



CONCEPT NOTE
THE COURTS & SOCIETY WEBINAR SERIES (CSWS) 8th Edition

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ANNUAL THEME:

THE COURT'S ROLE IN SUSTAINING DEMOCRACY

TOPIC:

The Impact of Public Opinion on Judicial Integrity and Democratic Development

INTRODUCTION

Courts are the bedrock of democracy as no democratic government can survive without judicial intervention. Good governance and the rule of law are core values in any democratic society, and it is the court's role to uphold and sustain these values. Hence the public depends on the judiciary to uphold democratic values and tenets. So, when a court of law fails to perform this democratic 'roles' society feels the impact, which breaks the public confidence in courts. This concern continues to increase the gap between the courts and society, and it impacts society negatively.

Accordingly, this webinar creates a platform for judges, lawyers, professors, students, and the general public to discuss judges' roles in sustaining democracy through rebuilding public trust in our Courts. Our distinguished speakers from different countries will discuss public opinion's direct or indirect impacts on judges' integrity.

WEBINAR GOALS

1. To challenge and encourage judges to uphold their integrity
2. To rebuild public confidence in the courts and justice system.
3. To understand the value of courts in developing the democratic process.
4. To discuss the impact of public opinion on judicial integrity and democracy.
5. To inspire further research and advance judicial jurisprudence
6. To foster intellectual and judicial relationships across

TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Judges and Lawyers
2. Law professors and Professors of social sciences/interdisciplinary courses
3. Interdisciplinary scholars, researchers
4. Graduate and postgraduate students of all courses
5. Government officials and politicians
6. Domestic and international society/ communities

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