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Human Rights, Business, and Technology:

An Evolving Agenda



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> Greetings

Distinguished guests and participants,

The 12th Asia Human Rights Forum entitled ‘Human Rights, Business, and Technology: An Evolving Agenda’ seeks to respond to the rise of dramatic corporate, technological and social change that has unfurled across the world over the past decade. The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), which were unanimously endorsed by the UN Human Rights Council in June 2011, represented the first global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse impacts on human rights linked to business activity. This initial stimulation by the UN has now resulted in twenty-one countries to date actively implementing National Action Plans (NAPs) on business and human rights, with an additional twenty-three - including Asian states such as Japan, Myanmar, Malaysia, and Taiwan - presently in the midst of the preparation process.

It is seemingly now apparent to various stakeholders that the integration of human rights-centric policy into business strategies and digital technological developments holds a multitude of benefits: whether this is in realizing sustainable development for businesses, improving corporate competitiveness, or creating a culture of respect and coexistence in the global community. Yet even as progressively open attitudes to human rights-friendly approaches to business rise, there remains further hurdles to overcome and new human rights-related concerns that demand our attention. OHCHR’s Accountability and Remedy Project III, for instance, has highlighted the ongoing struggle for victims of business-related human rights violations in accessing remedy, despite the right to effective remedy being recognised within the Guiding Principles. Questions pertaining to the rise of AI and increasing levels of hyperconnectivity, and whether our existing policies, legal systems and due diligence practices are adequately protecting human rights in these areas are being assessed through UN initiatives such as the B-Tech Project, still remain. And, as demonstrated throughout our forums from previous years, the lack of a regional human rights protection mechanism within Asia means that cooperation and communication between neighbouring corporations and neighbouring countries on both these and all other human rights-related issues remains lacking.

Given such developments and contextualities, this year’s Asia Human Rights Forum will function as a much-needed open venue where local and global business leaders and innovators, together with international organisations, academics and members of civil society, can gather to discuss questions of corporate responsibility, accountability, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution through the lens of a human rights framework. Utilising the basis of universally-recognised human rights norms, the forum is a unique opportunity for all involved stakeholders to convene and evaluate present approaches to the changing nature of these issues, and work together towards pragmatic, human-rights friendly approaches. I hope that the forum will prove to be a fruitful and meaningful experience for all of our guests both today and tomorrow, and that the discussions here will spur greater cooperation for human rights in Asia now and in the future in two vital and ever-expanding areas.



Changrok Soh

President of Human Asia,
UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee Member,
Director of Korea University Human Rights Center,
and Professor at Korea University Graduate School of International Studies

Day 1

Oct. 29, Tue

Time	Program
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	<p>Opening Ceremony Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changrok Soh, President of Human Asia, UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee Member, and Director of Korea University Human Rights Center <p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lene Wendland, Chief of the Business and Human Rights Section, OHCHR Lorna McGregor, Professor of International Human Rights Law, Director of the Human Rights Center and PI and Director of the ESRC Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project at the University of Essex Seonghoon Anselmo Lee, Vice-President of Korea Association of Human Rights Studies (KAHRS) and Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy & Civic Engagement, Kyunghee University <p>Congratulatory Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sangchul Lee, Standing Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Korea Heeseok Hwang, Director-General of Human Rights Bureau, Ministry of Justice
10:00-10:20	Break
10:20-12:20	<p>Session 1: UN Responses to the Human Rights Impact of New and Emerging Technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Lene Wendland, Chief of the Business and Human Rights Section, OHCHR Presentation 1: Tackling Challenges of New and Emerging Technology (Changrok Soh, UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee Member, President of Human Asia, and Director of Korea University Human Rights Center) Presentation 2: UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation - Report Briefing & an Ethical Framework for Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Soowon Eom, Panel Member of the UNSG's high-level Panel on Digital Cooperation, and Founder and CEO of Adriel) <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Sagar, First Secretary (Political Affairs) at the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea Kyungsin Park, Professor at Korea University Law School and Director, Open Net Korea Heisoo Shin, Member, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights(CESCR) and Invited Professor, Graduate School of International Studies(GSIS), Ewha Womans University Edwin Rekosh, Co-Founder of Rights Colab Sabrina Rau, Senior Research Officer for The Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project <p>Open discussion</p>
12:20-13:30	<p>Lunch Luncheon speech¹</p> <p>By Kihwan Kweon, Director-General for International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)</p>
13:30-15:30	<p>Session 2: The Human Rights Implications of AI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Ryan Seryeon Song, Professor at Kyung Hee University School of Law Presentation 1: Lorna McGregor, Professor of International Human Rights Law, Director of the Human Rights Center and PI and Director of the ESRC Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project at the University of Essex Presentation 2: Gendered impact of artificial intelligence: Are we responding intelligently? (Surya Deva, Associate Professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, and Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights) Presentation 3: Shortcuts, Gaps and Traps (Daniel Connolly, Research Professor at Korea University Graduate School of International Studies) <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minseob Kim, Deputy Director of the Human Rights Policy Division, National Human Rights Commission of Korea Daewon Kim, Director of Policy Support Team at Kakao Corporation Kelly Kha Yeun Kim, Attorney-at-law, Open Net Korea Ok Baek, Distinguished Fellow & Head of Cognitive & Self-Adaptive AI (CybreBrain) Research and Development, ETRI <p>Open discussion</p>
15:30-15:50	Break

