



BIOGRAPHIES – WORKSHOP 3A

Workshop 3A: Ensuring transparency, accountability and data protection in the framework of digital evidence and AI usage

CHAIR:

Erik Peterson, Principal Deputy Director, OPDAT, US Department of Justice, USA

Erik Peterson is the Director of the Justice Department’s Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT). In this role he oversees the design, implementation and management of criminal justice sector reform, rule of law and security sector assistance programs throughout the world.

Erik joined OPDAT in 2011, serving initially as OPDAT’s Resident Legal Advisor in Baku, Azerbaijan. For three years Erik lived in Azerbaijan and worked from the Embassy of the United States in Baku. From 2014-2024 Erik served as OPDAT’s Principal Deputy Director based in Washington, D.C. He was named Director of OPDAT in 2024.

In addition to his work in Azerbaijan, Erik has presented on rule of law issues throughout the United States, in Africa, Central and South America, Europe and Asia.

Erik brings substantial prosecutorial and managerial experience to OPDAT. Erik previously served as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin from 2006-2009. He was appointed to this position by the President of the United States and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate. He has also served in Wisconsin as a State Assistant Attorney General, an Assistant District Attorney and was elected four times as a District Attorney.

He has received the Assistant Attorney General’s (AAG) Award for Excellence in Management, several AAG awards for Exceptional Service, the National Security Division (NSD) AAG’s Award for Excellence,

the NSD AAG's Award for Special Achievement in Supporting the National Security Mission, and the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys' Exceptional Support Award.

Erik is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Speakers:

Dr. Tek Bahadur Ghimire, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney-General, Nepal

Dr. Ghimire serves as the Senior Deputy Attorney General (Gazetted Special Class Officer) at the Office of the Attorney General in Nepal, overseeing the Office and Human Resources Management Department. In addition to representing the Government of Nepal before the Supreme Court, he is responsible for the administrative operations, staffing, and personnel development across all prosecution offices in Nepal, as well as monitoring the prosecution processes. He is also Chairperson of Armed Police Special Court.

Dr. Tek Bahadur Ghimire holds Ph.D. in Techno Economics, Information Technology Policy and Management from Seoul National University, South Korea, and has multiple Master's degrees in International Law and Political Science, and Bachelor's Degrees in Law and Education from Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

With over three decades of as a Public Prosecutor, Dr. Ghimire has been instrumental in shaping legal policies and managing high-profile legal cases in Nepal. His career highlights includes heading several prosecutor's offices across Nepal, working as a faculty member at the National Judicial Academy (now an Executive Committee Member), serving as an ICT focal person, and conducting several research in ICT policy and e-Government systems. He has also participated in numerous international seminars, training programs, and conferences, focusing on topics such as corruption, cyber law, and prosecutorial functions.

Dr. Ghimire is also a published author and has presented papers on various topics, including prosecutorial functions, e-Government, regulatory policy, and intellectual property rights. His work has contributed significantly to the development of legal frameworks in Nepal, particularly in the areas of technology and public trust in government systems.

Robin Weyell, Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service, England and Wales

Robin Weyell is a Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service. He is currently the Head of the CPS International Unit and has had previous roles in the National Crime Agency as Head of Covert Investigation Law as well as working as a lawyer in intelligence oversight, police misconduct investigations and counter narcotics. He is based in London.

Renato Finocchi Gherzi, Advocate General, Supreme Court of Cassation, Italy

He has been a member of the judiciary since 1980, and he has performed his functions as a judge and as a public prosecutor.

Since 2001, he has performed the judicial functions at the Prosecutor General's Office of the Supreme Court of Cassation, at Appeal Court level first and then at Supreme Court level, working in civil and in criminal matters.

Since 2018, he has filled an executive role, as Advocate-general of the Prosecutor General's Office at the Supreme Court of Cassation.

As such, he has led the Service for criminal affairs from 2018 to 2020, and since then he has led the Service for civil affairs, by coordinating Deputy Prosecutors General who plead in front of the highest panel of the Supreme Court in Joint Sessions.

Besides, he has also led the Department for International Affairs of the Prosecutor General's Office at the Supreme Court of Cassation. As a delegate of the Prosecutor General, he participates to international activities, and he represents the Prosecutor General's Office in various organizations, such as the Network of Prosecutors General and Equivalent Institutions in Supreme Courts of the European Union (Nadal Network), the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) and the Forum of Prosecutor General at Eurojust.

On several occasions, he performed executive functions beyond his role within the judiciary.

