoode's Faculty Council several times. Professor Puri is Co-Founder and Director of the Osgoode Investor Protection Clinic, a clinic that provides pro bono legal assistance to individuals who have suffered financial harm. She is also the Founder and Director of the Business Law LLM at Osgoode Professional Development. She has co-authored/co-edited close to 100 books, book chapters, scholarly articles in leading journals, and commissioned research reports. She has presented at over 200 invited keynotes, conferences and public addresses in Canada and worldwide.

Professor Puri is a recipient of several prestigious fellowships, including a 2016 Trudeau Fellowship, and has received significant external research funding, including five SSHRC grants. Her work is academically rigorous and firmly grounded in the realities of policy-making. Governments and regulators in Canada and internationally, including the Ministry of Finance, Treasury Board, Industry Canada, and the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank, have called upon her expertise for financial regulation that serves the public interest. She has been recognized as one of the top 25 most influential lawyers in Canada by Canadian Lawyer Magazine in 2017 and 2015. She is also a former recipient of Canada's Top 40 under 40TM award and Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Harvard Law School.

## SPEAKERS PROFILE



**Dr. Abdul Hasib Suenu**

Abdul Hasib Suenu is a legal & portfolio Consultant at the Office of Managing Director, World Bank and the World Bank Group (WBG) Chief Administrative Officer, Washington, United States. Before that, he practiced law in Nigeria for about three (3) years, from 2014 to 2017. During which time, he advised on corporate and Commercial issues, money and capital markets, regulatory and compliance, asset recovery, insolvency, and due diligence and investigation. Thereafter, he taught at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, for about three years. Dr. Suenu obtained his PhD in 2021 from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand focusing on international economic law, global distributive justice, the right to development, and the Third World Critical Approaches to International Law.

In his doctoral thesis, he developed conceptual principles through which 'fairness' should be understood within the context of international economic relations. He thereafter examined some inherent unfairness in the international subsidies regime, and how certain development-centred normative principles could be operationalized to remedy the status quo. He is a graduate of Lagos State University, Girne American University, and the University of Canterbury.



**Conor Falvey**

Research facilitator at Dalhousie University - Schulich School of Law.

**MODERATOR**