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# LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN ASIA: LAW AND PRACTICE

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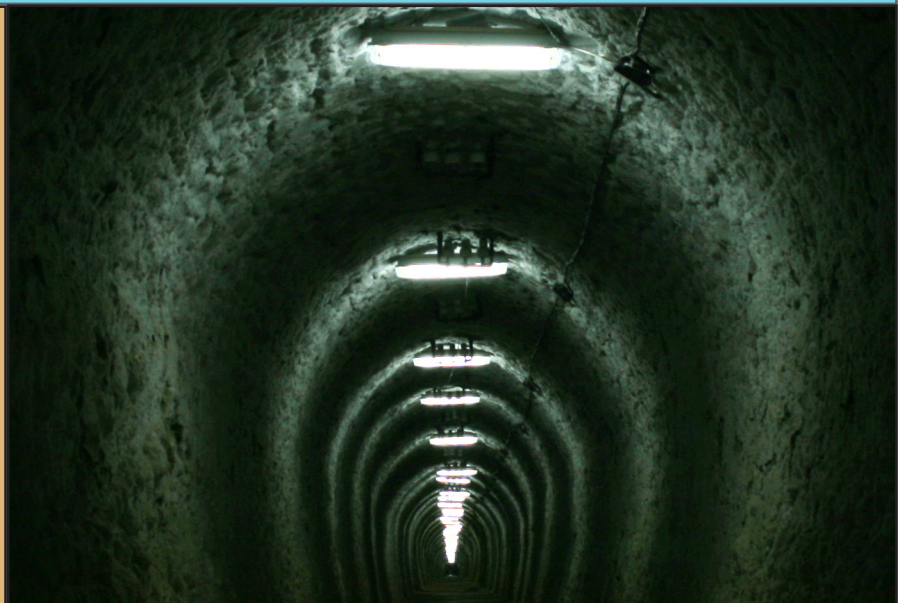
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## TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER, 2021

1:05-1:10pm (Hanoi time)	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS</b>	Professor Sarah Biddulph Director, Asian Law Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia  Dr Le Lan Chi School of Law, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam
1:10-1:15pm	<b>WELCOME FROM UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM</b>	Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, School of Law, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
1:15-1:20pm	<b>WELCOME FROM MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL</b>	Professor Sarah Biddulph Director, Asian Law Centre
1:20-1:25pm	<b>WELCOME FROM VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY</b>	Associate Professor Dr Nguyen Thi Que Anh Dean, School of Law, Vietnam National University, Hanoi
	<b>SESSION 1: INTRODUCING LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN ASIA</b>	<b>CHAIR:</b> Professor Sarah Biddulph, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne
1:25-1:35pm	Asian Life Imprisonment in Worldwide Perspective	Professor Dirk van Zyl Smit, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom  Dr Catherine Appleton, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
1:35-1:45pm	A Choice by Lawmakers and Lawyers in the Retentionist Country: Which is more Cruel and Unusual, Life in Prison without Parole or the Death Penalty?	Professor Shinichi Ishizuka, Ryukoku University, Japan
1:45-1:55pm	A Life Without Hope: The Other Death Penalty?	Ms Madhurima Dhanuka, Prison Reforms Programme, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, India
1:55-2:05pm	Life Imprisonment in China: Law and Practice	Professor Guo Zhiyuan, China University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China

2:05-2:15pm	Life Imprisonment in Vietnam: A Need of Reform?	Associate Professor Giao Vucong, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam  Dr Thuy Nguyenxuan, People's Police Academy, Vietnam
2:15-2:35pm	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<b>SESSION 2: LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN SPECIFIC ASIAN COUNTRIES</b>	<b>CHAIR:</b> Professor Cliff Ransom Wendell B. Lilangan, Chief Coordinator, IOER
2:35-2:45pm	Reviewing Life Imprisonment in Malaysia: Prospects for Law Reform?	Dr Farah Nini Dusuki, University of Malaya, Malaysia  Mrs Melati Abdul Hamid, Malaysia
2:45-2:55pm	Life Imprisonment in Singapore: Brief Legal & Sociological Perspectives	Assistant Professor Benny Tan, National University of Singapore, Singapore
2:55-3:05pm	Applicability of Special Laws in the Philippines Punishable by Life Imprisonment	Dr Jennifer Manalo Cueto, Batangas State University, Philippines  Mr Jesse Nelson, Batangas State University, Philippines  Associate Professor Sandy M. Gonzales, Batangas State University, Philippines  Assistant Professor Lovilet C. Molo, Batangas State University, Philippines  Mrs Elaine Noreen G. Baxa, Batangas State University, Philippines
3:05-3:15pm	The Right to Integrate Prisoners for Life: A Study During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Indonesia	Mr Allan Fatchan Gani Wardhana, Islamic University of Indonesia, Indonesia
3:15-3:25pm	Life Imprisonment in South Korea: Law and Practice	Ms Youjeong Jeong, Aoyama Gakuin University and Risshou University, Japan

