

# Human Rights and the Arts: Perspectives from Global Asia

11-12 May 2012 | York University

## PROGRAMME

### Day 1 ~ 11 May 2012

- 8:30am Light Breakfast
- 9am ~ 9:15am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Susan Henders**, Director, York Centre for Asian Research; **Theodore W. Goossen**, Chair, Workshop Organizing Committee
- 9:15am ~ 10am **Introduction of Participants and of Key Concepts and Questions**  
**Theodore W. Goossen** and **Susan Henders**  
*Full Group Roundtable Discussion chaired by Theodore W. Goossen* (Professor, Humanities, York University)
- 10am ~ 11:10am **PANEL ONE ~ War, Armed Conflict, Atrocity**
- Arun Nedra Rodrigo** (Doctoral Candidate, Humanities, York University)  
**Incendiary Devices: Depictions of Terror by Three Diasporic Sri Lankan Artists**
- Van Nguyen-Marshall** (Associate Professor, History, Trent University)  
**Human Rights in Wartime Vietnam: Unique Perspectives from Duong Thu Huong's Novel Without a Name**
- Chair: Alicia Turner* (Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, York University)  
*Discussant: Rudhramoorthy Cheran* (Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, University of Windsor)
- 11:10am ~ 11:30am Morning Break
- 11:30am ~ 12:40pm **PANEL TWO ~ Human Rights and Ecologies**
- Françoise Robin** (Assistant Professor, Institute National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, France)  
**Poetically Mourning Tibetan Nomadism**
- Afsan Chowdhury** (Environmental Rights Activist, Development Specialist, Author and Filmmaker, Dhakka, Bangladesh)  
**The River as a Provider and a Denier: Narratives of Human Rights Spaces as a Paradox**
- Chair: Mary Young* (Adjunct Professor, Geography, York University)  
*Discussant: Patricia K. Wood* (Associate Professor, Geography, York University)
- 12:40pm ~ 1:50pm Lunch in Dining Room

1:50pm ~ 3pm

**PANEL THREE ~ Livelihoods and Rights**

**Mary Young** (Adjunct Professor, Geography, York University)

**Reading Peasant Rights to Livelihood in Umar Kayam's Short Stories *Bawk and Sri Sumarah***

**Xueqing Xu** (Associate Professor, Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, York University)  
and

**Hua Laura Wu** (Associate Professor, French and Asian Studies, Huron University College)  
**Reactions to the Chinese immigration Act in *The Chinese Times* (1923-1947)**

*Chair:* **Susan Henders** (Associate Professor, Political Science, York University)

*Discussant:* **Peter Kwong** (Professor, Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College)

3pm ~ 3:15pm

Afternoon Break

3:15pm ~ 4:45pm

**Keynote Talk**

**Peter Kwong** (Professor, Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College)

**Crossing Boundaries: Challenges of Combining the Roles of Activist, Scholar, Filmmaker and Journalist**

*Chair:* **Theodore W. Goossen** (Professor, Humanities, York University)

*Discussant:* **Ali Kazimi** (Associate Professor, Film, York University)

7pm ~

**Dinner**

**Day 2 ~ 12 May 2012**

9am ~ 10:40am

**PANEL FOUR ~ Toleration, Acceptance, and Rights to Difference**

**Theodore W. Goossen** (Professor, Humanities, York University)

**Abuse and Its Aftermath: Saryang Kim's "Into the Light" and Joy Kogawa's *Obasan***

**Arun Mukherjee** (Professor, English, York University)

**Reading Literature for Human Rights: Three Minority Texts from India**

**Jooyeon Rhee** (Adjunct Professor, East Asian Studies, University of Toronto)

**Chasing the Monster: An Analysis of Oshima Nagisa's *Death by Hanging* (1968) from a Human Rights Perspective**

*Chair:* **Sailaja Krishnamurti** (Adjunct Professor, South Asian Studies, University of Toronto)

*Discussant:* **Lisa Williams** (PhD, Political Science)

10:40am ~ 11am

Morning Break

11am ~ 12:40pm

**PANEL FIVE ~ Intersectionality and Rights**

**Sailaja Krishnamurti** (Adjunct Professor, South Asian Studies, University of Toronto)

**Human Rights and the Poetics of ‘Migritude’: South Asian Diasporic Poetry**

**Susan Henders** (Associate Professor, Political Science, York University)

**The Intersectional Minority Rights Subject in Law and Literature: Representations of the Macanese of Macau**

**Anindo Hazra** (Doctoral Candidate, English, York University)

**Kashmir/“Cauchemar” : Querying National Violence in the Poetry of Agha Shahid Ali**

*Chair:* **Jooyeon Rhee** (Adjunct Professor, East Asian Studies, University of Toronto)

*Discussant:* **Arun Mukherjee** (Professor, English, York University)

12:40pm ~ 1:40pm

Lunch

1:40pm ~ 2:50pm

**PANEL SIX ~ Beyond Human Rights?**

**Alicia Turner** (Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, York University)

**Struggles for Liberation: Harm and Freedom beyond the Secular in Myanmar**

**Michael Boddien** (Associate Professor, Pacific and Asian Studies, University of Victoria)

**Universal Rights and Separate Universes: Local Identity, Global Power and the Modeling and Representing of Human Rights.**

*Chair:* **Van Nguyen-Marshall** (Associate Professor, History, Trent University)

*Discussant:* **Abidin Kusno** (Associate Professor and CRC, Institute for Asian Research, University of British Columbia)

2:50pm ~ 3pm

Afternoon Break

3pm ~ 4:15pm

**Summary and Wrap Up, including discussion of Anthology**

*Chair:* **Susan Henders** (Associate Professor, Political Science, York University)

4:15pm ~ 4:30pm

**Closing Remarks**