

**Universal Periodic Review in Southeast Asia:
An Evidence-Based Regional Assessment**
15 - 17 September 2016
Conference Programme

15 September 2016, Thursday	
0900 - 0920	Registration
0920 - 0930	Welcome Remarks James Gomez & Robin Ramcharan Asia Centre
0930 - 0940	Introduction of Participants
0940 - 1030	Session 1 : Evaluating the UPR Process Addressing Human Rights Protection Gaps; Can the Universal Periodic Review Process Live Up to its Promise? <i>Michael J V White</i> New Zealand Human Rights Commission
1030 - 1045	Break
1045 - 1230	Session 2: Stakeholder Involvement A Statistical Overview: Submissions and Participation of CSOs in Southeast Asia <i>Anna Jeffries</i> University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee Analysis of CSO Participation in the UPR <i>James Gomez & Robin Ramcharan</i> Asia Centre Assessing Suhakam's Effectiveness in Bridging the Implementation Gap of Malaysia's Universal Periodic Review <i>Khoo Ying Hooi</i> University of Malaya
1230 - 1330	Lunch
1330 - 1510	Session 3: Regional Overview

	<p>The Shy but Growing Role of the UPR Recommendations in Fostering the Protecting Role of the AICHR in Southeast Asia <i>Celine Martin</i> Aix-Marseille University</p>
1510 - 1525	Break
1525 - 1705	<p>Session 4: In Pursuit of Justice</p> <p>Universal Periodic Review and the Abolition of the Death Penalty in Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and Myanmar: The Arduous March Forward <i>M. Ravi</i> Human Rights Advocate</p> <p>The Universal Periodic Review in Timor-Leste and the Government's Failure of Achieving Justice for the Past Human Rights Abuses <i>Cristian Talesco</i> Hong Kong Polytechnic University</p>
1730	Welcome Dinner

16 September 2016, Friday

0930 - 0945	Registration & Morning Coffee
0945 - 1045	<p>Session 5: For Greater Freedoms</p> <p>Advocating the Untouchable Issue Through the UPR: Freedom of Expression in Thailand <i>Chautimas Suksai</i> Researcher & Consultant</p>
1045 - 1050	Break
1050 - 1230	<p>Session 6: Minority Rights in the UPR</p> <p>The Situation of LGBTIQ HRDs in Southeast Asia <i>Celine Martin</i> Destination Justice</p> <p>UPR & The Rights of Minorities <i>Gymbay Moua</i> Congress of World Hmong People</p>

1230 - 1330	Lunch
1330 - 1510	<p>Session 7: Challenges for Implementation & Engagement</p> <p>Indonesia and the Universal Periodic Review: Analysis of Freedom of Religion and Belief <i>Hesty Dewi Maria Siagian</i> Bogor Agricultural University</p> <p>Maximize the Effectiveness of the UPR Process in Myanmar: A Non-Confrontational, Solutions-Focused and Evidence-Based Involvement <i>Francesca Paola Traglia</i> The Lutheran World Federation - Myanmar Program</p>
1510 - 1525	Break
1525 - 1640	<p>Session 8: Country Analysis Thailand</p> <p>Considering the Efficacy of the Universal Periodic Review in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights in Thailand <i>Nick Bull</i> Mahidol University (via Skype)</p> <p>Singapore's Universal Periodic Review: Civil Society Perspectives <i>James Gomez</i> & <i>Michelle D'cruz</i> Bangkok University Mahidol University</p>
1545 - 1615	<p>Session 9: Plenary</p> <p>Towards Cycle 3: Emerging Patterns and Trends <i>James Gomez & Robin Ramcharan</i> Asia Centre</p>
1615 - 1645	Publication Meeting
1645 - 1700	Presentation of Certificates



17 September 2016, Saturday

0900 - 0920

Registration & Morning Coffee

Open forum discussion: Southeast Asia & the UPR: All Talk & No Action?