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Protection from Harassment – The New Legal Remedies

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SYNOPSIS

The current legal provisions on harassment are specific and piecemeal in nature. They range from criminal penalties under laws such as the Penal Code, the Moneylenders Act and the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act, to civil protection orders under the Women's Charter for conduct which fall within the definition of family violence. Such an approach inevitably leaves gaps in which some conduct will not be covered. For example, there are no laws which deal specifically with the situations of online bullying or sexual harassment in the workplace. The existence of the tort of harassment in the common law is also uncertain after the decision of the Singapore High Court in *AXA Insurance Singapore Pte Ltd v Chandran s/o Natesan* [2013] 4 SLR 545.

The new Protection from Harassment Bill 2014 presented to Parliament on 3 March seeks to present a comprehensive approach to the problem of harassment in its different forms. Are these provisions good enough? Are there gaps which still remain? How do the provisions compare with legislation and developments in other jurisdictions?

In this roundtable discussion, different aspects of the Bill will be examined: civil liability (Goh Yihan); stalking and family violence (Chan Wing Cheong); cyber bullying (David Tan); sexual harassment and employer liability (Corinna Lim).

All the speakers are members of the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, except for Corinna Lim who is the Executive Director of AWARE, a registered charity in Singapore well known for its work in promoting gender equality.

SPEAKERS

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REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. To register, please [click here](#) and you will receive an automated message upon submission. For enquiries, please contact Alexandria / Shu Hui at Tel: 6601 2693 or email us at clemail@nus.edu.sg

Closing date: 18 March 2014, Tuesday

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