

## Constitutionalism and Legal Change in Myanmar Workshop 2014

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### PROFILES

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**Marcus Brand** (Austria) is a senior democratic governance expert and has served in various positions at UNDP's Asia Pacific Regional Centre (APRC) in Bangkok, as well as adviser on democratic governance, rule of law, constitutional and justice sector reform for UNDP Myanmar Country Office. Since 2012, he has also carried out various assignments in Myanmar for the Open Society Foundation, USAID and the International Law and Policy Institute. He has been affiliated with the APRC since April 2011, and has provided constitutional advice to UNDP programmes in Tunisia, Bangladesh and Bhutan. From 2008 to 2010, he served as senior constitutional advisor and policy specialist in UNDP's to Constitution Building Support Programme in Kathmandu, Nepal. He worked for several years (1999-2006) with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), including as Special Advisor to the Director of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw. He holds a doctoral degree in international and constitutional law from the University of Vienna (2002), as well as degrees from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence (LL.M., 1997) and from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Bologna (1995).



**Priscilla Clapp** is a retired Minister-Counselor in the U.S. Foreign Service. She currently serves as Senior Advisor to the Asia Society and Blue Moon Fund, and as a member of the International Advisory Board of the U.S. Institute of Peace.



**Alistair Cook** is Research Fellow at the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. In 2012–2013, he was a visiting research fellow at the East Asian Institute of the National University of Singapore. He graduated with a PhD from the University of Melbourne, Australia; Masters from Purdue University, USA; and M.A. (Hons) from St. Andrews University, Scotland. His research interests are in non-traditional security and human security in the Asia-Pacific, foreign policy and regional cooperation, and domestic politics in Myanmar. His most recent publications are *Non-Traditional Security in Asia: Issues, Challenges and Frameworks for Action* (ISEAS, 2013) and 'Post-Myitsone Relations between China and Myanmar—More Continuity than Change?' *East Asian Policy* 5:4 (2013).

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**Melissa Crouch** is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies, the Law Faculty, National University of Singapore. She has previously been a Research Fellow at the International Institute of Asian Studies (Leiden); and at the Centre for Islamic Law and Society and the Asian Law Centre at the Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne. Melissa has taught subjects such as 'Administrative Law' and 'Comparative Administrative Law', and she is currently teaching a subject on 'Transition and the Rule of Law in Myanmar'. She has conducted socio-legal research on Indonesia and Myanmar, which has been published in journals such as the Sydney Law Review, Hague Journal on the Rule of Law and the Asian Studies Review. She is the author of *Law and Religion in Indonesia: Conflict and the Courts in West Java* (Routledge, 2013). She is also the co-editor (with Professor Tim Lindsey) of a volume on *Law, Society and Transition in Myanmar* (forthcoming 2014, Hart Publishing).



**Aung Aung Hlaing** is a country coordinator for Myanmar/Burma of Varieties of Democracy. He holds a International Master's in ASEAN Studies (Asia Europe Institute). His current academic interests are political institutions, legal development, legislative performance.



**Thet Aung Lynn** is a Research Associate at Myanmar Development Resource Institute's Centre for Economic and Social Development (MDRI-CESD), a policy research institution in Myanmar. He has been researching subnational governance and decentralization issues and co-authored a research paper entitled "State and Region Governments in Myanmar". Previously, he worked as a training instructor/lecturer in civic education programs of Myanmar Egress Capacity Development Center which is a prominent training and advocacy organization in Myanmar's transition.

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**Jörg Menzel** is an Associate Professor ("Privatdozent") at the University of Bonn, Germany. His fields of work are Constitutional and Administrative Law, Public International Law, European Union Law and Comparative Constitutional Law. He was a legal advisor in Cambodia from 2003 to 2010 within the framework of German development cooperation and a Visiting Professor at Kobe University (Japan) in 2009. Currently he represents a chair at the University of Erfurt.

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### **Dominic Nardi**

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                     Johns Hopkins SAIS, M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies, 2009  
                     Georgetown Law Center, J.D., 2009  
                     University of Michigan, Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2009

Publications - "Understanding the Myanmar Supreme Court's Docket: An Analysis of Case Topics from 2007 to 2011" (with Lwin Moe). In *Law, Society, and Transition in Myanmar*, Tim Lindsay and Melissa Crouch, eds. 2014.

- "The Republic of the Union of Myanmar" (with Dr. Ngun Cung Lian, Eric C. Rose, & Matthew H. Baird). *International Law Year in Review: Asia Pacific*, American Bar Association Asia Pacific Committee. Summer 2013.

- "Discipline-Flourishing Constitutional Review: A Legal and Political Analysis of Myanmar's New Constitutional Tribunal." *Australian Journal of Asian Law* 12: 1. 2011.

- "Book Review: Free Burma: Transnational Legal Activism and Corporate Accountability." *Journal of World-Systems Research*. Winter 2013.

