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**Can the Courts Successfully Change Discrimination
and Achieve Equal Opportunity?**

International Comparisons

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Gary Orfield is the Professor of Education, Law, Political Science and Urban Planning at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Orfield's research interests are in the study of civil rights, education policy, urban policy, and minority opportunity. He was co-founder and director of the Harvard Civil Rights Project, and now serves as co-director of the Civil Rights Project/*Proyecto Derechos Civiles* at UCLA. His central interest has been the development and implementation of social policy, with a central focus on the impact of policy on equal opportunity for success in American society. Recent works include more than six co-edited books since 2004 and numerous articles and reports. In addition to his scholarly activities and teaching in the social sciences, he has taught law at the University of Chicago, Harvard, and UCLA and has been an expert witness or special master in more than thirty class action cases. Recently, his Centre filed an Amicus brief in the affirmative action case argued before the Supreme Court. Over the course of his esteemed career, Professor Orfield has had the opportunity to watch in detail, and with enforcement power, as major changes in discrimination laws have been implemented.

Puja Kapai is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong, and the Director of the Centre for Comparative and Public Law. Professor Kapai is the Deputy Director of the Summer Social Justice Institute, and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Hong Kong. She is also a Visiting Research Fellow with the University of New South Wales, Australia. She serves as the Co-Convener of the Emerging Strategic Research Theme on Diversity Studies at the University of Hong Kong and as an Editor of the Hong Kong Law Journal.

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