Dear Friend/Colleague,

Asia accounts for 60 percent of the world’s population and more than 90 percent of the world’s executions\(^1\). Therefore, any changes to the death penalty in Asia will affect the entire world.

In that context, an online conference titled “Death Penalty in Asia: Law and Practice” will be hosted on 18th and 19th February 2021 by:

- Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne
- School of Law, Vietnam National University Hanoi
- Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network (ADPAN)
- Graduate Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam

The themes of the online conference will include:

- *Asia: Overview of Challenges relating to the Death Penalty* (including wrongful conviction, racial bias)
- *Asia: Attitudinal Work relating to the Death Penalty* (including public opinion)
- *Broader Social Impact of the Death Penalty* (including family, stigma, retribution for victims’ families)
- *Drugs and the Death Penalty*
- *Clemency across Asia*
- *Lethal Injection and Diplomacy*
- *Mental Health and the Death Penalty*

We invite scholars and practitioners working in this area to submit abstracts that would fit within the broad themes of the conference.

**Online Platform**

The conference will take place online via the *Zoom Meetings* platform and will be hosted by the Asian Law Centre at Melbourne Law School.

**Submission of Abstracts**

Authors should submit a 300-400 word abstract, which includes a title of the proposed paper and his/her short biographical details (including name, email, academic appointment, affiliations).

Abstracts are to be submitted by **8 January 2021** via this link: [http://go.unimelb.edu.au/ux6i](http://go.unimelb.edu.au/ux6i)

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**Submission of Papers**

Full papers are not required prior to the conference, although it would be very useful for participants if they are made available. Submitted papers will be uploaded to the conference website.

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Please submit papers to Kathryn Taylor at k.taylor@unimelb.edu.au by **10 February 2021** to be included on the website prior to the conference. See ‘Publication’ for the preferred format of submitted papers.

**Publication**

Selected papers will be published in the conference proceedings book, with agreement from authors. The conference proceedings book will not be published for commercial purposes.

To be included in the conference proceedings book, full papers (preferably 5000 – 8000 words, inclusive of footnotes) are to be submitted by **26 March 2021** to Kathryn Taylor at k.taylor@unimelb.edu.au

To facilitate the editing process, we would appreciate it if you could adhere to the submission deadline and follow the specifications below in preparing your conference paper. Failure to comply will result in the paper not being included.

- Paper Title, Author's Title and Name, University/Organisation, and Email Address
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12
- Single line spacing of text throughout
- Microsoft Word Document Format (.doc or .docx)
- Length: no more than 10,000 words, inclusive of footnotes (5000 to 8000-word papers are preferred)

**Registration**

Conference attendance is free, however registration is essential (for both authors and participants without papers). Guidelines for conference attendance will be sent to you via email and provided on the conference website.

Please register your participation by **15 February 2021** via this link: http://go.unimelb.edu.au/5x6i

*Successful registration will be confirmed shortly thereafter. If you have any technical difficulties when submitting this form, please email k.taylor@unimelb.edu.au*

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