

# **2nd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference**

## **Saturday 9 Oct 2021 | Online | Hosted by Korean Bar Association**

### **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

#### *Rediscovering and Reshaping Human Rights in a Post Pandemic World*



Please note that the below is a preliminary conference program and subject to change.

Time (KST)	
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b>  <b>Mr Jong Yop LEE</b>, President of Korean Bar Association  <b>Mr Chunghwan CHOI</b>, President of LAWASIA</p> <p><b>Opening Address</b>  <b>Mr Shyam DIVAN</b>, Co-Chair, LAWASIA Human Rights Committee</p> <p><b><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></b></p>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p><b><i>Human Rights and COVID-19 in the Asia-Pacific Region</i></b></p> <p>COVID-19 is affecting every aspect of our lives. Regarding human rights, not only the right to health but also various civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights have been encroached upon by numerous restrictive measures. There is also this big issue of the lack of equitable access to vaccines. In these circumstances, we would like to discuss what has been done so far and what can be done together in the future to protect human rights.</p>

	<p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr Pillkyu HWANG</b>   Gonggam Human Rights Law Foundation (SOUTH KOREA)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> <b>Yuki ASHINA</b>   Hinodecho Law Office (JAPAN)  <b>Mr Saroj KGHIMIRE</b>   Supreme Court of Nepal (NEPAL)  <b>Dr Marium JABYN</b>   Secretary General, The Bar Council of the Maldives (MALDIVES)  <b>Kook Hee LIM</b>   (KOREA)  <b>NGUYEN Xuan Anh</b>   Deputy Secretary General, Vietnam Bar Federation (VIETNAM)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</b></p>	
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	
<b>13:30 – 14:45</b>	<p><b>SESSION 1</b></p> <p><b><i>Human Rights Crisis in Myanmar</i></b></p> <p>Since the military coup on February 1, a widespread and systematic arbitrary arrests, detentions, torture and extrajudicial killings have been taking place in Myanmar by the military junta with no fair trial and due process in place. Lawyers face intimidation and threats even on a personal level and no guarantees of their right to defend are expected. In this session, we will examine the current situation in Myanmar from international human rights law perspective and seek practical ways for the enhancement of human rights situation in Myanmar.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dasol LYU</b>   (KOREA)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Khin OHMAR</b>   Founder and Chairperson, Advisory Board of Progressive Voice (MYANMAR)  <b>Wai Wai NU</b>   (MYANMAR)  <b>Wai Nwe Hnin Soe</b>   Youth for Myanmar Action (YAM) (MYANMAR)  <b>Prof Yasunobu SATO</b>   University of Tokyo (JAPAN)  <b>Mandira SHARMA</b>   International Commission of Jurists (NEPAL)</p> <p><i>More speakers to be announced!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 2</b></p> <p><b><i>Racial Discrimination in the era of COVID-19</i></b></p> <p>COVID-19 Pandemic has dramatically changed the daily lifestyles of ours and has caused many social problems. Anti-Asian sentiment has been spreading all over the world and brutal hate crimes against Asians have been committed more often than before. Meanwhile, in South Korea, hostility towards expatriates has been growing rapidly and there has been a sharp increase in daily discrimination against them. In this session, various types of racial discrimination will be discussed in the era of COVID-19 and the solutions for preventing the discrimination will be sought.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Miha ISOI</b>   JICA Adviser to the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs of Nepal (JAPAN)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Firdaus HUSNI</b>   Malaysian Centre for Constitutionalism and Human Rights (MALAYSIA)  <b>Yunjeong HWANG</b>   (KOREA)  <b>Shin Young PARK</b>   Counter-Terrorism Human Rights Protection Assistance Team (KOREA)  <b>Rebecca PRESTON</b>   Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, Canberra (AUSTRALIA)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</b></p>

