

ANNOUNCEMENT
University of Essex Asia Human Rights Student Group
Half Day Conference
2 June 2009

**“Strengthening Human Rights Protection
in the Asia Region:
Optimism or Pessimism?”**

SCHEDULE

12.50-13.00

Opening Remarks

John Packer (Director of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex)

FIRST SESSION – WHAT ARE ASIAN VALUES?

13.00-13.40

Asian Values: Philosophical Critiques

Michael Freeman (Research Professor, Department of Government, University of Essex)

13.40-13.55

Responses

(Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Visiting Fellow Human Rights Centre)

13.55-14.30

Dialogue by *Moderator*

Haris Azhar (MA in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights Student 08/09)

Coffee break 14.30-14.45

“Human Rights Advocacy in Asia”

14.45-15.15

Nepal

Abhilasha Risal (LL.M in International Human Rights Law Student 08/09)

15.15-15.30

Myanmar

Marte Graff Jenssen (MA in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights Student 08/09)

15.30-15.45

Indonesia

Isa Soemawidjaja (LL.M in International Human Rights Law Student 08/09)

15.45-16.00

China

Shengnan Qiu (Ph.D in Law Department Student)

16.00 -16.30

Dialogue by *Moderator*

Johanna Somerville (LL.M in International Human Rights Law Student 08/09)

Coffee break 16.30-16.45

SECOND SESSION - ASIAN PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

16.45-17.15

The prospects for a regional protection mechanism : ASEAN and Human Rights

Kevin Boyle (Professor, School of Law, University of Essex)

17.15-17.45

The Role of Asian Countries at International Level

Benny Y.P. Siahaan (First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia in Geneva)

17.45-18.15

Dialogue by Moderator

Joo-Young Lee (Ph.D in Law Department Student)