

Burma Studies Special Symposium 2017

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on

Challenges, Opportunities and Relations of Burma/Myanmar in Democratic Transition

Day I: Wednesday, March 8 - Expert Lecture

09:20 – 09:50 **Registration**

09:50 – 11:00 **Opening and Introduction Session**

Reviewing Burma Under New Openings and Diverse Agenda Against Different Transitional Settings

(09:50 – 10:00) *Chair: Ms. Makiko Takeda, Assistant Professor, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan*

(10:00 – 10:10) *Welcome Address – Dr. Hiroko Ito, Associate Professor Center for Asian Legal Exchange, Nagoya University, Japan*

(10:10 – 10:25) *Opening Speech – Dr. David Potter, Professor, Nanzan University, Japan*

(10:25 – 11:00) *Keynote Speech – Dr. Sean Turnell, Professor, Macquarie University, Australia*

11:00 – 13:00 **Expert Lecture Session 1**

Roles of CSOs in Strengthening Communities in Burma on the Road to Democracy

Chair: Dr. Chosein Yamahata, Professor, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan

(11:00 – 11:40) *Mr. Saw Thu Ka Ee, Deputy Director, Karen Environmental and Social Action Network, Burma*

(11:40 – 12:20) *Mr. Cho Cho, Advisor, National Engineering and Planning Services, Burma*

(12:20 – 13:00) Q & A and Sum-up

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:10 – 16:10 **Expert Lecture Session 2**

Rule of Law, Transparency and Decentralization to Narrow Disparities in Burma

Chair: Dr. Sean Turnell, Professor, Macquarie University, Australia

(14:10 – 14:50) *Dr. Voravit Suwanvanichkij, Advisor, Mae Tao Clinic, Thailand & Center for Health and Human Rights, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

(14:50 – 16:30) *Mr. Thant Zin, Director, Dawei Development Association, Burma*

(16:30 – 17:10) Q & A and Sum-up

17:10 – 17:20 **Closing Speech**

Ms. Makiko Takeda, Assistant Professor, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan

Day II: Thursday, March 9 - Open Seminar

10:00 – 11:00 **Introduction Session**

Perspectives on Linkages between the 2008 Constitution, Federalism and Social Sector Reform

(10:00-10:10) *Chair: Dr. Rie Yasuda, Assistant Professor, Center for Asian Legal Exchange, Nagoya University, Japan*

(10:10-10:25) *Opening Speech – Ms. Doi Ra, Senior Program Coordinator, Paung Ku, Burma*

(10:25-11:00) *Keynote Speech – Dr. Voravit Suwanvanichkij, Advisor, Mae Tao Clinic, Thailand*

11:00 – 13:30 **Open Seminar Morning Session**

Chair: Dr. Jane Ferguson, Lecturer, Australian National University, Australia

Discussant: Dr. Chosein Yamahata, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan

11:00 – 11:30 **Environmental ‘Health’ and Freedom from Resource Curse**

Mr. Maw Htun Aung (Program Administrator & Coordinator, Natural Resource Governance Institute, Burma)

11:30 – 12:00 **Capacity Building, Social Impact Assessment and ‘Healthy’ Rural Development**

Mr. Cho Cho (Managing Director, NEPS, Burma)

12:00 – 12:30 **Human Health and Community Security on Ethnic and Border Lands**

Ms. Doi Ra (Senior program coordinator, Paung Ku, Burma)

12:30 – 13:00 **Sustainable Development Prospects through ‘Healthy’ Economic Reforms**

Dr. Sean Turnell (Professor, Macquarie University, Australia)

13:00 – 13:30 **Discussion and Feedback**

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 17:00 **Open Seminar Afternoon Session**

Chair: Dr. Sueo Sudo, Professor, Nanzan University, Japan

Discussant: Makiko Takeda, Assistant Professor, Aichi Gakuin University, Japan

14:30 – 15:00 **The Present and Coming SEZs in Burma for ‘Healthy’ and ‘Responsible’ Investments**

Mr. Bo Bo Aung (Myanmar Campaign Deputy Director, Earthrights International, Burma)

15:00 – 15:30 **CSOs’ Initiatives and Public Participation for ‘Healthy’ Peace Process**

Ms. Shwe Sin Hlaing (Program Coordinator, Paung Ku, Burma)

15:30 – 16:00 **‘Healthy’ Rivers, Ecosystem Services and Lives**

Mr. Sai Leng Learn Kham (Video Journalist, DVB Media Group, Burma)

16:00 – 16:30 **Toward a ‘Healthy’ Democratic Transition from Ethnic Dimension**

Dr. Jane Ferguson (Lecturer, Australian National University, Australia)

16:30 – 17:00 **Discussion and Feedback**

17:00 – 17:10 **Closing Speech**

Mr. Cho Cho, Advisor, National Engineering and Planning Services, Burma