14:45 – 15:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
15:00 – 16:15	<p><b>SESSION 3</b></p> <p><b><i>Trends in freedom of expression regulations in the Asia-Pacific Region</i></b></p> <p>Over the past years, a number of regulations have been enacted or proposed across the APAC region that threaten freedom of expression, especially to tackle “fake news.” And many Asian countries still rank low on the World Press Freedom Index. In this session, we will discuss the trends of the freedom of expression regulations and the efforts of legal professionals in defending free speech in the region.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Shanmuga KANESALINGAM</b>   Kanesalingam &amp; Co. (MALAYSIA)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Harsha FERNANDO</b>   (SRI LANKA)  <b>Kelly KIM</b>   Open Net Korea (KOREA)  <b>Charles MOK</b>   Tech for Good Asia (HONG KONG, SAR)  <b>Ria Singh SAWHNEY</b>   (INDIA)  <b>Dhevy SIVAPRAKASAM</b>   Access Now (SINGAPORE)</p> <p><b><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></b></p>	<p><b>SESSION 4</b></p> <p><b><i>Emerging norms in climate change litigation</i></b></p> <p>In July 2021, 138,000 scientists signed on to an initiative declaring a worldwide climate emergency calling for governments around the world to stop using fossil fuels and strengthen biodiversity protection in the journal Bioscience. Despite a dip in pollution linked to the COVID-19 pandemic, levels of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and methane hit all-time highs in 2021, and it is a serious situation, not sufficient to respond to the climate change crisis. In this desperate situation, it is necessary to think deeply about how climate change is affecting human rights in a pandemic situation.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Pauline WRIGHT</b>   P J Donnellan &amp; Co. (AUSTRALIA)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Matt FLORO</b>   Environmental Defenders Office (AUSTRALIA)  <b>Helen HUANG</b>   Lee and Li (TAIWAN)  <b>Nobuo KOJIMA</b>   Tokyo Surugadai Law Office (JAPAN)  <b>Dr Judith PRESTON</b>   (AUSTRALIA)  <b>Junghwa RYU</b>   (KOREA)</p> <p><b><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></b></p>
16:15 – 16:30	<b>BREAK</b>	
16:30 – 17:45	<p><b>SESSION 5</b></p> <p><b><i>Labour Rights in a Gig Economy</i></b></p> <p>With the emergence of the gig or platform economy, it is often the case that certain protections and benefits that employee usually enjoy are not afforded to workers. This session explores the implications the recent transition has on labour rights as well</p>	<p><b>SESSION 6</b></p> <p><b><i>Gender Equality and Human Rights, towards Diversity and Inclusiveness</i></b></p> <p>Gender discrimination has always been the most common, nonetheless overlooked challenge of the modern civil society. As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to sear our daily lives, we</p>

	<p>as some information on the regulatory responses across the Asia Pacific region.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Bernard BANKS</b>   Gibson Sheat Lawyers (NEW ZEALAND)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Gordon ANDERSON</b>   Wellington University (NEW ZEALAND)  <b>Aidan CHAU</b>   (HONG KONG SAR)  <b>Soyeon JEONG</b>   (KOREA)  <b>Dr Anindita PUJARI</b>   Supreme Court of India (INDIA)</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></p>	<p>have witnessed stronger resistance against movements towards diversity and inclusiveness. In this session, the panellists will share relevant experiences, renew existing commitments, and undertake new ones, identify the obstacles encountered and introduce best practices surrounding gender equality issues of the pandemic-scorched society.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Hyejin JEON</b>   (KOREA)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u>  <b>Yumi ITAKURA</b>   Sakura International Law Office (JAPAN)  <b>Hyunjoung KIM</b>   Kim and Hyun Law Office (KOREA)  <b>Yen-jong LEE</b>   Y.J Lee &amp; Associates (TAIWAN)  <b>Dr Haina LU</b>   Renmin University of China Law School (CHINA)  <b>Aritha WICKRAMASINGHE</b>   iProbono (SRI LANKA)  <b>Lori J WILLIAMS, Esq</b>   FSM Department of Justice (FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA)</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></p>
17:45 -18:00	<b>BREAK</b>	
18:00-18:20	<p><b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b></p> <p><b>Prof Yasushi HIGASHIZAWA</b>, Co-Chair, LAWASIA Human Rights Committee</p> <p><b>Dr Pillkyu HWANG</b>, Chair of the 2nd LAWASIA Human Rights Conference Organising Committee</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></p>	
18:20-19:20	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the LAWASIA Human Rights Lawyers' Network</b></p> <p>The LAWASIA Human Rights Lawyers Network welcomes participation from any interested observers.</p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE TO VIEW DETAILS</a></p>	