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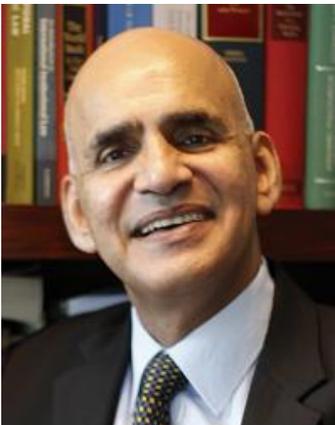
# **Multilateral Development Banks: Law and development interventions in Asia – experiences and directions**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Multilateral development banks – the World Bank and major regional development banks, such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB) – have recently included law and development interventions in their project lending operations. The experience has grown over the years and this seminar analyzes the approaches taken by these institutions in law and development interventions with a focus on Asia. The seminar highlights case studies of projects at the World Bank and the ADB. The seminar examines the lessons learnt and directions in the years ahead and recommends measures that can be taken by these banks, as well as other development organizations, in continuing to engage with law and development projects.

## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**



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