

6th International Winter Course Human Rights and Asia 2019



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Seoul National University Human Rights Center
(Seoul, Republic of Korea)

Course Information

Course Overview

The International Winter Course 'Human Rights and Asia' intends to allow participants to think about the universality of human rights in particular contexts of Asia and to gain a deepened understanding of human rights issues in this region. This two-week intensive course was launched in 2014 and now is waiting for sixth year's participants. A special lecture on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Asia is also offered to mark the 70th anniversary of the UDHR. A cross-cutting theme of this upcoming course is economic and social rights. The participants will examine economic and social rights in relation to gender, refugees, and in the context of corporate responsibility. The participants will also discuss the theory and practice of social and economic rights in the context of Asia. Participants will be involved in a multidimensional learning that includes not only lectures, but also presentations, discussions, and visiting the field of human rights advocacy in Korea. Our course ultimately aims at fostering an inter-disciplinary study and multidimensional advocacy activities on human rights in Asia.

*Information on courses of previous years can be found on: <http://hrc.snu.ac.kr/en/courses/asia>.

Program

Week 1	Mon (7 Jan)	Tue (8Jan)	Wed (9 Jan)	Thu (10 Jan)	Fri (11 Jan)
Morning 09:30–12:30	Registration Self-introduction of Participants Opening Remarks (Sonjeong CHO) Course Introduction (Joo-Young LEE) Welcome Lunch (12:00-14:00)	UN Human Rights Norms and Processes (Buhm-Suk BAEK)	Economic and Social Rights (Joo-Young LEE)	Human Rights Responsibility of Corporations: Focus on Economic and Social Rights (Surya DEVA)	Visit to DMZ
	The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Asia (Hyo-Je CHO)	Transnational Understanding of Human Rights (Yoon Jin SHIN)	Human Rights Responsibility of Corporations (Surya DEVA)	Forging Consensus on Human Rights Norms for a Regional Human Rights Systems in Asia (Tae-Ung BAIK)	

Week 2	Mon (14 Jan)	Tue (15 Jan)	Wed (16 Jan)	Thu (17 Jan)	Fri (18 Jan)
Morning 09:30–12:30	Gender Equality and Women's Socio-Economic Rights (Young-Sook CHO)	Global Health Inequality: focused on Gender Inequality in Global Health and Women's Health Rights (Sun-Young KIM)	Discussion: What Role Can Human Rights Play in This Increasingly Unequal World? (Joo-Young LEE)	Presentation on Individual Research/Advocacy Plan Friendship Dinner (Evening)	Sharing Views about the Course Closing Remarks Award of Certificate (Sonjeong CHO) (11:00–12:00)
Afternoon 14:00–17:00	The Role of Public Interest Litigation in Advocating Economic and Social Rights (Karen KONG)	Refugees and Socio-Economic Rights (Jane WILLIAMSON)	Visit to Governmental and Non-governmental Human Rights Organizations in Korea		Farewell Lunch (12:00–13:30)

Lecturers

Buhm-Suk BAEK is an Assistant Professor at Kyung-Hee University, College of International Studies in Korea. He received a LL.B. from Seoul National University, and LL.M. and J.S.D. in public international law from Cornell Law School. Previously, he was a Research Fellow at Asan Institute for Policy Studies of Korea in 2012- 2013 as well as a Visiting Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center in the 2011 - 2012 academic years. His research focuses on international human rights law, transitional justice, law and development and third world approaches to international law. His recent publications include 'NHRIs, RHRIs, and Human Rights NGOs' in Florida Journal of International Law, 'The Medium Foreseeing the Future', in Socio-Legal Review, and 'Mere Ritual or Gradual Change' in Northwestern Interdisciplinary Law Review. He also published Transitional Justice in post-unification Korea, Palgrave MacMillan, with Ruti Teitel in Oct. 2015.

Tae-Ung BAIK is Professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law, and Director of Center for Korean Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He is a member and Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Council Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, which reviews the enforced disappearance cases submitted by the UN member states. Professor Baik teaches international human rights law, comparative law, and Korean law. After graduating from Seoul National University College of Law, he earned his Master's (LL.M.) and Doctorate (JSD) degrees in International Human Rights Law from Notre Dame Law School in the U.S. He was admitted to the New York State Bar, and worked for Human Rights Watch in New York as a research intern and later as a research consultant, focusing on human rights issues in North and South Korea. He conducted research on human rights issues as a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School in 2002. His publication includes: Emerging Regional Human Rights Systems in Asia (2012), Seeking Human Rights Community in Asia (Changbi,

2017) in Korean, and Non-judicial Punishments of Political Offenses in North Korea - With a Focus on Kwanriso, 64 *Ame. J. Comp. L.* 891 (2016).

