

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 <i>Moot Court, Block B</i>
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 <i>Asian LGBTI Law Reform: Breaking the Logjam</i> Distinguished Keynote Address The Hon. Michael Kirby, AC CMG
11.15 am – 11.30 am	Morning Tea Break (<i>Outside Lee Sheridan Room</i>)
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Panel 1: Colonial Sexual Regulation and Cultural Contestations Chairperson: Cheah Wui Ling , NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE <u>Speakers</u> <i>Dancing at the Edges of Section 377: Hijraism and Colonial Legislation in Contemporary Pakistan</i> Claire Pamment , YALE UNIVERSITY <i>Colours Rainbow, Nat Kadaw and the Other of Nature</i> Douglas E. Sanders , MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY
1.00 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch (<i>Staff Lounge, Block B</i>)

2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

Panel 2: Colonial Sexual Regulation and Its Imprints

Chairperson: George Radics, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Speakers

Kiasipolitics: 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 Kodyath, 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)**

3.15 pm – 5.00 pm

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