

Book Project

Freedom of Expression in Asia

24 - 26, August 2022, Bangkok, Thailand

Editors: Dr. James Gomez & Dr. Robin Ramcharan

Introduction

Following the international conference on Freedom of Expression in Asia, Asia Centre will invite 10-12 authors of papers presented at the Conference to participate in a book project as well as issue an open call. Once the line up of authors, themes and regions are confirmed, the publication agreements between Asia Centre and authors are signed and the editorial fees are paid, the reviewed manuscripts will be prepared and pitched to international publisher Palgrave Macmillan.

Criteria for participation

- Editors will shortlist suitable conference paper contributors by 31 December 2022.
- Shortlisted conference contributors and selected open call contributors will be invited to participate in the publication project.
- Participation will incur a fee of USD\$300 to cover administration, editing and coordination of external reviews.
- Authors will be required to sign a publication agreement, pay the editorial fee, commit to following the style guide and meet the publication schedule.
- Papers will need to be at least 6000-8000 words to qualify for the publication project.
- The Editors will provide the necessary input during the review process.
- Selected authors to confirm participation in the project, by paying fee and signing publication agreement by 15 January 2023.
- Inclusion in the final manuscript will depend on the final paper being approved by the Editors and the external reviewers.
- Manuscripts selected by Asia Centre will undergo up to two reviews by Asia Centre. Thereafter, papers that are not completed and/or do not meet the required standard by 28 February 2023, will not be included in the final submission to the publisher.
- Only in exceptional cases, Asia Centre can offer a third and final review, but this will require an additional fee of USD\$300.
- N.B. No refunds will be provided for papers that do not successfully pass the Asia
- Centre and/or external review.
- Authors whose chapter proposals are not shortlisted, but who are interested in participating and able to cover the publication project fee can contact the editors to discuss how their papers can be revised for consideration.



Publication Schedule

September – December 2022	Shortlisted chapters selected by 31 December 2022. Selected authors to confirm participation in the project, pay fees and sign publication agreement by 15 January 2023.
January – March 2023	Papers to be submitted by 28 February 2023 for first review by Editors Thereafter authors revise and submit their papers by 31 March 2023
April – May 2023	Editors will submit the manuscript to a selected publisher for external review.
June – July 2023	2nd Review by Editors and External Review Board Following the combined feedback of the editors and external review board, authors will have one month to make revisions. Revised papers are due on 31 July 2023
August 2023	Compilation and editing of the final manuscript.
September 2023	Submission to selected publisher
Tentative publication and launch - end of Q2, 2024*	

^{*}Note: This, and all other deadlines, may be adjusted at the discretion of the editors to meet exigencies of the editing, review and publication process as well as to speed up the process when the opportunity presents itself.

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- 1. The Universal Periodic Review of Southeast Asia: Civil Society Perspectives
- 2. National Human Rights Institutions in Southeast Asia: Selected Case Studies
- 3. Business and Human Rights in Asia: The Duty of the State to Protect