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The International Centre for Ethnic Studies and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Rule of Law, Asia Programme, take pleasure in inviting you to a forum on

PROMOTING EQUALITY AND PUBLIC INTEGRITY: The Role of Constitutional Courts

Thursday 4th October 2018 from 4 - 6 PM
'Jetwing Colombo Seven', Ward Place, Colombo 7

Three judges, from three different legal traditions, the Latin American, the South African and the East Asian, and three different socio-political contexts, will discuss how constitutional courts have been contributing to the transformation of unequal social relations, and advancing public integrity and the rule of law.

Programme

'Colombian Constitutionalism: Judicial Review, Rights and Rule of Law'

- Alejandro Linares-Cantillo, Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

'South Africa's Constitutional Court: Advancing Equality and Social Justice'

- Edwin Cameron, Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa

'Promoting Integrity in Public Life: South Korea's Constitutional Court'

- Ilwon Kang, Retired Judge, Constitutional Court of South Korea

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Justice Alejandro Linares-Cantillo



Alejandro Linares-Cantillo is the current Chief Justice of the Colombian Constitutional Court. Justice Linares obtained his J.D from the Universidad de Los Andes in Bogota, an LL.M from Harvard University and a PhD from the Universidad Externado of Colombia.

Chief Justice Linares has practiced law for more than 30 years in both the public and private sectors. He has taught in universities in Colombia including the Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad del Rosario and Universidad del Norte. In the public sector, prior to becoming a Justice at the Constitutional Court, he held different positions in the executive branch. In the private sector, he was a partner of one of the leading law firms for more than 20 years, where his practice focused on matters of transnational litigation and international business.



Justice Edwin Cameron

Edwin Cameron has been a Justice of South Africa's highest court, the Constitutional Court, since 1 January 2009. He studied at Stellenbosch and at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. During apartheid he was a human rights lawyer. President Mandela appointed him a judge in 1994. Before the Constitutional Court, he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal for eight years, and a Judge of the High Court for six.

He was an outspoken critic of President Mbeki's AIDS-denialist policies. His prize-winning memoir, *Witness to AIDS*, has been published in South Africa, the UK, the US and in translation in Germany and in China. He chaired the governing council of the University of the Witwatersrand for more than ten years (1998-2008) and remains involved in many charitable and public causes.

His latest book, *Justice: A Personal Account* (2014) won the South African Literary Award for creative non-fiction in 2015. It has been translated and will shortly be published in Korea. He has received many honours for his work, including a special award by the Bar of England and Wales for his 'contribution to international jurisprudence and the protection of human rights' (2002). He is an honorary fellow of Keble College, Oxford (2003), and an honorary bencher of the Middle Temple, London (2008). He holds honorary degrees from King's College London (2008), University of the Witwatersrand (2009), Oxford (2011), St Andrews (2012), Stellenbosch (2015) and Sussex (2016).

Justice Ilwon Kang



Ilwon Kang graduated from Seoul National University in 1982. He was appointed as a judge of the Seoul District Court in 1985. Kang served as a judge for 27 years. During his career in the court, he received an LL. M at the University of Michigan and worked as an expert advisor for the several judicial reform committees in Korea. In 2012, he was selected as one of nine Justices of the Constitutional Court. In 2013, he became a member of the European Commission for the Democracy through Law (better known as the Venice Commission). He was elected as a Bureau member of the Venice Commission in 2015 and re-elected in 2017. He recently retired from the Constitutional Court.