

Conference on Public Law, Legal Orders & Governance

Regulating Globalisation in Asia

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Wednesday, 17 July 2019

08.30	Registration
09.15	Participants please be seated
09.20	Arrival of the Chief Guest
09.40	Tashi Tsekpa (Opening prayer)
09.45	Session One Welcome and Opening Proposed Events & Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome, Sangay Dorjee (Dean, JSW Law)2. Opening Keynote, Chief Guest3. Welcoming Remarks, Prof. Victor V. Ramraj (University of Victoria)4. Signing and Exchange of Memorandum of Understanding between the Dean of JSW Law and Dean of Law Faculty, University of Victoria5. Vote of Thanks, Nima Dorji (JSW Law and University of Victoria)
11.00	Tea Break
11.30	Session Two Keynote Proposed Moderator: Victor V. Ramraj <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Constitutionalism and Development: A Mismatch or Dream-Team?, Prof. Andrew Harding (National University of Singapore)2. When Old Meets New: Negotiating Relationships under Plural Legal Conditions, Prof. Keebet von Benda-Beckmann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)
13.00	Lunch Break
14.30	Session Three Introduction - Regulating Globalisation in Asia <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Conference Background, Objectives, and Format, Victor V. Ramraj (University of Victoria) and Nima Dorji (JSW Law and University of Victoria)
15.15	Tea Break
15.45-17.15	Session Four Law, History and Religious Perspectives on Governance Proposed Moderator: Helen Lansdowne <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Historical Perspectives on Law and Governance in South Asia, Prof. Arun Thiruvengadam (Azim Premji University)2. Buddhist Law as Transnational Law, Prof. Ben Schonthal (University of Otago)3. Practical Theory: Analysing and Promoting the Normative Force of Regulation by Non-State Actors, Prof. Cathleen Powell (University of Cape Town)
18.30-21.00	Opening Dinner (speakers and invited guests)

09.00

Session Five | Global Norms: National Responses

Proposed Moderator: Ben Schonthal

1. **State Responsibility in an Era of Populism and Xenophobia**, Prof. Susan Breau (University of Victoria)
2. **The Zhabdrung's Law: Nation-Building on Global Buddhist Legal Ideas**, Prof. Michaela Windisch-Graetz (University of Vienna)
3. **Human Rights in Buddhism and Law**, Prof. Ngawang Lhundrup & Ms. Karma Choden (JSW Law)

10.30

Tea Break

11.00

Session Six | Law, Religion and Governance

Proposed Moderator: Deborah Curran

1. **Indic Religion-Making, Law, and the Indian Secular Sovereign**, Prof. Neilesh Bose (University of Victoria)
2. **What Religious Freedom means in Economic Globalization**, Prof. Rebecca Redwood French (University at Buffalo)
3. **Saffron Constitutionalism: Debating Over the Politicisation of Buddhist Sangha in Contemporary Cambodia**, Mr. Ben Lawrence (University of Victoria)

12.30

Lunch Break

14.00

Session Seven | Governing the Global and Local: Bhutan and South East Asia

Proposed Moderator: Supriya Routh

1. **In Through the Back Door: International Aid in Cambodia, Instruments of Legal Pluralism**, Prof. Helen Lansdowne (University of Victoria & Camuson College)
2. **Preventing Corruption in Public Procurement: A Comparative Analysis in Three Countries (Bhutan, Singapore and Thailand)**, Ms. Kesang Wangmo and Mr. Sonam Tshering (JSW Law)
3. **A Legal Pluralist Approach to Realising the Rights and Ensuring Safety of Construction Workers in Cambodia: Regulating Multinational Construction Corporations**, Ms. Ratana Ly (University of Victoria)

15.30

Tea Break

16.00-17.30

Session Eight | Regulating Economic Globalisation in Bhutan

Proposed Moderator: Nima Dorji

1. **Globalization and the Legal Profession in Bhutan**, Prof. Pooja Parmar (University of Victoria)
2. **Regulation of FDI in Bhutan**, Mr. Karma Yeshey (Company Registrar, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan)
3. **A Legal Pluralist Approach to Environmental Governance: Bhutan's Gross National Happiness Standard and its Implication for the Global West**, Prof. Deborah Curran (University of Victoria)

09.30

Session Nine | Law, Governance and Sustainable Development

Proposed Moderator: Michael Peil

1. **Sustainable Development & Climate Change: Is Liberal Individualism Antithetical to Climate Justice?**, Prof. Supriya Routh (University of Victoria)
2. **Public Interest Environmental Lawyers and Environmental Rights in Thailand**, Mr. Songkrant Pongboonjun (University of Victoria & Chiang Mai University)
3. **Maximizing Eco-Social Well-Being through Legal and Economic Systems that Recognize Nature's Rights**, Ms. Linda Sheehan (Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation)

11.00

Tea Break

11.30

Session Ten | Summary and Way-Forward (Closed Door Session for Conference Participants)

Coordinators:

1. Victor V. Ramraj (University of Victoria)
2. Nima Dorji (JSW Law)

12.30

Lunch Break

14.00-15.30

Session Eleven | Closing

1. **Closing Keynote**, Lyonpo Tshering Wangchuk (Chief Justice of Bhutan, the Supreme Court of Bhutan)
2. **Vote of Thanks**, Phuntsho Wangmo (Registrar, JSW Law)

18.30-21.00

Closing Dinner (speakers and invited guests)

Saturday, 20 July 2019

10.00-17.00

Visit to Punakha

Sunday, 21 July 2019

7.30-17.00

1. Hike to Paro Takshang
2. Visit to Law School construction site at Pangbisa



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