Hyo-Je CHO is professor of sociology at SungKongHoe University Seoul and Visiting Professor at Freie Universität Berlin. He has written extensively on the subjects of human rights and civil society. Among his published works are *Horizons of Human Rights* (2016), *Contemporary South Korean Society* (2013), *In Search of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the Young Generation* (2011). Cho was closely involved in the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, and worked as special advisor for Amnesty International Korea. He also served in the Policy Panel for the Ministry of Justice, and the Human Rights Committee of Seoul Metropolitan Government. Professor Cho has held fellowship and visiting professorship at the universities of Harvard, Berlin and Costa Rica. He was the invited keynote speaker of the 2018 United Nations Conference on the Global Citizenship Education in New York. Dr. Cho studied politics, international relations and sociology at London University, Oxford University, and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Young-sook CHO is a feminist and CSOs activist. She participated in the student movements and labor movements in the 1980s and started women's movement in the process of founding the Incheon Women Workers' Association in 1988. And she has been working for the Korean Women's Association United (KWAU) since 1996. She works to protect women's human rights and has worked for the most marginalized and vulnerable women's group, such as victims/survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, sex trafficking and prostitution, etc. Currently, in the time of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, she is working to the gender-responsive implementation and evaluation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally. She holds a master's degree in women's studies and has completed her master's degree in international relations and political economy.

Surya DEVA is an Associate Professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong and the current Vice-Chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. His primary research interests lie in Business and Human Rights, India-China Constitutional Law, and Sustainable Development. He has published extensively in these areas, and has advised the UN bodies, states, multinational corporations and civil society organisations on matters related to business and human rights. Prof Deva's books include *Building a Treaty on Business and Human Rights: Context and Contours* (co-editor with David Bilchitz) (CUP, 2017); *Socio-Economic Rights in Emerging Free Markets: Comparative Insights from India and China* (editor) (Routledge, 2015); *Human Rights Obligations of Business: Beyond the Corporate Responsibility to Respect?* (co-editor with David Bilchitz) (CUP, 2013); and *Regulating Corporate Human Rights Violations: Humanizing Business* (Routledge, 2012). He is one of the founding Editors-in-Chief of the *Business and Human Rights Journal*, a Senior Advisor to Human Asia, and a Member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Constitutional Law.

Sun-Young KIM is Assistant Professor in Global Health at Graduate School of Public Health, Seoul National University. She earned a BS in Pharmacy from Seoul National University College of Pharmacy and an MPH in Health Economics from the School of Public Health at the same University. She obtained her doctorate from the PhD Program in Health Policy, specializing in global health and decision science, at Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Over the past 15 years, Prof. Kim has been involved with various global-level projects supported by U.S. CDC, Gates Foundation, and Pan American Health Organization, to evaluate the impact of global health programs for improving maternal and child health in less-developed countries. She was also a former faculty member at the University of Texas, School of Public Health. Her recent research and teaching interests include disease of poverty, women's health, gender inequity in global health, ethical/moral framework for global health including human rights framework.

Karen KONG is a Senior Lecturer and the Deputy Director of the LLM in Human Rights Programme at the Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong. She has taught Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Human Rights Research, Sources and Methodology, and Legal System of Hong Kong. After

graduating from the University of Oxford, she earned her LLM degree at Cambridge University. She was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong and in England & Wales. She sits on the editorial board of the Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law, and is a judge of the annual Human Rights Press Awards co-organized by Amnesty International, Hong Kong Journalists Association, and Foreign Correspondents' Club. She publishes in the area of public interest litigation, socio-economic rights, refugee rights, rights of older persons, administrative law and environmental judicial review.

Joo-Young LEE is an Expert Advisor to the Human Rights Center at Seoul National University and she is in charge of the Human Rights Research Division. She received her Ph.D in international human rights law at the University of Essex, MA in Human Rights at the University of Sussex in the UK. She has published on human rights and international human rights law. Particularly, her publications on economic and social rights include 'Neoliberal Developmentalism in South Korea and the Unfulfilled Promise of Economic and Social rights' in *Economic and Social Rights in a Neoliberal World* (Cambridge University Press, 2018), 'Rights to Development, Peace and Environment: Their Conceptual Development and Implications for "Solidarity Rights"', *The Journal of Migration & Society* (2017: in Korean), 'The Development of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Its National Implications' *Korean Journal of International Law* (2016: in Korean), *A Human Rights Framework for Intellectual Property, Innovation and Access to Medicines* (Ashgate/Routledge, 2015), 'Implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights', (co-authored with P Hunt et al.), in N Rodley et al. (eds.) in *Routledge Handbook of international Human Rights Law* (2013).

Yoon-Jin SHIN joined Seoul National University School of Law in September 2017. She served as a judge in South Korea before she studied at Yale Law School for her J.S.D. (2015) and LL.M. (2011) degrees. Shin worked at NYU School of Law as a Hauser Post-Doctoral Global Fellow (2015-16) and at the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) as a Senior Researcher (2016-17). She has published on human rights, gender, migration, transnational law and global constitutionalism. Her recent publication includes 'A Transnational Human Rights Approach to Human Trafficking: Empowering the Powerless' (Brill|Nijhoff, 2017). Her doctoral dissertation received the 2014-15 Ambrose Gherini Prize, the highest prize awarded in the field of International Law by Yale Law School.

Jane WILLIAMSON has been a Protection Officer with UNHCR since 2001 and has worked in Cambodia, Angola, Sudan, Myanmar and Bangladesh, prior to taking up her assignment with UNHCR in Korea in 2016. Prior to working with UNHCR, she worked with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and also with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Cambodia. She graduate in Law from Macquarie University in Australia in 1998.