

***Foundations for Peace:  
An Introduction to Human Rights and Transitional Justice in Asian Contexts***

**AJAR Intensive Course, Kampung Damai, Bali, 30 May–4 June 2018**

In 2010, the UN Secretary General issued a guidance note on transitional justice, affirming the key principles and a way forward to strengthening the rule of law. Transitional justice is defined as “the full range of processes and mechanisms associated with a society’s attempt to come to terms with a legacy of large-scale past abuses in order to ensure accountability, serve justice and achieve reconciliation.” Many countries in Asia are in transition towards stronger democracies as a foundation for sustainable peace. What contributions do human rights and transitional justice make to such transitions happening in Asia?

Timor-Leste, Thailand and South Korea have established truth commissions, while other Asian countries and territories (such as Nepal, and Aceh and Papua in Indonesia) have the unrealized promise of a truth commission built into peace agreements or special autonomy settlements. The prosecution of perpetrators of serious crimes in Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Indonesia and Bangladesh have led to mixed outcomes. Although governments in Thailand, Aceh (Indonesia) and Nepal have provided some interim relief for victims, no country in Asia offers a comprehensive reparations program and the majority of Asian countries have yet to ratify the Rome Statute. The lack of a strong regional organization in Asia to protect and promote human rights makes the struggle to combat impunity in Asia a tough one.

This six-day foundational course will bring together youth, civil society actors and policymakers from across the region to learn lessons from the field, human rights principles, and best practices for accountability. AJAR will also invite human rights practitioners as resource persons to share their concrete experiences of working in difficult transitions. This foundational course will encourage debate and exchange among participants, and will include sharing and reflection on country contexts and innovative transitional justice strategies.

What participants can expect from the course:

- a solid understanding of human rights, transitional justice and emerging issues, particularly in Asian contexts;
- training and facilitation led by experts from the field;
- an opportunity to network with participants and practitioners from Asia and beyond;
- a participatory and mutual learning environment; and
- a comfortable setting in the semi-modern and eco-friendly Kampung Damai training center within walking distance of the south coast of Bali.

Transitions to democracies based on the rule of law may take decades to achieve. Increasing expertise and knowledge in Asia can be a bridge to pursue accountability for mass crimes through policy change, broadened cross-regional collaboration and innovative human rights initiatives. This bi-annual intensive course facilitates learning for those who seek to study and address challenges to justice and peace commonly faced in transitional settings in Asia.

## Logistics Information

- Dates: 30 May–4 June 2018
- Location: Kampung Damai, Jalan Pantai Berawa, Gang Sri Kahyangan No 1, Canggu – Kuta Utara Bali
- Fees: 800 USD (accommodation, meals, training materials and tuition)
- Accommodation: Shared rooms at Kampung Damai (AJAR Learning Centre)
- Transport: Participants are expected to pay for and manage their own travel (to/from Denpasar, Bali) and visas. Kampung Damai will provide transport from the airport to the training centre.

## Inquiries and Registration

Registration will remain open until seats are filled. For inquiries and registration for this course, please contact AJAR's Program Assistant, Clevyra Wang at [cwang@asia-ajar.org](mailto:cwang@asia-ajar.org).

Date and Time	Topics	Facilitator/ Presenter
Day 1 – 30 May 2018		
08.30 – 10.00	Opening Remarks	Patrick Burgess, AJAR
	Getting to Know Each Other	Atikah Nuraini
	Learning Orientation	Atikah Nuraini
10.00 – 10.30	Break	
10.30 – 12.30	Overview – Transitions in Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▲ What is Transitional Justice</li> <li>▲ Elements of Transitional Justice: Right to Truth, Right to Justice, Right to Reparation, Preventing Recurrence</li> </ul>	Patrick Burgess
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.30	Exercises: Understanding Transitional Justice Elements in Our Context	Group Work
15.30 – 16.00	Break	
16.00 – 17.30	Movie Presentation and Discussion: Understanding Conflict and Peace, Case Studies from Liberia	Pleno Discussion
Day 2 – 31 May 2018		
08.30 – 10.30	Truth Commission: Prospects and Challenges	Galuh Wandita
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
10.30 – 12.30	Prosecution: Prospect and Challenges	Nicole Janisiewicz
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.30	Exercise: Analyzing Truth-seeking Process	Group work
15.30 – 16.00	Break	

16.00 – 17.30	Movie Presentation: Women from Hotel Flamboyan	Pleno Discussion
<b>Day 3 – 1 June 2018</b>		
08.30 – 10.30	Victims' Reparation and Support	Karen Campbell-Nelson
10.00 – 10.30	Break	
10.30 – 12.30	Institutional Reform	Patrick Burgess
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.30	Country Presentations	Panel participants
15.30 – 16.00	Break	
16.00 – 17.30	Country Presentations	Panel Participants
<b>Day 4 – 2 June 2018</b>		
Free Day		
<b>Day 5 – 3 June 2018</b>		
08.30 – 10.30	Thematic Challenges: Stolen Children and the Impact of War	Nicole Janisiewicz
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Thematic Challenges: Natural Resources and Corruption	Patrick Burgess
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 15.30	Thematic Challenges: Violent Extremism	Galuh Wandita
15.30 – 16.00	Break	
16.00 – 17.30	Analyzing New Challenges	Group Work
<b>Day 5 – 4 June 2018</b>		
08.30 – 10.30	Strategizing Transitional Justice in our Contexts	Group/Individual Work
10.30 – 11.00	Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Summary, Evaluation, Closing	Patrick Burgess