

**International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) invites you to:**

## **Seeking Justice:**

A Multi-Nation Comparative of Policies and Laws to Protect Older Persons from Violence, Abuse and Neglect

**WHEN: 11<sup>th</sup> OEWGA via Zoom**

**31 March 2021 11:30am – 12:45pm**

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The 11<sup>th</sup> OEWGA will discuss the analytical summary of input from NGOs, NHRI's and Member States on access to justice to lead to normative elements for a new international binding instrument. (A/AC.278/2021/CRP.4)

“Access to justice is a core element of the rule of law... a fundamental right in itself and an essential prerequisite for the protection and promotion of all other human rights”.

“Access to justice encompasses the right to a fair trial, including equal access to and equality before the courts, and seeking and obtaining just and timely remedies for rights violations.”

The Human Rights Committee ...held “... States parties are required under the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to guarantee that individuals have accessible and effective remedies to assert their rights.” Adapting remedies to different populations' specific requirements.<sup>3</sup> And, emphasize the “importance of participation in achieving the ultimate objective - *restoration of the dignity of the victim*”<sup>5</sup>

No international human rights instruments and treaty bodies have specifically addressed the barriers facing older persons in accessing justice, including physical access; reasonable accommodation; affordability; excessive delays and backlogs in judicial processes; impact of digitization, cultural norms, gender bias, discrimination, and ageism’.

“Entrenched ageism exists within the justice system and the laws and policies themselves can be ageist. It is important to ensure that access to judicial and non-judicial proceedings and their outcomes are not influenced at any stage by ageist stereotypes.”

**Not to be overlooked are systemic opportunities for fraud, exploitation, and unethical acts by those in power which must be exposed and those responsible held to account.**

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### **Welcome:**

**Susan Somers, JD** President, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse



### **Panelists:**

**Prof. Amanda Phelan**  
Secretary General INPEA  
Professor in Ageing and Community Nursing, and Board of Directors member Safeguarding Ireland



**Prof. Marie Beaulieu, Ph.D.**  
Chairholder of the Research Chair on Mistreatment of Older Adults, U. of Sherbrooke, Canada  
INPEA Research Liaison



### **Kim Boettcher**

Barrister;  
INPEA Board  
Sydney, Australia,

### **Invited Interveners:**

**Prof. Maria Isolina Dabove**  
Buenos Aires Univ., Ar.

**Manohar Upreti,**  
Counsellor/Advocate  
INPEA Rep. Nepal

**Shridhar Lamichhane**  
Sociologist, Advocate  
AMSI-Group, Nepal

### **Moderator:**

**Bridget Penhale**  
Prof Emeritus, U. East Anglia, UK