

NORASIA IV – The 4th Norwegian Asia Conference

Sundvolden Hotel, 8 -10 September, 2006

Full information about the conference, see
<http://www.asianettverket.uio.no/pdf06/norasia.pdf>

Conference Program

(as of August 15)

Friday, 8 September

10.30 hrs.: Departure by bus from the University Square in Downtown Oslo

11.15 – 12.30: Registration and check-in at Sundvolden

12.30 - 13.30: Lunch

13.30 - 13.45: Words of welcome by **Pamela Price**, Head of the Steering Committee of the Network for Asian Studies.

Main theme: Legal Pluralism, Conflicts and Human Rights in Asia

13.45 - 14.15: **Marc Galanter**, University of Wisconsin:

“Legal Layers: Everyday Law in India”

14.15 - 14.45: **Keebet von Benda-Beckmann**, Max Planck Institute, Halle:

”Human Rights as a Source of Legal Pluralism in Southeast Asia”

14.45 -15.30: Discussion and commentaries

15.30 -15.45: Coffee and tea

15.45 -16.15: **Shaheen Sardar Ali**, University of Warwick:

“Women’s Rights, Hudood and Habeas Corpus: A Feminist Narrative of the Legacies of Common Law (Case Study of Pakistan)”

16.15 -16.45: **Karin Ask**, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen:

“Mind the gap! On the Mischiefs of Interaction Between Local and Global Law. A Gender Perspective on the Changing Afghan Frameworks for Local Negotiations about Social Justice.”

16.45 -17.30: Discussion and commentaries

18.00: Bus up the hill to Kleivstua – Welcoming dinner

Saturday, 9 September:

Main theme, cont’d:

09.15 - 09.45: **Liang Zhiping**, Chinese Academy of Art, Beijing:

”The Death of a Detainee: The Predicament of and Way Out for Status Politics in Contemporary China”

09.45 -10.00: Discussion

10.00 -10.30: **Terence Gomez**, UN Research Institute for Social Development, Geneva:

“Between Theory and Reality: Minority Groups, Identity, and Rights in Malaysia.”

10.30 -10.45: Discussion

10.45 -11.00: Coffee and tea

Round table discussion about the main theme:

11.00 -13.00: Participation by the invited speakers.

Introduction and moderator: Sally Merry, New York University.

13.00 -14.00: Lunch

Parallel sessions:

14.00 – 16.00: **Individual presentations** – participants to be announced

16.00 - 16.15: Coffee and tea

16.15 - 18.15: **Panels and open workshop:**

Panel 1: "Masses and Law: Human Rights Issues in a Chinese Context"
Organized by the China Programme at the Norwegian Center for Human Rights.

Panel 2: "Land Tenure and Development in Rural China". Responsible: Koen Wellens, Center for Human Rights.

Open workshop: "Afghanistan's Conflictual Peace Process". Responsible:
Kristian Harpviken, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo.

19.00: Dinner

Sunday 10 September:

09.15 – 10.15: **Project presentation** by the FAFO Institute of Social Research, Oslo:
"Going West": *Living conditions in Western China*. Responsible: Jon Pedersen.

Parallell sessions:

10.15 – 12.00: **Individual presentations** – participants to be announced

12.00 - 13.00: Lunch

Closing round-table discussion:

13.00 – 15.00: 'Asian Values ' – Still on the Agenda?

Moderator: **Desmond McNeill**, Centre for Development and the Environment

Participants to be announced

15.00 – 15.30: Closing ceremony and departures.