The Faculties of Law and Public Health at Thammasat University will hold an international workshop on *Globalizing Asia: Health Law, Governance, and Policy – Issues, Approaches, and Gaps!* Our Faculties are assembling experts in international health law, law development, public health law, human rights law, environmental law, trade and pharmaceutical law, medical technology and health information technology law, health governance, and policy for a three day interactive workshop on the effects of globalization on the health, laws, health governance, and policies throughout Asia. Our Workshop is co-sponsored by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO – Rome), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Rockefeller Foundation, the Office of the Higher Education Commission, and the Sydney Law School. Not only will our participants hear expert updates on the effects of globalization on our laws, governance frameworks, and policies related to health in Asia, but also they will participate in discussion workgroups so they may identify our emerging issues, existing responses, and gaps related to globalization within our region and beyond. Our Workshop will give its participants an opportunity to network with their colleagues and experts from across Asia during our Workshop and its evening events.

If you wish to know more about our Workshop, please address your inquiries to our Workshop Coordinator, Dr. Uma Langkulsen, Faculty of Public Health, Thammasat University at **COGS.GHLworkshop @ tu.ac.th** (Tel: 02-9869213-9: ext. 7440 or Mobile: 087-0785123).

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

Best wishes,

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Overview: Our workshop focuses on the impact of globalization on the health, laws, governance, and policies on the nations of Asia. Many of our lawyers, public health policymakers and practitioners, administrators, ministers, and negotiators may not be prepared to craft the treaties, conventions, laws, regulations, governance frameworks, and policies that respond to the challenges of globalization on the health of Asia. We know our current international health law system consists of a patchwork of local, regional, and international treaties, conventions, laws and regulations, and agreements related to the health of all nations. We agree with the commentators who say this arrangement cannot address the challenges of globalization on our existing laws, governance mechanisms, and policies affecting the health of all nations, especially Asia. If we are moving toward a unified system of global health laws and governance to cope with these challenges as some claim, then we believe the nations of Asia must have a voice in this process.

We see an urgent need for capacity-building in international health law, governance, and policy within our private and public sectors that will enable Asia to respond meaningfully to the challenges arising from the globalization of Asia. Our three day Workshop assembles speakers and participants from across Asia who are experts in global health, international law and public health law, health governance, and health policy. Representatives from the private and public sectors in law, governance, and policy come from Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Italy, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Meeting Overview: On Day One, our local, regional, and international experts in health, law, governance and policy will Identify the Key Issues and Problems arising from globalization throughout Asia. Their presentations will cover human rights and health, communicable disease management and the role of the International Health Regulations 2005, medical technology innovation and adoption, international trade and patent laws, and negotiation strategies.

During Day Two, everyone will Explore Existing Structures and Approaches to responding to the grand challenges of globalization within Asia. Our experts will focus on cases and examples to illustrate how their nations are responding to the issues and problems in health, international health law, public health, governance, and policies related to globalization. Topics of interest include law development and governance strategies that bridge the divide between health and law, global health and human rights, WTO and IP issues, and noncommunicable disease management strategies that impact on the health of Asia.

On Day Three we will form workgroups so everyone will have an opportunity to Spot Existing and Future Gaps in the legal frameworks, governance mechanisms, and policies for addressing the challenges of globalization to health of Asia. We expect robust discussions to occur on the issues, problems, strategies, and gaps identified on Days One and Two. We hope at the end of our Workshop that our experts and participants have identified multiple gaps in these areas so they will begin a dialogue that leads us to possible strategies for developing the laws, governance frameworks, and policies that respond to the challenges of globalization within our region and beyond.

Workshop Sponsors:
Workshop Venue:

Rama Gardens Hotel Bangkok – Bangkok, Thailand:
9/9 Vibhavadi Rangsit Road, Laksi, Bangkok 10210 Thailand, E-mail: rama@ramagardenshotel.com or Tel: 66 2 558 7888, Fax: 662-558-7808.

GHL Workshop Meetings: will be held in the Canna Room on the 16th and 17th of April. The Canna Room is on the ground floor of the hotel. On the 18th April, we will assemble in the Orchid Room. Our TU staff will be available to show participants to the Canna and Orchid Rooms after breakfast on their assigned days.

Rama Gardens Website: www.ramagardenshotel.com

Current Workshop Agenda:

Globalizing Asia: Health Law, Governance, and Policy – Issues, Approaches, and Gaps!

16-18 April, 2012

FIRST DAY (16 April)

8:00 – 9:00: Registration.

9:00 – 9:15: Opening Ceremonies: Thammasat University President Prof. Dr. Somkit Lertpaithoon – Giving the joint mission and vision of our Workshop.


10.00-10.05: Review of Agenda and Administrative Announcements.

10.05-10.30: Morning Tea and Networking.

1st SESSION: GLOBALIZATION AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE ASEAN REGION.


