The Life and Future of British Colonial Sexual Regulation in Asia

8 and 9 October 2015
Moot Court, Bukit Timah Campus
National University of Singapore

Programme

Thursday, 8 October 2015 (Day 1)

9.00 am  Transport pick-up from Amoy Hotel

9.30 am – 10.00 am  Registration
Moot Court, Block B

10.00 am – 10.15 am  Opening Remarks
Andrew Harding, Director
Centre for Asian Legal Studies and Asian Law Institute
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Michael Hor, Dean
Faculty of Law, Hong Kong University

Lynette J. Chua
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

10.15 am – 11.15 am  Introduction of Distinguished Keynote Speaker
Simon Chesterman, Dean
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

Asian LGBTI Law Reform: Breaking the Logjam
Distinguished Keynote Address
The Hon. Michael Kirby, AC CMG

11.15 am – 11.30 am  Morning Tea Break (Outside Lee Sheridan Room)

11.30 am – 1.00 pm  Panel 1: Colonial Sexual Regulation and Cultural Contestations
Chairperson: Cheah Wui Ling, National University of Singapore

Speakers
Dancing at the Edges of Section 377: Hijraism and Colonial Legislation in Contemporary Pakistan
Claire Pamment, Yale University

Colours Rainbow, Nat Kadaw and the Other of Nature
Douglas E. Sanders, Mahidol University

1.00 pm – 2.30 pm  Lunch (Staff Lounge, Block B)
Panel 2: Colonial Sexual Regulation and Its Imprints

Chairperson: George Radics, National University of Singapore

Speakers

Kiosipolitics: The Racialisation of Gross Indecency and the Legally Imagined Community
Jun Zubillaga-Pow, King’s College, London

Suspect Eunuchs’ and the Colonial Regulation of Sexuality in India
Jessica Hinchy, Nanyang Technology University

Khwaja Sara and the Regulation of Masculinity in British India and Contemporary Pakistan
Shahnaz Khan, Wilfrid Laurier University

4.00 pm – 4.15 pm  Afternoon Tea Break (Outside Lee Sheridan Room)

4.15 pm – 5.45 pm  Panel 3: Colonial Sexual Regulation and Present-day Human Rights Violations

Chairperson: Laurence Helfer, Duke University

Speakers

Colonial Sexual Regulations in Bangladesh: Role of the Government and Human Rights Institution to Harmonize with the Human Rights Standards
Md. Zahid Hossain, Bangladesh National Human Rights Commission, Capacity Development Project, UNDP

Human Rights Matrix in Sexual Orientation of ‘Invisible Minorities’: Bangladesh Perspective
Bayazid Hossain, Bangladesh Open University

Section 377 and State Persecution of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Minorities in Myanmar
Zar Li Aye, Myanmar LGBT Rights Network

5.45 pm – 6.00 pm  Group Photo (Day 1)

6.00 pm  Bus to Welcome Dinner (For invited guests only)

9.00 pm  Bus to Amoy Hotel
Friday, 9 October 2015 (Day 2)

10.00 am  Transport pick-up from Amoy Hotel

10.30 am – 12.00 pm  Panel 4: Constitutional Challenges I: India

  Chairperson: Michael Hor, Hong Kong University

  **Speakers**

  *The Quality of Mercy, Strained; Compassion, Empathy and Other Irrelevant Considerations in Koushal v. Naz*
  Danish Sheikh, Alternative Law Forum

  *Myth, Marriage & Morality: Sodomy as a Ground for Divorce and the Legacies of Colonial (Sexual) Governance in India*
  Saptarshi Mandal, Jindal Global Law School

  *Deciphering the Dichotomy: Supreme Court in India’s Contrasting Jurisprudence on Transgender Rights and Homosexuality*
  Sreekumar Panicker Kodiath, N.A. Palkhivala Academy for Advanced Legal Studies and Research

12.00 pm – 1.30 pm  Lunch (Staff Lounge, Block B)

1.30 pm – 3.00 pm  Panel 5: Constitutional Challenges II: Singapore

  Chairperson: Jaclyn Neo, National University of Singapore

  **Speakers**

  *The Limits of Liberty: The Crime of Male Same-sex Conduct and the Rights to Life and Personal Liberty in Singapore: Lim Meng Suang v Attorney-General [2015] 1 SLR 26*
  Jack Tsen-Ta Lee, Singapore Management University

  *Overcoming the Oedipal Angst of the State Father*
  Stewart Li-Wen Chang, Whittier Law School

  *The Socially Transformative, Relational Process of Collective Litigation: The Constitutional Challenges to Decriminalize Homosexuality in Singapore*
  Lynette J. Chua, National University of Singapore

3.00 pm – 3.15 pm  Afternoon Tea Break (Outside Lee Sheridan Room)
Panel 6: Beyond Decriminalization

Chairperson: Laurence Helfer, Duke University

Speakers

Towards the Elimination of Sexual Regulation in the Family Law in Singapore
Leong Wai Kum, National University of Singapore

Pride or Prejudice? Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Role of Law in Post-Colonial Hong Kong
Amy Barrow, Chinese University of Hong Kong (co-authored with Joy Chia)

Understanding the Support and Opposition of Anti-discrimination Legislation Protecting LGBT People in Hong Kong: A Clash of Public Understanding of Law
Suen Yiu Ting, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Developing the Rights to Privacy, Liberty and Equal Protection in Former British Colonies: Comparing Hong Kong, Singapore, and the United States
Carole Joan Petersen, University of Hawaii at Manoa

5.00 pm – 5.05 pm
Short Break

5.05 pm – 5.30 pm
Plenary Session

Closing Remarks
Michael Hor
Hong Kong University

Publication Plans
Lynette J. Chua
National University of Singapore

5.30 pm – 5.40 pm
Group Photo (Day 2)

5.40 pm
Bus to Closing Dinner (For invited guests only)

8.45 pm
Bus to Amoy Hotel