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15:50-17:50	<p>Session 3: Exemplary Practices of Corporate Human Rights Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Sangcheoul Lee, Professor and Coordinator in the Department of Public Policy and Management of Pusan National University, and Member of Korean Committee for the Management of Public Institutions • Presentation 1: Establishing Mechanisms on Human Rights and Business for the Public Enterprises (Seungkee Shim, General Manager of the Corporate Culture Team at the Management Cooperation Department, Korea Gas Corporation, KOGAS) • Presentation 2: Positive Impacts of the Corporate Sector on Human Rights (Gahee Jin, Assistant Manager at Postal Savings & Insurance Development Institute, PoSID) <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yujung Shin, Deputy Director, Ministry of Justice, Korea • Minwoo Kim, Research Professor at Korea University Human Rights Center • Kyungjae Jho, Deputy Director, Data & Statistics Division, Daegu Metropolitan City (Former Specialist in Business and Human Rights, Economic Social Cultural Rights Division, National Human Rights Commission of Korea) • Sangsoo Lee, Professor at Sogang University School of Law • Angela Joohyun Kang, Founder and Executive President, Global Competitiveness Empowerment Forum (GCEF) • Eunseok Kim, Principal Consultant, KOREA'S Most Admired Companies (KMAC) <p>Open discussion</p>
17:50-18:00	<p>Closing comments</p>

Day 2

Oct. 30, Wed

Time	Program
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-11:30	<p>Session 4: The Role of States and Businesses in Human Rights Accountability and Remedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lene Wendland, Chief of the Business and Human Rights Section, OHCHR <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohyoung Song, Director of the Economic Social Cultural Rights Division at National Human Rights Commission of Korea • Surya Deva, Associate Professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, and Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights • Hyunphil Na, Director of the Korean House for International Solidarity (KHIS) • Jaechang Oh, Attorney-at-law at Haemaru Law Firm and Commissioner of the Korean National Contact Point (NCP) • Kyungsin Park, Professor at Korea University Law School and Director, Open Net Korea <p>Open discussion</p>
11:30-13:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	<p>Session 5: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Non-State-Based Grievance Mechanisms for Business-Related Human Rights Abuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Lene Wendland, Chief of the Business and Human Rights Section, OHCHR <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suhasini Singh, India Country Manager of the Fair Wear Foundation • Lalanath De Silva, Head of the Green Climate Fund's Independent Redress Mechanism • Donghyun Kim, Attorney-at-law, Korean Lawyers for Public Interest and Human Rights <p>Open discussion</p>
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:30	<p>Session 6: Access to Remedy Through Non-State-Based Grievance Mechanisms in the Technology Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Lene Wendland, Chief of the Business and Human Rights Section, OHCHR • Introduction: Lorna McGregor, Professor of International Human Rights Law, Director of the Human Rights Center and PI and Director of the ESRC Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project at the University of Essex <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changrok Soh, UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee Member, President of Human Asia, and Director of Korea University Human Rights Center • Byoungil Oh, President, Korean Progressive Network Jinbonet • Chenie Yoon, Head of Public Policy at Twitter Korea <p>Open discussion</p>

