



Conference on Democracy, Development & Peace

**DEMOCRACY** 2008

November 10-12, Kathmandu, Nepal

Conference on Democracy, Development and Peace in Asia

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## **Program Schedule (Tentative)**

### **11 November (Tuesday): Conference Day 2**

#### **08:30-10:00 Session 3: Key Challenges for Participatory Democracy in Asia: Country Experiences**

? Chair: Mr. Rajan Bhattarai, Nepal

#### **Discussants/Presenters**

- Mr. Abid Hasan Minto, Pakistan
- Ms. Thida Khus, Cambodia
- Mr. Mohan Tamang, Bhutan
- Mr. Tian Chua, Malaysia
- India - Prof. Kamal Mitra Chenoy
- Mr. Stanikzai's Abdul Khaliq, Afghanistan
- Chit Ko Ko Oo, Myanmar

? Open Discussion: *Identification of Key Factors and Challenges for Expansion and Strengthening of Participatory Democracy in Asia*

#### **10:00-10:15 Tea/Coffee**

#### **10:15-12:45 Session 4: Peace-Building in Political Processes to Democracy**

? Chair: Prof. Anuradha Chenoy, India

Presentation 1: *Internal conflicts in the transition to democracy: the cause and influences for institutionalization of democracy and peace building processes*

- i) Lead presenter- Mr. Ahmad Suaedy, ED, the Wahid Institute, Indonesia
- ii) Lead Presenter- Mr. Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Sri Lanka

(Tea/coffee will be served in between)

? Presentation 2: *Prevention of Violent Conflicts in Democratic Frameworks*  
i) Lead Presenter- Ms. Seema Mustafa, India  
ii) Lead Presented – Dr. Nimalka Fernando, Sri Lanka

? Open Discussions: *The Advantages and Risks of Democracy in Peace-Building at Domestic level in the context of the "War on Terror"*

#### **12:45-13:45 Lunch**

#### **13:45–16:45 Session 5: Identifying Key Challenges and Moving towards Alternative Democracy in Asia**



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- ? Chair: Francis Dae-Hoon Lee, ARENA
- ? Presentation 1: Identifying key challenges to civil societies –democracy intricate
  - i) The labour movement and democratization in the Philippines: a template for South East Asia - Ms. Verna Viajar, The Philippines
  - ii) Sovereignty and class: converging and contradictory movements of the democratic challenges of the people of Bangladesh – Farad Mazhar, Bangladesh
  - iii) Impact of globalization on state, civil society and democracy: the case of South Korea – Dr. Seung Won Lee, South Korea

(Tea/coffee will be served in between)

Presentation 2: Building democracy from among the voiceless and marginalized

- i) Listening, articulating and building democracy from among the voiceless and marginalized- Andrew Aria, Malaysia
- ii) Radical democracy: recent experiments in Indonesia from below– Mr. Kenbudha Kusumandaru, Indonesia
- iii) Mr. Tian Chua, Malaysia (tbc)

- ? Open Discussions: *Construction of Democratic forms of Development at Domestic Level in the Context of International Cooperation*

## **16:45-19:00 Experience sharing for understanding democratic transition in Nepal**

- ? Chair – Dr. Bishnu Upreti, Nepal

### **Speakers:**

- Mr. Sushil Pyakurel – Former Commissioner, NHRC / Senior HR Defender
- Prof. Kapil Shrestha - Former Commissioner, NHRC / Senior HR Defender
- Ms. Sharmila Karki, President, Jagaran Nepal and Secretary, NGO Federation of Nepal
- Dr. Renu Rajbhandari – Senior Civil Society Leader/HR Defender, President WOREC Nepal
- Prof. Rajan Pokharel – Tribhuvan University, Nepal
- Mr. Akhtar Hussain – Former President, Sindh High Court Bar Association and Vice Chairman of Bar Council and Secretary General of National Workers Party of Pakistan

**19:00 Dinner**