

CityU Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR), Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights

Inaugural Online Keynote Public Lecture by Radhika Coomaraswamy

POST-COLONIAL ASIAN PERSPECTIVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Thursday, 04 November 2021(Online 15:00-16:30 HKT)

In honour of the CityU School of Law's 35th Anniversary in 2022, CPLR is organising *Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights*, which will be inaugurated by the keynote online lecture by Radhika Coomaraswamy, followed by thematic webinar series on various human rights issues prevalent in Asia. (TBN)



Radhika Coomaraswamy received her BA from Yale University, her J.D. from Columbia University and her LLM from Harvard University. In Sri Lanka, she was Director of International Centre for Ethnic Studies from 1982 to 2005 and the Chairperson of the Sri Lankan Human Rights Commission from 2003 to 2006. Recently, from 2015-2018, she was a member of the Constitutional Council.

Regionally Radhika Coomaraswamy was a founder member of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women Law and Development and currently Chairperson of the South Asians for Human Rights.

Internationally, Radhika Coomaraswamy served as UN Under Secretary General and as Special Representative of the Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict from 2006 until her retirement in 2012, and the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women from 1994-2003. In 2014, the UN Secretary General asked Radhika Coomaraswamy to lead the Global Study to review the fifteen-year implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. In 2017 she was appointed to the UN Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar and also

appointed as a member of The Secretary General's Board of Advisors on Mediation.

Radhika Coomaraswamy is often a visiting lecturer at the New York University School of Law and at the Oxford University Human Rights programme. She was privileged to be asked to deliver the Grotius Lecture of the American Association of International Law in 2013 and the Tanner Lecture of the University of Michigan in 2016.

She has also received numerous prizes, awards, and honours both nationally and internationally. Among these are the International Law prize of the American Bar Association, honorary doctorates from the University of Edinburgh, Amherst College and the Katholieke Universiteit of Leuven. In 2005, The Sri Lankan government conferred on her the honour of *Deshamanaya*.

GUEST OF HONOUR



**Professor TAN Cheng Han,
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