

## Seminar

# Operationalizing UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in South East Asia

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### **Abstract**

Since the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1325 (SCR 1325) on 31 October 2000, the international community has seen the emergence of a normative framework on women, peace and security. National Action Plans have been adopted as one mechanism to strengthen the operationalization of SCR 1325. The substantive content of SCR 1325 appears highly relevant in Asian contexts given that several states have suffered significant instability and upheaval as a result of territorial disputes and protracted armed insurgency movements. Compared with other regions however, the development of National Action Plans across the region has lagged behind. Within South East Asia, ASEAN Member States have taken proactive steps to develop resolutions pertaining to women's rights, particularly in relation to the prevention of violence against women. Individual member states have also adopted laws on gender-based violence, but regional and national responses to the UN's series of resolutions on women, peace and security have not gained significant traction to date. This seminar analyses the operationalization of Security Council Resolution 1325 in South East Asia, focusing primarily on the Philippines, the first ASEAN member state to adopt a National Action Plan.

### **Short bio**

**Amy Barrow** is Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), where she is a founding member of the Centre for Rights and Justice. She has a keen interest in inter-disciplinary research, and to date her research has largely focused on the intersection between public international law, gender, peace and security. In 2014, she was awarded a General Research Fund grant from the Research Grants Committee to conduct empirical research on 'Evaluating the Effectiveness of Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women in Hong Kong.' Amy has been actively engaged with civil society activism focused on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. She is a member of the WILPF Academic Network, a think tank connecting academics and peace activists working on issues of gender, peace and security as well as a founding member of the Everywoman Everywhere Coalition, which grew out of the Initiative on Violence against Women at the Harvard Kennedy School's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. Along with Joy Chia, she co-edited the book *Gender, Violence and the State in Asia* published by Routledge in July 2016.