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## **'REIMAGINING GLOBAL HEALTH LAW: GOVERNANCE, EQUITY, AND INNOVATION IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD—INSIGHTS AND LESSONS FOR SOUTH ASIA'**



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**2.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.**

**Resource person 1:**  
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**Dr. Muhammad Zaheer Abbas**, is a Lecturer in Law at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Australia, specialising in intellectual property law with a focus on access to medicines, public health, and sustainable development. He holds a PhD in Law from QUT, an LLM in International Law from the International Islamic University Pakistan—where he was awarded a university medal—and an LLB from the University of Southern Queensland. A Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK) with over fourteen years of academic experience, Dr. Abbas has built a strong scholarly profile through extensive research and publications on the intersection of patent law, public interest, and health technologies, with his work recognised by leading institutions including the WHO and the Australian Government Productivity Commission.



**Resource person 2:**  
**Mr. Kashish Aneja**

**Mr. Kashish Aneja** is a lawyer specialising in global health law, policy, and governance, leading Asia-focused initiatives at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. His expertise spans international health lawmaking, technology transfer, and access to essential health products, with contributions to major projects for the WHO, UN agencies, CEPI, Gavi, the World Bank, and the Duke-NUS. Actively engaged in global negotiations on the WHO Pandemic Agreement, IHR Amendments, and the PABS Annex, he has played a key role in shaping national and international legal frameworks. As co-founder of the Society for Democratic Rights, New Delhi, he fosters high-level U.S.–India judicial dialogues, while his broader experience includes strategic litigation, healthcare regulatory compliance, and advisory work for public health institutions.

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