10.55-11.10: Presentation: IHR(5) Regulations Update. Dr. Nyoman Kumara Rai, Senior Adviser to the Regional Director, SEARO, SEARO-WHO

11.10-11.30: Presentation: China and IHR 2005 Adoption: Lessons Learned. Mr. Ma Bin, Office of Health Emergency (Center for Public Emergency), Ministry of Health, Beijing, China.

Questions & Discussion: 11.30-12.00

12.00-13.15: Lunch and Networking.

2nd SESSION: LEGAL AND POLICY CHALLENGES IN REGULATING HEALTH TECHNOLOGY IN ASIA.

13:15-13.40: Presentation: Legal and Regulatory Challenges to Innovation and Utilization in Asia: Dr. Ton van der Velden, Pathfinder International Country Representative to Viet Nam, Hanoi, Viet Nam.

13.40-14.05: Presentation: NanoSafety, Regulation, and Health: How Should Asia Proceed? Lerston Tanasugarn, Dept. of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

14.05-14.30: Questions and Discussion.

14.30-15.00: Afternoon Tea and Networking.

3rd SESSION: REGULATING e-HEALTH: PRIVACY AND OTHER CHALLENGES.

15.00-15.25: Presentation: Global or Glocal e-Health Approaches in Asia: What is New or Next? Dr. Nawanan Theera-Ampornpunt, Health Informatics Division, Faculty of Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand.
15.25-15.40: Presentation: Health Information Privacy: Asia’s Viewpoint. Nawanan Theera-Ampornpunt, Health Informatics Division, Faculty of Medicine, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand.


SECOND DAY (17 April)

4th SESSION: HEALTH AND TRADE LAWS AND AGREEMENTS.


10.05-10.30: Questions and Discussion.

10.30-11.00: Morning tea and Networking.

5th SESSION: HEALTH, PHARMACEUTICAL PATENTS AND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL MEDICINES.


11.25-12.45: Panel Presentation: Access to Essential Medicines in Asia: Where Are We Now. Dr. Kitma Yuthavong, CEO, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association (PReMA), Bangkok, Thailand; Ms. Inthira Yamabhai, Department of Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program, Dept. of Health Ministry of Public Health, Nonthaburi, Thailand, and Ms. Kajal Bhardwaj, Independent Legal Advisor (access to medicines), New Delhi, India.

12.45-14.00: Lunch and Networking.

6th SESSION: FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN HEALTH LAW AND GOVERNANCE.

14.00-14.25: Presentation: Don’t Wait too Long: Law and Non-communicable Diseases in the Asia-Pacific Region. Prof. Roger Magnusson, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, Australia.

14.25-14.50: Presentation: Lessons for NCDs from global and regional legal responses to HIV. Mr. David Patterson, Head, Social Development Programs, International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Rome, Italy.


15.15-15.45: Questions and Discussion.

15.45-16.15: Afternoon Tea and Networking.


THIRD DAY (18 April)

7th SESSION: HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES FOR ASIA.

9.00-9.30: Presentation: Water and Health: Challenges in ASEAN and Singapore’s Experience. Prof. Koh Kheng-Lian, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Singapore.


9.55-10.40: Questions and Discussion.

10.40-11.00: Morning Tea and Networking.
8th SESSION: WHAT'S NEXT? HEALTH LAW IN THE REGION: PROSPECTS FOR REGIONAL APPROACHES AND COOPERATION.

11.00-11.30: Presentation: Can Adoption of a Model Public Health Law Within the Asia-Pacific Region Improve Public Health Stewardship? Ms. Genevieve Howse, Health Law Specialist Consultant and Principal of Howse Fleming Legal and Adjunct Associate Professor, La Trobe University, Australia.


12.00-13.00: Breakout Workgroup Sessions:

Uniform Law and Policy Interest Workgroup: will focus on identifying and discussing issues, strategies, and actions related to crafting model or uniform international health or public health legislation, treaties, laws, or regulations.

International Trade, Patent, and Technology Law Interest Workgroups will focus on identifying and discussing issues, strategies, and actions related to trade and patents, especially related to Asia-Pacific Interests.

Human Rights, Public Health Law, and Environmental Law Interest Workgroups will focus on identifying and discussing issues, strategies, and actions related to human rights, the environment, and disease management, especially as they may impact the Asia-Pacific region.

13.00-14.15: Lunch and Networking.


15.30-16.00: Afternoon Tea and Networking.


16:45 – 17:00: Closing Remarks.

Workshop Materials:

You will receive your workshop packet containing course materials in an electronic media format upon arrival at our hotel. The workshop will start at 9.00 am on Monday, 16th April in the Canna Room, which is on the first floor of our hotel.

Workshop Amenities:

Course Registration Fees: All fees are covered by the WHO and Rockefeller Foundation.

Coffee Break and Lunch: Will be served at Canna Room during our workshop from 16th until 18th April.

Dinner: Will be arranged for participants for April 16th and 17th as explained below.

Evening Events: All workshop attendees are invited to attend sponsor-hosted dinners on the 16th and 17th April. The details of these events will be provided in your meeting materials when you arrive for registration.

Course Personnel and Contact Numbers:

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- Medical Emergency (EMS): 1669.