

RELIGION AND CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES IN ASIA

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES, SRI LANKA

9 – 10 November 2017

Day One

09:30

Registration

10:00

Opening Remarks

Dian Shah, Convenor

Mario Gomez, Executive Director of ICES

Dan Puchniak, Director of CALS

10:20 – 12:00 **Panel One: Countries with Constitutional Recognition of Buddhism**

Presenters:

Thailand (*Eugenie Merieau – University of Gottingen*)

Burma (*Nyi Nyi Kyaw – NUS*)

Sri Lanka (*Gehan Gunatilleke – University of Oxford*)

Discussant: *Benjamin Schonthal (University of Otago)*

Chair: *tbd*

12:00 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15 – 15:00

Panel Two: Countries with Constitutional Recognition of Islam

Presenters:

Malaysia (*Dian Shah – NUS*)

Bangladesh (*Taslina Yasmin – University of Dhaka*)

Pakistan (*Matthew Nelson – SOAS, University of London*)

Discussant: *Arif Jamal (NUS)*

Chair: *tbd*

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:55

Panel Three: Countries with No Constitutional Recognition for Any Religion

Presenters:

Singapore (*Jaelyn Neo – NUS*)

India (*Rehan Abeyratne – Chinese University of Hong Kong*)

Indonesia (*Alfitri – IAIN Samarinda Indonesia*)

Discussant: *Melissa Crouch (University of New South Wales)*

Chair: *tbd*

17:00 – 18:30 Panel Four

Islamic Constitutionalism in the Maldives: Islamic Constitutional Borrowing, Status, and Interpretation

Shamsul Falaah (University of Auckland)

Constituting Sentiment: Negotiating Diversity in the Indian Constitutional Order

Ameya Balsekar (Lawrence University)

Designing Religious Constitutional Provisions in a Religiously Divided Society-Afghanistan

Shamshad Pasarlay (Herat University)

Chair: *tbd*

Day Two

09:30 – 11:00 Panel Five

Buddhism and the Constitutional Practice in Sri Lanka

Ayesha Wijayalath (NUS)

The Relative Impermeability of the Wall of Separation: An Uphill Battle for Marriage Equality in the Philippines

Raphael Pangalangan (University of Philippines)

Bàni in the Religious Policies of Vietnam government: Perspectives and Reality

Pham Thi Thanh Huyen (NUS)

Chair: *tbd*

11:00 – 12:45 Special Panel and Roundtable Discussion

Andrew Harding (NUS)

Asanga Welikala (University of Edinburgh)

Radhika Coomaraswamy (ICES)

Chair: *Dian A. H. Shah*

12:45– 13:00 Closing sessions

13:00 Lunch