# Agenda

**Inclusive Justice - Leaving No One Behind**  
Legal Capacity Laws, Policies and Practices, and Women with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities  

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
**3:30-5:00 pm Bangkok time**

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Are legal incapacity laws intractable, unchangeable? Closing remarks

Questions and Answers

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Speaker’s profiles

Doreen Buettner

Doreen Buettner is a human rights and gender justice specialist with over 15 years’ experience advancing women’s access to justice in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Doreen currently manages UN Women’s Asia-Pacific regional programme on Women’s Access to Justice, in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) and International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). Doreen is leading UN Women’s regional office in developing a strategy for women’s access to justice in Asia and the Pacific. Doreen is based in Bangkok, Thailand.

Bhargavi Davar

Psych survivor, with a vision for inclusive communities. Started the Bapu Trust in 1999 as the first survivor-led organization in India, and among the earliest for the Asia Pacific. Served on the Board of WNUSP, played an active role during the days of CRPD drafting in legal harmonization and movement building activities in India and Asia Pacific regions. She has published on gender, colonialism and psychiatry, disability rights and community inclusion. Has extraordinary faith in the power and resourcefulness of communities. With this confidence, convened TCI in 2013, which is now its own registered global organization of persons with psychosocial disabilities, users and survivors of psychiatry, and persons with intersectional, neurodiverse identities, other than those fated with a ‘finding of unsound mind’ and ‘mad' persons.

Rosemary Kayess

Rosemary Kayess is an internationally recognised human rights lawyer in the area of disability. She is Chairperson of the United Nations (UN) Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Chairperson of the UN Treaty Body Chairpersons. Rosemary is a Senior Academic in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales, where she has taught international human rights law and anti-discrimination law for the past 15 years. She has advised and researched on numerous projects on human rights, disability and the implementation of the CRPD in Australia, the Indo-Pacific and Europe. Rosemary was a designated expert on the Australian Government delegation to the UN negotiations for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and facilitated the drafting of Article 24 on the Right to Education. Rosemary is a woman with disability.
Sera Osborne

Sera identifies as a person with psychosocial disability and is a young leader from Fiji. She has been associated with Psychiatric Survivor’s Association, one of the oldest survivor movement from Pacific, since 2013. She has been trained in CRPD and has been actively engaged in building a national movement of persons with psychosocial disabilities in Fiji.

Eilionóir Flynn

Eilionóir is a Professor in Law and Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland Galway. Her research focuses on disability and social justice, with a particular emphasis on legal capacity, advocacy and reproductive justice. She is passionate about educating the next generation of disability rights scholars; and working in active partnership with disabled people’s organisations. Eilionóir regularly advises policy-makers at national and international levels, including providing support to the Secretariat of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and in particular the working group which developed General Comment 1.

Matrika Devkota

Matrika Devkota is a person with psychosocial disability, the first person in Nepal coming out and raising the voice of persons with mental health condition and psychosocial disability. Matrika started an organization of the persons with disability (OPD), KOSHISH (which means “making an effort”, in English) in the year 2008 and he is entirely working in destigmatization and advocating against the legal, attitudinal, and social barriers for the persons with mental health conditions and psychosocial disability in Nepal. He believes that the implementation of UN CRPD can make the rights real in the field of disability, including the psychosocial disability. Matrika has been selected for the Ashoka Fellowship in 2017 and has been awarded the Dr. Guislain “Breaking the Chains of Stigma” Award, related to the mental health issues in 2013. Matrika has also been awarded nationally with the Human Rights award by the National Human Rights Commission in December 2015 and the Social service award in 2015.

Jennyrosa Damayanti

Jennyrosa Damayanti is founder and chair of Indonesian Mental Health Association, the first organization of people with psychosocial disabilities in Indonesia. Yeni has managed to push the issue of psychosocial disabilities into the central agenda of the cross disability movement in Indonesia and introduce this issue to women and the human rights movement as well. For the last 5 years, Yeni has been working to advocate for the issue of institutionalization of persons with psychosocial disabilities to the government, human rights defender community, disability movement and general public.

Šárka Dušková

Sarka Duskova is a Litigation Director at Validity Foundation, making sure that Validity’s legal strategies advance the rights of people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in Europe. Prior to working with Validity, she worked in several human rights NGOs in Czechia and at the European Court of Human Rights.
She is also a doctoral candidate at the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex, focusing on reasonable accommodation and changing perspectives on equality and non-discrimination.

Steven Allen

Steven Allen is a lifelong social justice activist and presently Executive Director of the Validity Foundation (formerly the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre), having originally joined the organisation in 2013. He holds an LLB (Hons.) from the University of London and a postgraduate research interest in legal systems that restrict or deny the autonomy of persons from historically marginalised populations. Before Validity, Steven worked in the fields of children’s rights and community conflict transformation in the UK and the Middle East, and was a master educator designing and leading forum theatre and community development programmes in the UK. He has previously served as an independent inspector of a young offenders institution and as a school governor, both in the UK, and has led many human rights monitoring initiatives in Europe and Africa. In 2023, he was appointed as a member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Disability and Social Justice.