

# Increasing Avenues for International Justice and Accountability in Asia

## Workshop Call for Abstracts

The Asia Justice Coalition (AJC) and Universitas Andalas Law Faculty are seeking abstracts for consideration for a workshop entitled 'Increasing Avenues for International Justice and Accountability in Asia'. The workshop is to be held from 23rd-24th September 2024 in Padang, Indonesia in-person (with limited participation online).

Asia has amongst the fewest signatories per region to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and a weak track record of incorporating atrocity crimes into domestic law. However, Asia also has a notable history of engaging with formal international criminal justice mechanisms, including as the site of: war crimes tribunals following World War II; hybrid tribunals including the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in Timor-Leste; and domestic mechanisms for addressing international crimes including the International Crimes Tribunals in Bangladesh and Indonesia's Human Rights Courts. Asia also boasts a rich history in grassroots and restorative justice measures. This all suggests that there have been—and indeed are—pathways and public will to account for atrocity crimes in our region.

The workshop's remit deliberately broad, aiming to bring together both experts in international criminal, humanitarian, and human rights law with practitioners, academics and students primarily focussed on their domestic jurisdictions. It asks: what creative legal 'hooks' and restorative justice approaches might be fruitful for preventing impunity for atrocity crimes in Asia?

### Topics Considered

The workshop welcomes abstracts and presentations that consider, amongst related issues:

- The potential use of domestic tort law, administrative law, and/or corporate law in the region to address harm suffered in atrocity crimes;
- Avenues for corporate liability for atrocity crimes in the region;
- Any 'lessons learned' from climate change litigation in Asia for accounting for atrocity crimes;
- Any 'lessons learned' from cumulative prosecutions, including regarding Foreign Terrorist Fighters in Asia;
- The relationship between interest in prosecuting transnational crime in the region and any 'lessons learned' from approaching prosecution for international crimes; and
- The creative approach of grassroots movements in the region to international justice issues.

**Presentations can be works-in-progress. Early career researchers and students from the region are strongly encouraged to submit.**

### Further Information and Submission

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words. Please email your abstract and CV to [ajc@asiajusticecoalition.org](mailto:ajc@asiajusticecoalition.org) in either Word or PDF format.

The working language of the workshop is English but limited translation may be available. A select number of presenters may be invited to submit for an edited collection in 2025. A small travel bursary for presenters in the region may be available—if this is required, please indicate in your email. **However, please note that organisers will be unable to provide all travel costs, including accommodation, and will not be able to assist with visas.**

Deadline for submissions is **18 August 2024 at 23:59 Western Indonesia Time**. Successful submissions will be notified by 30 August 2024.