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Panel

The Rt. Hon. Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury

Chair

Lord Neuberger is the former President of the Supreme Court of the U.K., and the former Master of the Rolls in the Court of Appeal. Lord Neuberger has sat on some of the most significant human rights and constitutional law cases in the U.K., including the 'Black Spider Memos' Case, which addressed the legality of the U.K. Government's decision to refuse to publish letters drafted by the Prince of Wales to government ministers. Lord Neuberger has also written extensively on free speech and privacy issues, and since 2010 has sat as a Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal.



Ms. Amal Clooney

Deputy Chair

Ms. Clooney is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers, where she specialises in international law and human rights, and is ranked as one of the top lawyers in the U.K. in the fields of international human rights and international criminal law. She is also a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School, where she teaches international human rights law. Ms. Clooney has represented journalists and media professionals in domestic and international courts around the world, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning Reuters journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who were recently released from imprisonment in Myanmar.



Ms. Catherine Anite

Ms. Anite is a human rights lawyer and the Founding Director of the Freedom of Expression Hub in Uganda. She has previously worked in senior positions both in Uganda and regionally, advancing the right to expression and media through advocacy and challenging government restrictions on press freedom in domestic and regional courts. She is currently representing applicants challenging Uganda's criminal defamation and Tanzania's sedition laws in the East African Court of Justice. She is also a Mandela Washington Fellow.



Ms. Galina Arapova

Ms. Arapova is the director and senior media lawyer at Mass Media Defence Centre in Russia. She has advised on many cases addressing defamation and freedom of expression before the Russian courts and the European Court of Human Rights. Ms. Arapova is a trustee of ARTICLE 19 and trustee of European Center for Press and Media Freedom and has advised the Council of Europe's HELP program. She is also media law expert at the Swedish FOJO Media Institute, and is a member of the UNESCO Chair on Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Rights at the Russian State University "Higher School of Economics". She teaches Internet and media law at the School of Journalism of Voronezh State University.

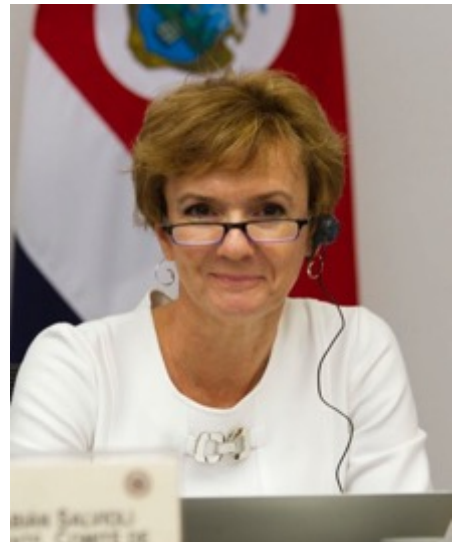
Justice Manuel José Cepeda Espinosa

Justice Cepeda is the former Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Colombia, where he gave judgment in landmark freedom of expression and media cases before the Court. He also served as the Presidential Advisor for the Constituent Assembly of Colombia, preparing the articles that addressed freedom of expression and access to information in Colombia's Draft Constitution. Justice Cepeda is President Emeritus of the International Association of Constitutional Law, and was part of the transitional justice group of experts that negotiated the peace agreement with the FARC guerrilla.



Professor Sarah Cleveland

Professor Cleveland is the Louis Henkin Professor of Human and Constitutional Rights, and the faculty Co-Director of the Human Rights Institute, at Columbia Law School. She is a noted expert in the areas of human rights, national security, international law and U.S. foreign relations. She is a commissioner with the International Commission of Jurists and, until recently, served as the Vice Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee and as the U.S. Independent Expert to the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe. From 2009 to 2011, Professor Cleveland was Counselor on International Law to the Legal Adviser at the U.S. State Department.



The Honourable Irwin Cotler, PC, OC, OQ

The Honourable Irwin Cotler is a former Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada, who made the pursuit of international justice a priority. He is a noted expert on international and human rights law, having intervened in landmark Canadian Supreme Court cases on freedom of expression, and serving as counsel to a number of prisoners of conscience, including Nelson Mandela, Saad Eddin Ibrahim, Liu Xiaobo, and Raif Badawi. He is the Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights and an Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University. As a Member of Parliament, Mr. Cotler chaired the Inter-Parliamentary Groups for Human Rights in Iran and Justice for Sergei Magnitsky, and the Canadian section of the Parliamentarians for Global Action.

Mr. Nadim Houry

Mr. Houry is the Executive Director of the Arab Reform Initiative, a leading think-tank working on democratic reforms in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA). He is an experienced human rights lawyer who worked for 13 years at Human Rights Watch, including as deputy director of the MENA division and later as director of the Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Program. He has written on a wide range of issues related to freedom of expression, including following the cases of numerous arrested bloggers and journalists as well as highlighting free speech restrictions imposed in the name of fighting terrorism.



