



## Tagore Law Lecture 2013

December 16, 17 & 18, 2013



### Prasunno Coomar Tagore

Born : 21 December 1801

Died : 30 August 1868

*The first endowment in the University was created by the late Prasunno Coomar Tagore by a will executed in 1862. Tagore was a member of the first senate of Calcutta University & his princely gift was given for the creation of the Tagore Law Professorship—the first Professorship in Indian Universities. The funds were formally received by the University in 1868. The first Tagore Law Professor, Mr. Herbert Cowell, delivered his lecture in 1870. This is one of the most prestigious Professorship (presently lectureship) of this University & many of the lectures have won the admiration of scholars all over the world.*

## PROGRAMME

### Monday, December 16, 2013, 3pm

- Venue : Senate Hall, Darbhanga Building, 87/1, College Street, Kolkata-73
- Welcome Address : **Professor Suranjan Das**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Calcutta
- Inauguration : **Smt. Chandrima Bhattacharya**  
Hon'ble Minister of State, Law & Judicial Department, (Independent Charge), Govt. of West Bengal
- Oration : **Mr. Michael Kirby**  
Former Justice of the High Court of Australia
- Presidential Speech : **Professor P Iswara Bhatt**  
Vice-Chancellor, The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata
- Vote of Thanks : **Professor D J Chattopadhyay**  
Pro Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Calcutta

### Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 3pm

- Venue : Seminar Hall, Department of Law  
51/1 & 2 Hazra Road, Kolkata -700 019
- Welcome Address : **Professor S. S. Chatterjee**  
Secretary, F.C.P.G Studies in Law, University of Calcutta
- Oration : **Mr. Michael Kirby**  
Former Justice of the High Court of Australia
- Presidential Speech : **Justice (Mrs.) Ruma Pal**  
Former Judge, Supreme Court of India
- Vote of Thanks : **Dr. J K Das**  
Faculty, Department of Law, University of Calcutta

### Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 3pm

- Venue : Seminar Hall, Department of Law  
51/1 & 2 Hazra Road, Kolkata -700 019
- Welcome Address : **Dr. Sachi Chakraborty**  
Head, Department of Law, University of Calcutta
- Oration : **Mr. Michael Kirby**  
Former Justice of the High Court of Australia
- Presidential Speech : **Sri Bimal Chatterjee**  
Hon'ble Advocate General, West Bengal
- Vote of Thanks : **Professor Basab Chaudhuri**  
Registrar, University of Calcutta



## University of Calcutta

*cordially invites you to the*

### Tagore Law Lecture

to be delivered by

#### The Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG

Former Justice of the High Court of Australia,

on

### "Sexual Orientation and Identity: a new province of Law for India"

on

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#### Smt. Chandrima Bhattacharya

Hon'ble Minister of State, Law & Judicial Department, (Independent Charge), Government of West Bengal has kindly consented to deliver the Inaugural Lecture.

**Prof. S. S. Chatterjee**  
Secretary,  
F.C.P.G Studies in Law  
University of Calcutta

**Mr. Anjan Kr. Dan**  
Estate & Trust Officer  
University of Calcutta

**Prof. Basab Chaudhuri**  
Registrar  
University of Calcutta

Senate House, Kolkata  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013



#### THE HON. MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG AUSTRALIA

When he retired from the High Court of Australia on 2 February 2009, Michael Kirby was Australia's longest serving judge.

He was first appointed in 1975 as a Deputy President of the Australian Conciliation & Arbitration Commission. Soon after, he was seconded as inaugural Chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission (1975-84). Later, he was appointed a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, then President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal and, concurrently, President of the Court of

Appeal of Solomon Islands. His appointment to the High Court of Australia came in 1996 and he served thirteen years. In later years, he was Acting Chief Justice of Australia twice.

In addition to his judicial duties, Michael Kirby has served on three university governing bodies being elected Chancellor of Macquarie University in Sydney (1984-93). He also served on many national and international bodies. Amongst the latter have been service as a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Commission on AIDS (1988-92); President of the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva (1995-8); as UN Special Representative Human Rights in Cambodia (1993-6); a member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (1995-2005); a member of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Judicial Reference Group (2007-) and a member of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights (2004-).

Following his judicial retirement, Michael Kirby was elected President of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia from 2009-2010. He serves as a Board Member of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of *The Laws of Australia*. He has been appointed Honorary Visiting Professor by twelve universities. And he participates regularly in many local and international conferences and meetings. He has been awarded a number of honorary doctorates at home and abroad.

In 2010, he was awarded the Gruber Justice Prize. He is also presently a member of the Eminent Persons Group which is investigating the future of the Commonwealth of Nations; and has been appointed to the UNDP Global Commission of HIV and the Law. In 2010, he was appointed to the Australian Panel of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (World Bank). In 2010, he was appointed to the Gruber Foundation Advisory Board of the Justice Prize. In March 2011, he was appointed to the Advisory Council of Transparency International, based in Berlin. In 2013, he was appointed Chair of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights Violations in North Korea. He was also appointed a Commissioner of the UNAIDS Commission on moving from AIDS to the Right to Health, 2013-2014.