



LEGAL EMPOWERMENT OF THE POOR: INVESTIGATING THE LEGAL DIMENSION

About the Conference

The Lund University Initiative on Legal Empowerment of the Poor is organizing a conference on legal empowerment of the Poor **3-4 March 2010**, which will focus on exploring the legal dimension of the initiative. The Conference is organized by LUCSUS – LEP (www.lucsus.lu.se/lep) in collaboration with University of Oslo (SUM) – ANLEP (www.sum.uio.no/research/networks/anlep/).

Created in December 2008, LEP is a strategic initiative for cross-faculty collaboration on Legal Empowerment of the Poor (LEP). The initiative aims at contributing to the establishment of a solid and broad foundation for research across these involved faculties at Lund University on the issue of legal empowerment of the poor.

In June, 2008 the Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor (CLEP) issued its final report entitled "[Making the Law Work for Everyone](#)". The Commission developed a comprehensive framework for legal empowerment, focusing on indigenous peoples, women and vulnerable groups, with four mutually reinforcing pillars: access to justice and the rule of law, property rights, labour rights and business rights. The Lund initiative also seeks to expand the scope of legal empowerment and will therefore advocate an inter-disciplinary approach to Human rights. This is chiefly done by integrating two additional dimensions into the pillars: *the relationship between the national and the international*; and *the relationship between society and the environment*.

Defined as a process which increases poor peoples' ability to use the law, the legal system and legal services in order to protect their rights and interests as citizens, 'legal empowerment' is increasingly being considered as an important tool in 'anti-poverty' research and efforts around the world. However, there has been some critique directed towards the framing of the legal dimension in relation to LEP. Using this critique as a foundation, the *purpose of this LEP conference is to discuss and elaborate the legal dimension of the legal empowerment initiative*.

Who is the conference for

Everyone interested in the field of Legal Empowerment of the Poor are invited to take part in the conference. Considering the limited time of the conference and given the second objective we have no room for "new" oral presentations. However, we do invite researchers and organizations to give *poster presentations*.

If you are interested to give a poster presentation please send an e-mail to anna-karin.bergman@lucsus.lu.se in which you include a copy of your poster (if you have one) as well as an abstract of your research and its connection to the frame of the conference.

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Practical information

Registration

Registration is optional but in order to keep track of the number of participants we recommend that you send an e-mail with your *name* and *department affiliation* to anna-karin.bergman@lucus.lu.se by the **25 February**.

Hotels

There are a number of hotel rooms available for the conference. As a participant you have to book the room yourself and pay on sight. **Deadline for the rooms are 1 February**, after this date you can still book rooms at the respective hotel but the availability will not be guaranteed. Rooms are available up until 1 February at the following hotels:

1. HOTEL LUNDIA

Hotel Lundia is situated in the centre of Lund, just one minute from the railway station and regional and local buses and five minutes from the conference hall.

For booking use booking-code: **LUC020310**

Price (breakfast included):

Double room/night **SEK 1805**

Single room/night **SEK 1445**

Contact:

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Knut den Stores Torg 2
Box 1136
221 04 Lund
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Hotel: +46 (0)46-280 65 00
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2. Hotell Ahlström

Hotell Ahlström is located in the central parts of Lund, approximately 5 minutes from the conference hall. Ahlström is the oldest hotel that is still running in Lund and one of the most famous in this city.

For booking use booking-code: **LEP**

Price (breakfast included)

Single room/night **SEK 730**

(All rooms includes washbasin. The bathrooms, which are shared with the other guests, contain showers and toilets and are located in the corridors).

Double rooms/night **from SEK 895 to SEK 1300**

(Some of the double rooms have bathrooms and showers; others have not, and are shared with other guests – please contact the hotel for more information)

Contact:

Skomakareg. 3

223 50 Lund

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E-mail: info@hotellahlstrom.se

Website: www.hotellahlstrom.se

3. Hotel Concordia

Hotel Concordia is a 4-star, family owned, hotel in the centre of Lund and was established in 1982. The hotel was completely renovated in 2000 and partly in 2007. As our guest you will stay comfortably in a modern, centrally located cultural building, originally built in 1882.

For booking use booking-code: **32990**

Price (breakfast included)

Single room/night: **SEK 1115**

Double room/night: **SEK 1260**

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If you have any questions regarding the conference please contact the LEP coordinator Anna-Karin Bergman at anna-karin.bergman@lucsus.lu.se

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