

**International Conference on Business and Human Rights:
Holding Governments Accountable in Asia
12-13 July 2018 Asia Centre, Bangkok**

Conference Programme

Day One: Thursday 12 July 2018

0830 - 0915	Registration & Morning Coffee
0915 - 0925	Welcome Remarks: Robin Ramcharan, Executive Director, Asia Centre
0925 - 0935	About Asia Centre: James Gomez, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Asia Centre
0935 - 1105	<p>Panel 1: Regional Perspectives on Business & Human Rights</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Michael White, “A Double Edged Sword: The Role of National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights in Holding Governments to Account,” Inclusive NZ Kenneth Christie, “Corporate Social Responsibility in times of Populism and Human Insecurity,” Royal Roads University Elise Schuster, “ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights: Engagement on Business & Human Rights in Southeast Asia,” Asia Centre & the University of Queensland Golda S. Benjamin, “National Action Plans on Business & Human Rights in the ASEAN: Observations and Recommendations on the Procedural Aspects of NAP Development,” Business & Human Rights Resource Centre
	Chairperson: Robin Ramcharan, Asia Centre
1105 - 1120	Refreshments
1120 - 1250	<p>Panel 2: National Strategies & Policies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Saovanee Kaewjullakarn, “The Challenge of Thai Government to Recognize the Status of Human Rights Defenders who Advocate Against Adverse Impacts of Business Activities and Development Projects,” Thaksin University Iman Prihandono, “Recent Development on the Access to Remedy in Business & Human Rights in Indonesia,” Universitas Airlangga Win Min, “The Role of Legal Framework towards Responsible Business

	<p>in Myanmar,” Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business</p> <p>8. Saul Takahashi, “All Carrots and No Stick: Human Rights Regulation of Companies in Japan,” Business & Human Rights Resource Centre</p>
	<p>Chairperson: Jonathan Woodier, Sol International Media and Communication Arts, Woosong University</p>
1250 - 1350	Lunch
1350 - 1520	<p>Panel 3: Accountability of Multinational Corporations, in their Supply Chains & Trade</p> <p>9. Nukila Evanty & Nurul Ghufon, “Multinational Corporations and Human Rights,” Faculty of Law, Jember University</p> <p>10. Joshua Rosenzweig, “Combatting Abuse in Corporate Networks and Supply Chains: Asia Must be Part of the Solution,” Amnesty International</p> <p>11. Seema Joshi, “Tackling Serious Labour Abuse in Palm Oil Trading,” Amnesty International</p> <p>12. Dheeraj, “Analysing National Voluntary Guidelines with Particular Focus on Human Rights Commitments of Top 100 Listed Companies in India Based on Disclosures in Public,” Praxis - Institute for Participatory Practices & Corporate Responsibility Watch</p>
	<p>Chairperson: Céline Martin, Destination Justice</p>
1520 - 1540	Refreshments
	<p>13. Poster Presentation: Felix, Freedom House</p>
1540 - 1710	<p>Panel 4: Accountability in Infrastructure & Development</p> <p>14. Akiko Sato, “How to Hold Governments Accountable for Business and Human Rights in Asia: Analysing Projects Operated by Japanese Fund in Myanmar and Indonesia,” Lawyer</p> <p>15. Jonathan Rhodes, “Learning from Map Tha Phut: A Look at Government Priorities,” Thailand Environment Institute Foundation</p> <p>16. Bongkot Lochaya, “The Impact of the Government Transparency on the Success of Myanmar's Dawei Deep Seaport & Industrial Estate Development Project,” Thammasat University ASEAN-China International Program</p> <p>17. Graeme Bristol, “Human Rights and the Business of City Building,” Centre for Architecture and Human Rights</p>

	Chairperson: Nukila Evanty, Faculty of Law, Jember University
1710 - 1720	Refreshments
1720 - 1850	<p>Panel 5: Accountability in Consumer-Oriented Business</p> <p>18. Daniel Polomski, “Towards and Empirical Understanding of Ethical Consumption in SEA,” Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University</p> <p>19. Céline Martin, “The Rise of a Pink Economy in Asia: The Road to Legislative Reforms to Better Protect LGBTIQ Individuals?,” Destination Justice</p> <p>20. Yesaya Sandang, “Tourism and Human Rights: A Study towards Indonesia Tourism Regulation,” University of the West of England</p>
	Chairperson: Akiko Sato
1915	<p>Welcome Dinner - Bangkok Kitchen</p> <p>Guest of Honour: Dr. Seree Nonthasoot, Thailand Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)</p>