He was Head of the Minister of Justice's Cabinet during the Government led by PM Enrico Letta (2013-2014). He was Head of the Minister of Health's Cabinet during the government led by PM Romano Prodi (2006-2008); he was the Head of the legislative Office of the Minister for Social Affairs (1996-2001) during the governments led by PM Romano Prodi, PM Massimo D'Alema and PM Giuliano Amato.

He has been research clerk at the Constitutional Court from 1991 to 2000, working with the Constitutional Judges, Hon. Enzo Cheli and Hon. Valerio Onida.

He has taught in different universities and participated to courses at the High Council of the Judiciary. From 2001 to 2005, he has been Adjunct Professor at Tuscia University (Viterbo).

He spent study visits abroad and he was visiting scholar at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Nuffield College, Oxford University and London School of Economics.

He is the author of several publications on immigration, reform of the Civil Service, National Health Service and, more recently, Judicial Reform and Control of criminal judges on economic activities.

AnChen Chang, Prosecutor, Supreme Prosecutors Office, Chinese Taipei

Education

- Master of Arts, Graduate Institute of Translation and Interpretation, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan (2009)
- L.L.C.M, Law School, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A (1999)
- L.L.M, Law School, University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A (1998)
- LL.B, Law School, National Taiwan university, Taiwan (1993)

Working Experiences

- Prosecutor, Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (2021-2023)
- Executive Secretary, Money Laundry Evaluation Team, Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (2021-2023)
- Negotiator, Taiwan and Turkey Bilateral Investment Agreement Negotiation (2019-2021)
- Head Legal Counsel, Office of Trade Negotiations, The Executive Yuan (2019-2021)
- Prosecutor, Taipei District Prosecutors Office (2001-2019)
- Intern Judge, Academy for the Judiciary, Ministry of Justice (1999-2000)
- Clerk, Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, Pennsylvania Eastern District federal Court, U.S.A (1999)
- Legislative Aide, Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf, Pennsylvania State Senate, U.S.A (1998)
- Intern Lawyer, Chen Kai-Sheng Attorney-at-Law (1997)
- Legislative Aide, Legislator Luo, Chuan-Jin Office (1995-1996)
- Legislative Aide, Legislator Liu, Zheng-Hong Office (1994-1995)

Prateek Sibal, Programme Specialist, Digital Policies and Digital Transformation Section of the Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO

Prateek Sibal is a Programme Specialist at the Digital Policies and Digital Transformation Section of the Communication and Information Sector at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.

In this framework, he leads the Sector's work on artificial intelligence and digital transformation with a focus on capacity building for the executive, legislative and the judicial branches of government. He launched UNESCO's "AI and the Rule of Law" programme that reached over 5500 judges, lawyers, prosecutors, and civil servants in legal administration in over 140 countries through innovative capacity building tools like a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), in-person, and online training for judges in over 15 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Most recently, he has led the development of a training curriculum on AI for the judiciary to support national judicial training institutions and is developing guidelines on generative AI for the judiciary.

To support capacity building for policymakers, he led the development of an AI and Digital Transformation Competency Framework for Civil Servants with the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, where he managed a multistakeholder Working Group on AI Capacity

Building. He has facilitated trainings and workshops for civil servants on digital planning and design, data use and governance and leadership for digital transformation across the world.

He represents UNESCO at GlobalPolicy.AI, a platform of exchange on AI policies among 8 inter-governmental organisations, including the World Bank, OECD, European Commission, Inter-American Development Bank, Council of Europe. He is a member of the OECD Working Group on AI, Working Group on “Open AI Definition” of the Digital Public Goods Alliance, Law and Technology Working Group of the World Bank’s Global Forum on Law, Justice, and Development, African Union’s AI Working Group and an observer at the Council of Europe’s Committee working on the Convention on AI.

He has authored or managed numerous analytical tools and reports for UNESCO, including the reports: *Steering AI and Advanced ICTs for Knowledge Societies*, *AI Needs Assessment Survey in Africa*, *The effects of AI on the Working Lives of Women* and the *Missing Links in AI Governance* among others. His writings have been published in natural and social science journals and have appeared on media platforms including The Economic and Political Weekly, The Wire, HuffPost, India Spend, Business Standard, The Quint and Scroll.

In the past, he has worked for a Member of Parliament in India, consulted for the City Government of Vancouver, REN21, Paris and founded a multilingual education start-up to publish books in tribal languages in India.

He teaches digital government at Sciences Po, Paris as an adjunct faculty. He has a Masters in Economics and Public Policy from Sciences Po, Paris, where he was Charpak Scholar. Much before that he loved building race cars as a mechanical engineer in India.