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Human Asia, founded in January 2006, is a non-profit human rights organization, striving to establish a regional human rights protection system, which is lacking only in Asia, and to realize the peaceful coexistence of the diverse cultures of Asia. In order to strengthen respect for human rights, and to create an “open and human-oriented Asia” free from any kind of discrimination, Human Asia conducts research to establish a regional human rights protection system in Asia, educating and training young human rights activists, carrying out human rights advocacy activities and campaigns, organizing field activities with humanitarian aid, and collaborating with governments and members of civil society.



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KU Human Rights Center is a newly established affiliate institution of Korea University in order to provide adequate human rights education, improvement of the human rights related issues and aid as well as support for those in need under KU motto of liberty, justice and truth.

KU Human Rights Center provides counseling to any possible human rights violation cases within the campus and educations along with various human rights related programs and through diverse forums and international relations, aims to bring up the human rights sensitivity of fellow KU members and continue domestic and international research on human rights.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. We ask for support and cooperation from you so that this new establishment of the KU Human Rights Center can contribute in making the ground for the freedom, justice and peace in the world.



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United Nations Human Rights Office of The High Commissioner (OHCHR)

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UN Human Rights) is the leading UN entity on human rights. The General Assembly entrusted both the High Commissioner and her Office with a unique mandate to promote and protect all human rights for all people. The United Nations human rights programme aims to ensure that the protection and enjoyment of human rights is a reality in the lives of all people. UN Human Rights also plays a crucial role in safeguarding the integrity of the three interconnected pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, human rights and development.

UN Human Rights provides assistance in the form of technical expertise and capacity-development in order to support the implementation of international human rights standards on the ground. It assists governments, which bear the primary responsibility for the protection of human rights, to fulfil their obligations and supports individuals to claim their rights. Moreover, it speaks out objectively on human rights violations.



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The Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project

Housed at Essex University's Human Rights Centre with partners worldwide, the Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project considers the challenges and opportunities presented by big data and associated technology from a human rights perspective.

The digital age has brought about a global pattern shift in how we communicate, interact and organise our world. Everyday life generates colossal quantities of digital data. This data can be scrutinised by complex forms of analysis using algorithms, artificial intelligence and other digital tools. This in turn yields highly personalised insights about ourselves, our habits, desires and role in society. Our project explores the challenges and opportunities that big data and artificial intelligence are bringing to human rights. We are researching whether fundamental human rights concepts and approaches need to be adapted in the era of technological advancement and big data. We plan to develop good practice guidelines, regulatory responses and solutions for the human rights sector to improve both enjoyment and protection in the digital age. Our key engagements fall mainly but not entirely into the categories: businesses, international human rights and humanitarian institutions and non-governmental human rights.

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The SSK (Social Science Korea) Human Rights Forum is an inter- university research group engaged in multi-year research projects on human rights from a social science perspective, which is an increasingly popular approach to studying human rights. The project, led by Principal Investigator Dr. Changrok Soh (Professor of International Studies, Korea University), is funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea and participating universities include Korea University, Sungkyunkwan University, Yonsei University, Ewha Womans University, Harvard University, the University of Michigan, University of Washington, and University of Georgia. The project is also co-organized by the International Human Rights Research Center at Korea University and the Sungkyunkwan Center for Human Rights and Development.



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Korea Association of Human Rights Studies

Korean Association of Human Rights Studies (KAHRS) was founded in June 2017 and acquired the status of a non-profit corporation in 2018. The association has a mandate to provide a platform for researchers, experts, activists from various academic backgrounds including social sciences and professional expertise to discuss and advance issues in the area of human rights studies. This is the first academic society to be established with special reference to "human rights studies" in Korea. The KAHRS aims to prepare the foundation of human rights studies and further develop its activities in an interdisciplinary manner. With other relevant associations, KAHRS seeks to contribute to the development of human rights movement and theories through research and academic movements. Our main activities consist of publishing the Journal of Human Rights Studies together with the Korean Association of Human Rights Law, holding monthly seminars, supporting relevant researches and conferences on human rights studies.

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