

Asia's Challenges to Liberal Norms in the Contemporary International Order

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This one-day workshop, to be held on Wednesday 11 January 2017, will explore the origins, evolution, and consequences of the various challenges posed by Asian states and non-state actors to liberal norms in the contemporary international order.

In the past twenty-five years, Western states have sought to spread and embed liberal political, economic, environmental, and human rights norms by coercion, persuasion, socialisation and incentivisation. Asia's states and non-state actors have responded in different ways – by accepting or co-opting particular norms and normative agendas, by rejecting others, by adopting norms in part, or by modifying and adapting certain norms and the policies that go with them. Some states have shown themselves reluctant to accept liberal agendas but also reluctant to advance alternatives. Others have engaged in the mimetic adoption of liberal norms but decoupled their normative commitments from policy and practice. Others still are seen by some to be constructing parallel agendas with a view to replacing Western norms with different ones more suited to their interests, political ideologies, or cultural preferences.

This workshop will focus on the challenges to political, economic, human rights norms posed by Asian states or non-state actors in the areas of, for example, arms control, conflict management, climate change, democratisation and political reform, gender, post-conflict justice, Responsibility to Protect, or trade and investment, with a view to building ongoing research collaborations between the participants.

The key aims of the workshop will be to map out a possible future research agenda, to explore possibilities for research collaborations and publications, and to discuss joint funding opportunities.

To these ends, the workshop will be structured around a series of three thematic roundtables addressing both existing research on aspects of Asia's challenges to liberal norms, and avenues for future research.

Participants should not present formal papers, but rather brief papers in a roundtable style. The workshop will conclude with an hour-long plenary session at which participants will discuss options both for the publication of this research and for the pursuit of research funding.

Draft Workshop Timetable

9.00 **Arrival – Coffee and tea and pastries on arrival**

9.30-9.40 **Introduction**

Juanita Elias (PAIS, Warwick)
André Broome (CSGR, Warwick)

9.40-10.00 **Opening remarks** ‘Norms, international order and rising powers’
Jamie Gaskarth (Birmingham)

10-11.15 **Session 1 – Norm Makers, Norm Takers, Norm Mediators**

Chair: Juanita Elias

- Ian Hall (Griffith)– India: Norm Maker, Norm Taker, and Aspiring Normative Power
- Federica De Pantz (Warwick)– South Korea as a Middle Power
- Faisal Karim (Warwick)– Indonesia and Middle Power Diplomacy
- Tang Wai Hong (Warwick) – China’s Regional Diplomacy and Institutional Statecraft

11.15-11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30-12.45 **Session 2 – Resistance, Reform, and Rights**

Chair: Cath Jones

- Renée Jeffery (Griffith) – Norm Diffusion and Anti-Impunity
- Juanita Elias (Warwick)– Migration Regimes vs. Human Rights Regimes in SE Asia
- Shaun Breslin (Warwick)- China and Liberal Economic Order
- Riris Sundrijo (Warwick)– Human Development Norm Entrepreneurs in ASEAN

12.45-1.30 **Lunch**

1.30-2.45 **Session 3 – Security Norms and Regional Dynamics**

Chair: Ian Hall

- Sandra Destradi (GIGA) - Reluctance as a Typical Feature of Emerging Powers’ Approach to Global and Regional Governance? Lessons from India
- Cath Jones (Warwick)– Peacekeeping
- Nicola Leveringhaus (Kings)– China and the Nuclear Order
- Tung Hing Sum (Cardiff) - China’s take on Humanitarianism

2.45-3 **Coffee Break**

3.00-4.00 **Plenary Wrap-up**