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**1<sup>st</sup> LAWASIA Human Rights Conference (2019)**

**Hosted by the Bar Association of India**

**State Power, Business and Human Rights: Contemporary Challenges**

**09 – 10 February 2019**

**Conference Venue: Hyatt Regency Delhi, Bhikaji Cama Place, Ring Road, New Delhi 110 066, India**

<b>DAY 1</b> <b>Date: 9 Feb 2018</b> <b>(Saturday)</b>	
<b>8:00 – 9:00</b>	Conference Registration
<b>9:00 – 9:15</b>	<b>Welcome/Opening remarks</b>
<b>9:15 – 10:00</b>	<b>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:45</b> <b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>SESSION 1 – Gender , Sexuality and Human Rights</b>  Session Outline: This session will explore developments across the ESCAP region with respect to legal approaches to gender; de-criminalization of homo-sexuality; and measures to reduce discrimination.
<b>11:45 – 13:00</b> <b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>SESSION 2 – New Technologies, Privacy and Mass Surveillance: Will Human Rights Survive?</b>  Session Outline: Rapid developments in technology enable corporations and state entities to track and profile users. Law enforcement agencies embrace these technologies to prevent crime. What are the foreseeable impacts on Human Rights? Is privacy an enforceable right or outdated sentiment? Do the latest developments in data protection sufficiently protect users against the State and large corporations that collect and commercially exploit data.
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>14:00 – 15:30</b> <b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>SESSION 3 – Human Rights Lawyers: Independence and Threats</b>  Session outline: This session will provide an opportunity to lawyers from the region to interact and share their experiences and challenges to effectively represent clients.
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>16:00 – 17:30</b> <b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>SESSION 4 – Aggressive Policing and Human Rights</b>  Session outline: Across several jurisdictions, aggressive policing is compromising the presumption of innocence. Does eliminating serious crimes in this manner compromise the Rule of Law?
<b>19:00 – 22:00</b>	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b>
<b>DAY 2</b> <b>Date: 10 Feb 2018</b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>SESSION 5 – Freedom of the Press in the Digital Age</b>

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<b>SESSION 5</b>	Session outline: Has the advent of the digital age enhanced or encumbered press freedom across jurisdictions in the Asia Pacific region?
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b> <b>SESSION 6</b>	<b>SESSION 6 – Conflicts and Cross Border Migrations</b> Session outline: Is there right to have Human Rights? Stateless individuals and persons escaping persecution are especially vulnerable. What are their rights and the corresponding responsibilities of receiving states?
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b> <b>SESSION 7</b>	<b>SESSION 7 – Business and Human Rights</b> Session outline: Socially responsible corporations are required by municipal law or their internal policies to comport with human rights in areas such as gender equality, health and work conditions of employees, environmental best practices amongst others. This session builds on deliberations at the 31 <sup>st</sup> LawAsia Conference held at Siem Reap, Cambodia in November 2018.
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>15:30 – 16:45</b> <b>SESSION 8</b>	<b>SESSION 8 – Climate Change, Water conflicts and Human Rights</b> Session outline: From an environment standpoint, water stress is increasing. What are the institutions for resolving these conflicts and reviving water quality in polluted rivers, lakes, aquifers and the oceans?
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	<b>Closing remarks</b>