NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS WORKSHOP
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NHRIs’ (In)Action in the Asia-Pacific Region
Melbourne Law School, Wednesday 22 July 2009, 9.00am – 4.45pm

Key Note Addresses

Hon. Duncan Kerr SC MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs
‘Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities’
Duncan Kerr’s paper can be found Here.

Ms Kirsten Roberts, Director of Research, Policy and Promotion, Irish Human Rights Commission, ‘Regional Co-operation Between National Human Rights Institutions from the European Perspective: Challenges and Opportunities’
Kirsten Roberts Paper can be found Here.

Panel One: Achievements of National Human Rights Institutions

Valerio Magno Ximenes and Ms Barbara Nazareth Oliverira’s can be found Here.

Mr Buhm-Suk, Baek, JSD Candidate, Cornell Law School, USA
‘Do We Need National Human Rights Institutions? The Experience of Korea’
Buhm-Suk, Baek’s paper can be found Here.

Mr Stephen Clark, former Project Manager, Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (1999 - 2007), ‘Regional Co-operation between National Human Rights Institutions in the Asia Pacific’

Panel Two: Challenges for National Human Rights Institutions

Professor Andrew Harding, University of Victoria, BC, Canada, ‘Thailand’s National Human Rights Commission and the Contested Constitutional Reform Process’.

Ms Ken Setiawen, PhD Candidate, Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden University, The Netherlands, ‘Challenges for Indonesia: The Case of Komnas HAM’
Ken Setiawen’s paper can be found Here.

Ms Narantuya Ganbat, National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia and LLM Candidate, Melbourne Law School, ‘Inhibited Action: Rethinking the Quasi-Judicial Competence of the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia’
Narantuya Ganbat’s paper can be found Here.

Panel Three: Principles and Power: Considering Factors which Support NHRI Achievement in the Face of Challenges

Ms Catherine Renshaw, Research Fellow, Australian Human Rights Centre, Law Faculty, University of New South Wales, ‘Raising the stakes and making the grade: the National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia, civil society and the Malaysian government: exploring the dynamics of change’
Catherine Renshaw’s paper can be found Here.
Ms Sanzhuan Guo, PhD Candidate, Peking University, China and JD Candidate, Melbourne Law School, ‘China and an Independent NHRI in Compliance with the Paris Principles: A Critical Analysis’
Sanzhuan Guo’s paper can be found Here.

Ms Cassandra Goldie, Director, Sex and Age Discrimination Unit, Australian Human Rights Commission, ‘Working Positively with Government and the Community to Achieve Systemic Change’

Ms Meg Brodie, PhD Candidate, Teaching Fellow, Melbourne Law School, ‘What power do National Human Rights Institutions have to affect transformative change? National Inquiry experiences in Mongolia, India and New Zealand.’