Day Two: Friday 13 July 2018

0900 - 0910	Morning Coffee
0910 - 1040	<p>Panel 6: Accountability for Labour Rights Violations</p> <p>21. Hanh Nguyen, “Effect of Minimum Wage on Employment Security: The Case of Precarious Workers in Myanmar,” Centre for Economic and Social Development</p> <p>22. Pimpaka Sattayapiruk, “The Impact of Industrial Policy (Thailand 4.0) on the Labor’s Structure in Thailand: The Case Study of the Burmese Immigrant Labors in Thailand,” Thammasat University ASEAN-China International Program</p> <p>23. Jeerut Kowinwipat, “The Possible Government Responses to Equality in Media Industry: The Case Study of AKB48 and BNK48,” Thammasat University ASEAN-China International Program</p>
	Chairperson: Zachery Lampell, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
1040 - 1050	Refreshments
1050 - 1250	<p>Panel 7: Accountability for Indigenous & Land Rights</p> <p>24. Matthew Storey, “A Rock and a Soft Place? International Resource Corporations, a State’s Right to Development of Natural Resources and Indigenous Peoples Right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent under the Laws of the Republic of the Philippines and Western Australia,” National Native Title Council & Charles Darwin University</p> <p>25. Scott Edwards, “Conflicts of Interest: State linked Business and the Land Rights of the Peninsular Orang Asli,” Institute for Cooperation, Conflict, and Security, University of Birmingham</p> <p>26. Ing Hoe Loh, “Sarawak Palm Oil Industry and Denial of Ibans Customary Land,” Curtin University Malaysia</p> <p>27. Socheata Sao, “Current State of Affairs of Access to Remedy for Individuals and Communities Affected by Alleged Arbitrary Takings of Property (i.e. Land) in Agribusiness Industry in ASEAN,” Monash University</p>
	Chairperson: Michael White, Inclusive NZ
1250 - 1350	Lunch
1350 - 1520	Panel 8: FORUM-ASIA - Protecting the Environment and Communities

	<p>Affected by Business Projects: Experiences from India, Thailand and South Korea</p> <p>28. Lara Jesani, Advocate, High Court, Bombay, India</p> <p>29. Sor Rattanamanee Polkla, Community Resource Centre, Thailand</p> <p>30. Hyun-Phil Na, Korean House for International Solidarity, South Korea</p>
	Chairperson: Lorenzo Urbinati, FORUM-ASIA (TBC)
1520 - 1530	Refreshments
1530 - 1700	<p>Panel 9: Accountability in New Technologies and Innovative Approaches</p> <p>31. Carlos & Francisco Rabassó, “Holistic Learning in Management Educational Environments as a Way to Close the Gender Gap in Southeast Asian Countries,” Neoma Business School & Université de Rouen</p> <p>32. Robert Sadleir, “Designing a Human Rights Management Systems Standard framed by the Value of Human Life: a practical approach to business enterprise human rights in Asia,” Initiative to Value Human Life</p> <p>33. Jonathan Woodier & Andreas Zingerle, “As Smart Worlds Collide: Citizen Agency and Human Rights in the Smart City,” Sol International Media and Communication Arts, Woosong University</p> <p>34. Zachery Lampell, “Artificial Intelligence and Civic Space: Inputs for National Action Plans,” International Center for Not-for-Profit Law</p>
	Chairperson: James Gomez, Asia Centre
1700 - 1710	Refreshments
1710 - 1740	<p>Partnership Session:</p> <p>35. Book Project: “Business and Human Rights in Asia: Holding Governments Accountable”, Robin Ramcharan, Asia Centre</p> <p>36. Partnership: <i>International Conference on Fake News & Elections in Asia</i>, 11 - 12 July 2019, James Gomez, Asia Centre</p>
1750 - 1800	Concluding Remarks
