**ALTERNATIVE LAW CAREERS: NGO PANEL**

**Schedule**

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| 8th May 2019, 5.30 – 7pm |
| 5.10pm | Speakers arrive for briefing |
| 5.25pm | Audience to be seated |
| 5.30-5.35pm | General introduction by OxLWOB Committee |
| 5.35-6pm | Speakers each have 5-10 mins to briefly introduce themselves |
| 6-6.25pm | Structured Q&A |
| 6.25-6.45pm | Questions from the floor |
| 6.45-7pm | Students are free to approach individual speakers with questions |

**Structure**

1. **Introduction of Speakers (5-10 mins each)**

Speakers introduce themselves: name, background, organization, and brief overview of their work

* *It would be very helpful if at the onset (at this part of the program) the speakers emphasize the nature of their organizations. It will not be immediately clear to younger lawyers and law students what sort of roles a lawyer can play in an NGO.*
* *Distinguish among the different types of legal work an NGO might be involved in, for instance: strategic litigation, policy and advocacy, and training and capacity building of key sectors (youth, indigenous peoples, etc.), among others*
* *It would also be good to hear about the ultimate objectives/ key valuable principles/overarching principles animation their organization (international criminal justice, human rights, etc.)*
1. **Structured Q&A (25 mins)**
2. General Questions, Professional Preparation and Expectations:
3. How should one prepare for a legal career in an NGO/INGO? What sort of training or practical experience would best prepare a lawyer for this type of work? How does this differ from how one prepares for work in law firm or as in-house counsel?
4. What sort of “non-legal” skills are required in NGO work? (For example, should one expect to do a lot of networking or fundraising as a lawyer in an NGO?)
5. Field Specific Questions, Professional Preparation and Expectations:
6. How is strategic litigation in an NGO different from other forms of trial practice? How does one prepare for this?
7. What kinds of skills are required for someone to work in policy and advocacy?
8. What kinds of skills are required for someone to work in capacity building, training?
9. (Other, depending on the speakers’ introductions)
10. General Questions, Career Mobility and Mentoring:
11. Can you tell us about career mobility in your field? What does professional growth look like in your field? (promotions, increase in responsibility, opportunity to lead teams and design programs)
12. Can you tell us about mentoring opportunities in your organization? Can I expect to be given training and support to improve my skills as a lawyer (specific examples)?
13. Concluding Questions:

Why should I consider a career in your field/organization (Please answer by explaining: “What valuable service are you delivering that is unique to your field/organization?” “What makes this “alternative law career” worth pursuing?”)

1. **Questions from the Floor**