

**LAUNCH OF MARC GALANTER DIGITAL ARCHIVE ON BHOPAL &
ACADEMIC WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

LUBAR COMMONS, UW LAW SCHOOL

Program

2:00 Reception and meet and greet

2:30 **Introductory remarks**
MITRA SHARAFI
University of Wisconsin Law School

2:35 **Welcome remarks**
MARGARET RAYMOND
Dean, University of Wisconsin Law School

2:40-3:45 **Launch of Marc Galanter Digital Archive on Bhopal**

Speakers:
KRIS TURNER
University of Wisconsin Law School Library

MARC GALANTER
University of Wisconsin Law School

3:45-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 **Keynote Address**

"Reflecting on the State of Law and Society Scholarship on India: The Contributions of Marc Galanter"

JAYANTH KRISHNAN
Maurer School of Law, Indiana University

5:00-6:30

Academic Panel on “Law and Accidents in South Asia”

Overview

From the Bhopal industrial disaster of 1984 to the collapse of the Rana Plaza textile factory in 2013, South Asia has been the site of some of the world’s most shocking and tragic accidents. This panel explores the intersection between accidents and law in the region, assessing legal and governmental approaches to compensation, regulation, prevention, the nature of claims made (or not made) on behalf of victims, and the social movements that have arisen out of the experience of suffering and surviving such catastrophes. Speakers may consider labor conditions; consumer protection; the role of tort-based liability and criminal responsibility; and the nature of narratives surrounding accidents in South Asia, both within the region and beyond. Some will address the extraordinary—disasters like Bhopal and Rana Plaza that caught and held the attention of the world media. Others may address the quotidian accidents that receive much less (and less enduring) coverage, from stampedes at religious pilgrimage sites to blindness resulting from the consumption of illicitly produced alcohol. The panel will explore questions like these: what is the role of law in the context of accidents in South Asia? What is law’s potential value? What are its limits, and how should we understand its absences? What alternatives to present practices may be more effective and meaningful?

Chair

MITRA SHARAFI

University of Wisconsin Law School

Speakers:

"Crim-Torts, Constitutional Torts, & Torts-in-waiting: Making sense of the laws on compensation for accidents in Pakistan"

MARYAM KHAN

Institute of Development and Economic Alternatives (IDEAS), Pakistan

“Disaster Governance Styles: India in Comparative Perspective”

KIM FORTUN

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York

“Preventing Another Rana Plaza: The Narrative, Politics and Policies”

CHAUMTOLI HUQ

Attorney and founder, Lan@the Margins

6:30 Closing remarks
MITRA SHARAFI
University of Wisconsin Law School

7:00 Dinner for speakers and invited guests
Harvest Restaurant (21 N. Pinckney Street, Madison)