Other - Developed a method to process Burmese texts for use in latent text models with Lwin Moe.

- Created database of over 550 coded judicial decisions from the Indonesian Constitutional Court.

- Served as consultant for rule of law projects in Myanmar, the Philippines, and Indonesia.

- Lectured at universities and NGOs in Myanmar (Burma) and Indonesia about comparative constitutional law and judicial politics.

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**Janelle Saffin** served in State and Federal Australian Parliaments and is a senior member of the Australian Labor Party, Chairing its International Party Development Committee

In Federal Parliament Janelle was a Parliamentary Party Whip, a key member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, active in the Defence sub-committee, Chair of the Trade sub-committee, and Chaired the powerful Joint House Public Works Committee.

Working for UNDP she was Special Adviser in a critical period to H.E Mr. Sukehiro Hasegawa, the SRSG to Timor-Leste, also serving as Principal Policy Advisor (Political & Legal) to former President, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs & Cooperation, and Minister for Defence H.E. Jose Ramos-Horta.

An active member of the Burma Lawyers Council, Advisor to key organisations, including the UNFC, she has extensive experience and expertise in legal and constitutional matters regarding Burma.

Janelle founded and chaired the Australia-Myanmar Parliament Group, hosting events for Myanmar's Parliament. She has worked with all Burmese organisations and notably the National League for Democracy (NLD) led by Aung San Suu Kyi.

She is Patron of the newly formed Australia-Myanmar Sydney University Law School Constitutional Democracy Project and Patron of the Australia-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce.



**Kyi Pyar Chit Saw** is currently employed as a research associate at the Centre for Economic and Social Development, Myanmar Development Resource Institute where she focuses on local governance and decentralization. She is the coauthor of "State and Region Governments in Myanmar", a first research study on decentralization in 2013. The research is the joint research between MDRI-CESD and The Asia Foundation. Currently she is working on Myanmar Public Administration Reform Research focusing on the General Administration Department reform.

She is also working as a board member and donor relationship and strategic advisor for the Action for Public, a local non profit organization focusing the women empowerment and economic development which was founded in 2008 by her and her colleagues. Ms. Saw was a Fulbright scholar and recently graduated from the Executive Master of Public Administration program at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, New York in 2012. She is also the alumni of International Visitor Leadership Program of the United States Department and her program was "The roles of NGOs in promoting global women issues" in 2009.



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**Bridget Welsh** is associate professor of Political Science at Singapore Management University where she teaches courses on comparative politics, gender and international relations. Prior to teaching at SMU, she taught at the School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC and Hofstra University in New York. She received her doctorate in political science from Columbia University, her language training at Cornell University (FALCON) and bachelor's degree from Colgate University. In 2009 she received the Max M. Fisher Prize for teaching excellence at Johns Hopkins University –SAIS, as SMU she was awarded a Distinguished Teaching Award in the School of Social Sciences in 2011 and nominated as SMU's Excellent Teacher on behalf of the School of Social Sciences in 2013. She specializes in Southeast Asian politics. She has edited/written numerous books including, *Reflections: The Mahathir Years, Legacy of Engagement in Southeast Asia*, *Impressions of the Goh Chok Tong Years, Democracy Takeoff? The B.J. Habibie Period, Awakening: The Abdullah Badawi Years*. Four books are forthcoming: *Democracy Denied? Malaysia's GE13* (forthcoming 2014), *Embracing Democracy: Political Attitudes in Malaysia* (forthcoming 2014), *Does Democracy Matter?: Regime Support in Southeast Asia* (forthcoming 2014) and *Democratic Citizenship and Youth in East Asia* (forthcoming 2014). She has authored a wide range of articles in academic journals such as *Journal of Democracy, Journal of East Asia Studies, Taiwan Journal of Democracy and Current History*, as well as frequent analyst for the media. She is a regular contributor to *malaysiakini*. In 2004, she was a Henry R. Luce Southeast Asian Fellow at Australian National University and in 2007 she received a USIP fellowship. She is a consultant for Freedom House and the United Nations and a member of the International Research Council of the National Endowment for Democracy.



**Myint Zan** has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degree from Rangoon University, Burma, a Master of Laws degree from the University of Michigan in the United States, a Master of International Law degree from the Australian National University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Griffith University in Australia.

Professor Myint Zan has taught in law Schools and non-law schools in various Universities in Malaysia, Australia and the South Pacific at both undergraduate and graduate levels. The subjects that he had taught and still teaching include international law, administrative law, human rights law, international trade and commercial law, legal studies for MBA students, law and society, aspects of and current issues in South Pacific law, Security and National Defense, Malaysian foreign policy, contract law and jurisprudence. He has published over 90 academic journal articles and Chapters in Books mainly on aspects of Burmese law and legal history and Asian law, international law, comparative law and human rights law as well as a few on literature and philosophy in journals published in Australia, India, Italy, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States and Vanuatu."