Ms. Hina Jilani

Ms. Jilani is a lawyer and human rights defender based in Pakistan. She has represented activists and political prisoners in landmark cases before the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Ms. Jilani co-founded the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, the Women's Action Forum, and Pakistan's first all-female legal practice in 1980. She is the former UN Special Representative on Human Rights Defenders and is a member of the Eminent Jurists Panel on Terrorism, Counter-terrorism and Human Rights. In 2013, Ms. Jilani was appointed to The Elders, a leading group of global leaders established by Nelson Mandela, which works on global human rights and peace-building matters.



Baroness Kennedy of The Shaws, QC

Helena Kennedy QC is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers and Director of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute. She is widely regarded as one of the leading criminal and public law practitioners in the U.K., representing defendants in many landmark cases in the English courts. Lady Kennedy sits on the House of Lords' EU Committee and chairs the EU Justice Sub-Committee. She formerly sat on the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, and formerly chaired the British Council and JUSTICE, a leading all-party human rights and law reform organisation in the U.K.

Professor Dario Milo

Professor Milo is a partner at Webber Wentzel attorneys in Johannesburg, South Africa. He has acted as lead attorney in a number of free speech and media freedom cases in courts and tribunals in South Africa, including on issues such as civil and criminal defamation, open justice, access to information, prior restraints, disinformation, hate speech, surveillance, intimidation of journalists, national security and privacy. He acted for the world-famous cartoonist Zapiro in the defamation claim brought by former president Jacob Zuma. Professor Milo is Adjunct Professor at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and the author of Defamation and Freedom of Speech published by Oxford University Press. He is an expert at Columbia University's Global Freedom of Expression initiative and is on the editorial board of the Journal of Media Law.



Ms. Karuna Nundy

Ms. Nundy is an Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and an international lawyer. She is a leading civil liberties expert and has argued and won some of India's most significant human rights cases, including constitutional challenges to online free speech restrictions. Ms. Nundy acts for media houses and journalists from various countries, and has advised a number of governments, civil society movements and the UN on legal policy and reform. She has assisted with the drafting of India's Right to Food Act and new anti-rape laws, which were enacted following a series of high-profile cases in 2012.



Professor Kyung-Sin Park

Professor Park is a faculty member at the Korea University School of Law and a co-founder and director of Open Net Korea, where he specialises in freedom of expression and media monopolisation issues, and the enforcement of privacy, defamation and "fake news" laws. He serves as an academic board member of the Global Network Initiative and is an advisor to the Freedom Online Coalition. Professor Park has also served as legal advisor to the Korea Film Council and the Ministry of Culture, as a member of the National Media Council advising the country's legislator, and as a commissioner of the Korean Communication Standards Commission regulating the country's broadcasting and online media.

Baroness Françoise Tulkens

Lady Tulkens is the former Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights. She is a leading expert on criminal and penal law, teaching as a university professor at the UCLouvain (Belgium) and abroad. Lady Tulkens has written on and heard a number of notable cases that have addressed free speech, freedom of religion, and national security. She was formerly an Independent Expert for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and sat on the Human Rights Advisory Panel of the UN Mission in Kosovo. She is also an Associate Member of the Royal Academy of Science, Letters and Fine Arts of Belgium.



Mr. Can Yeğinsu

Mr. Yeğinsu is a barrister practising from 4 New Square Chambers, where he has been consistently recognised as one of the U.K.'s leading lawyers practising in civil liberties and human rights, administrative and public law, and international law. Mr. Yeğinsu has appeared in numerous cases as counsel representing journalists, as well as free speech and media organisations, before a range of courts and tribunals, including the English Court of Appeal, the U.K. Supreme Court, the European Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the ECOWAS Court of Justice. He is also Lecturer-in-Law at Columbia Law School (New York), where he co-teaches a seminar on freedom of expression and is Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown Law (Washington D.C.) and Koç University Law School (Istanbul), where he teaches international law.



Adviser to the Panel



Judge Robert D. Sack

Judge Sack is a renowned expert on free speech and media law, and frequently writes on topics relating to national and international press law. He is the author of a leading treatise, Sack on Defamation: Libel, Slander, and Related Problems, and he co-authored the first edition of Advertising and Commercial Speech: A First Amendment Guide. Judge Sack was an officer and director of the William F. Kerby and Robert S. Potter Fund, an organisation that helped to provide legal aid funding to journalists, and he formerly sat on the advisory boards of the Bureau of National Affairs' Media Law Reporter and the ABA Forum Committee's Communications Lawyer. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Columbia Law School. Judge Sack sits as a senior judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.