Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice – Remarks, responses, and summary

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In Part 1 of these remarks from the October 8, 2018, Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice conversation at Creighton, Dr. Hadfield begins by providing background on how she came to write Rules for a Flat World. (19:50) She then offers three insights.

1) Because the biggest barrier to access to justice is the cost of the system that lawyers have created, we need open markets for legal services to lower costs;
2) Markets for law will allow private and local solutions to the problem of inadequate legal infrastructure; and
3) The 4 billion people worldwide who currently lack access to the rule of law and functioning legal infrastructure need local solutions.

Hadfield concludes with some “how” proposals: breaking the monopoly of lawyers; private generation of rules, supervised by government; and rules that both connect people to the global network while also enabling them to feel “seen.”

Gillian Hadfield: Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice – Part 1 (19:50)
https://youtu.be/U0XA7qHCNVU

In Part 2, she offers a specific example of how emerging technology can provide new solutions.

Gillian Hadfield: Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice – Part 2 (7:25)
https://youtu.be/L7Lzwiy-WxE

In Part 3, she responds to 6 questions generated collaboratively by the conversation participants relating to the topics of

1) The Role of Lawyers ("We can take back the bar associations.")
2) The Role of Law Schools ("We just educate people to be reproduced into the existing system.")
3) The Future ("Coming up with ways for local groups to make their own determinations about the kind of rules they want")
4) Civil Society ("Take back the law!")
5) Conflict Resolution Processes ("Lawyers talking to lawyers about what works well for lawyers")
6) Markets ("Governments get out of the business of coming up with the detailed structure of regulation")

Gillian Hadfield: Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice – Part 3 (17:35)
https://youtu.be/jdM6VHUCx3Y

Part 4, in a brief Q&A, captures the essence of her thinking on Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice. ("What is it that we need from our legal systems?")

Gillian Hadfield: Disrupting Law, Reclaiming Justice – Summary (4:40)
https://youtu.be/Co7JWpf5e0s