

CityU Public Law and Human Rights Forum, Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights

Sexual Harassment Against Women in Asia: A Dialogue on Gender Based Violence in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan

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In honour of the CityU School of Law's 35th Anniversary in 2022, CPLR launched a *Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights* on 4 November 2021 which was inaugurated by keynote lecture of Dr. Radhika COOMARASWAMY, a former top United Nations official and human rights advocate.

CPLR is organising its first thematic webinar on *Sexual Harassment Against Women in Asia* with particular emphasis on gender-based violence in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. The aim of this webinar is to have rounded dialogue on gender-based violence and discuss how it hinders women from realising their economic, social & cultural as well as civil & political rights as is provided under international human rights instruments such as: CEDAW, ICCPR and ICESCR etc. The webinar will consider how at an international level sexual harassment against women prevents the attainment of equality, development, and peace. It also breaches women's right to: life, education, work, an adequate standard of living, physical and mental health, social security, education, life, protection from discrimination, practicing religion, freedom (of speech, religion, press, assembly, and movement) etc. It is believed that all these issues need discussion from Asian perspectives, practice and advocacy/activism as that will have greater ability to emancipate the victims of gender-based violence and bring more women rights enlightenment to agency's responsible for their implementation.

This webinar, will broadly consider gender-based violence in Asia and the panellists will appraise us on the forms of violence, its causes and preventive policies/laws within the designated jurisdictions. The panellist will review this issue from the historical and socio-cultural perspective. It will be reflected to what extent international standard on prevention of gender-based violence against women have been realised domestically and an academic critical reflection will be provided on: (1) women rights protection systems in these jurisdictions and how they practically work; (2) how the internationally recognised women rights are made available to women in these jurisdictions; (3) how the violations are dealt with and (4) what is the way forward?



MODERATOR: *Fozia Lone*, Associate Professor & Associate Director Public Law and Human Rights Forum, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong.

PANELLISTS:

- *Saira Rahman Khan*, Professor School of Law, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- *Syed Wasif Azim*, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Innsbruck, Austria.
- *Vrinda Grover*, Lawyer, Researcher and Human Rights Activist, New Delhi, India.
- *Maryam Qudrat*, Lecturer, Director of the Writer and Communication Resource Center, California State University (USA).

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