3:25-3:35pm	Ensuring Constructive Prison Life for Life Convicted Prisoners in Bangladesh	Associate Professor Zelina Sultana, Jagannath University Dhaka, Bangladesh  Ms Nasrin Akter, Jagannath University Dhaka, Bangladesh
3:35-3:55pm	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<b>SESSION 3: WIDER PERSPECTIVES</b>	<b>CHAIR:</b> Dr Le Lan Chi, School of Law, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam
3:55-4:05pm	Murder and Mandatory Life in NSW: The Puzzling Application of s 61 Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act.	Professor John Anderson, University of Newcastle, Australia  Ms Hannah Williams, University of Newcastle, Australia  Mr Daniel Matas, University of Newcastle, Australia
4:05-4:15pm	Mapping Life Imprisonment and Indeterminate Sentencing in New Zealand	Ms Jordan Anderson, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
4:15-4:25pm	Life Imprisonment in Canada: Is the “Hope” Lost?	Mr Sébastien Lafrance, Public Prosecution Service of Canada, Canada
4:25-4:35pm	Life Imprisonment in Extradition Cases in the Light of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)	Professor Robert Esser, University of Passau, Germany  Ms Romina Milles, University of Passau, Germany
4:35-5:00pm	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<b>CLOSE OF DAY 1</b>	

## WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER, 2021

1:05-1:10pm (Hanoi time)	<b>INTRODUCTIONS AND ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS</b>	Dr Le Lan Chi, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam
	<b>SESSION 4: THE TREATMENT OF LIFE SENTENCE PRISONERS IN ASIA</b>	<b>CHAIR:</b> Dr La Khanh Tung, School of Law, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam
1:10-1:20pm	Gendered Perspective on Life Imprisonment in India: The Dilemma of Misgendering and Violence against Trans prisoners	Ms Rohini Dahiya, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, UP, India
1:20-1:30pm	Human Security for Life Sentence Prisoners in Some Asian Countries: A Case Study of Transgender Prisoners	Dr Dat Dang Viet, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Vietnam
1:30-1:40pm	The Right to Health of Life Sentence Prisoners in International Law and Comparative to Vietnamese Law	Ms Vu Thi Thuy, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam
1:40-1:50pm	Renovating Treatment of Life Sentence Prisoners to Meet the Requirements of Justice Reform in Vietnam Today	Associate Professor Dr Truong Thi Hong Ha, Party Central Committee's Commission for Internal Affairs  Mrs Dinh Kieu Trang, Party Central Committee's Commission for Internal Affairs
1:50-2:00pm	Effects of Life Imprisonment and the Crisis of Prisoner Health	Ms Kriti Khatri, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan
2:00-2:20pm	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<b>SESSION 5: THE RELEASE OF LIFE SENTENCE PRISONERS</b>	<b>CHAIR:</b> Mrs Jennifer, Faculty of Law, University of Surabaya, Indonesia
2:20-2:30pm	Attempting to Restore a Right to Hope of Release: The Phuong Ngo Case	Professor John Anderson, University of Newcastle, Australia  Ms Hannah Williams, University of Newcastle, Australia
2:30-2:40pm	Life Imprisonment in India: When do we Open the Prison Doors?	Professor Shruti Bedi, Panjab University, India

2:40-2:50pm	Release of Life Sentence Prisoners in Vietnam	Mrs Trang Nguyen Quynh, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Vietnam
2:50-3:10pm	<b>Discussion</b>	
	<b>SESSION 6: LIFE IMPRISONMENT REFORM IN ASIA</b>	CHAIR: Dr Catherine Appleton, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
3:10-3:20pm	Life Imprisonment and Recommendations for Improvement in the Implementation of Justice Innovation in Vietnam	Associate Dr Tran Van Do, Former Deputy Chief Justice, Supreme People's Court of Vietnam
3:20-3:30pm	Life Imprisonment in Japan: Existing Legal System and Alternative Sanctions to the Death Penalty	Mr Teppei Ono, Center for Prisoners' Rights, Japan
3:30-3:40pm	The Judge Consideration in Imposing Life Imprisonment: Balance Justice Perspective	Dr Go Lisanawati, University of Surabaya, Indonesia
3:40-3:50pm	Life Imprisonment in India from a Human Rights Perspective: Issues and Challenges	Mr Himangshu Kalita, Gauhati University, India
3:50-4:00pm	Human Rights Fulfillment For Life Imprisonment Sentencers: The Cases of Indonesia	Ms Devi Yusvitasari, Ganesha University of Education, Bali, Indonesia
4:00-4:10pm	Life Imprisonment - From the Historical Legislation to Currently Applicable Provisions in Vietnam's Penal Code 2015	Associate Professor Truong Quang Vinh, Hanoi Law University, Vietnam
4:10-4:20pm	Misuse of Imprisonment Laws in Asia	Ms Jaya Kohli, Panjab University, India
4:20-4:40pm	<b>Discussion</b>	
4:40-5:00pm	<b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b>	CHAIR: Dr Catherine Appleton, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
	<b>CLOSING ADDRESS</b>	Associate Professor Giao Vucong, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam Dr Marites D. Olea, President, IOER