

# **The 1<sup>st</sup> Padjadjaran International Conference on Human Rights**

## **Economic and Social Rights TODAY: Developing and Developed Countries' Perspective 10-12 December 2012**

### **Introduction**

Centre of Human Rights (PAHAM UNPAD) Faculty of Law Universitas Padjadjaran will organize an international conference on human rights on December 10-12, 2012. This conference is expected to be held annually as the commemoration of the Human Rights Day. This year, the conference will bring the issue of the promotion, protection and fulfillment of economic and social rights from the perspective of developing and developed countries. Yet, the cultural rights issues that usually paired together will be brought in separate occasion for the upcoming conference.

Since the adoption of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (the protocol) on December 10, 2008 we believe that there is a need of shifting paradigm in the fulfillment of the economic and social rights from inequitable to more equitable rights.

The protocol provides individual complaint and inquiry mechanisms for the ICESCR. This mechanism opens enormous opportunities that the violation against economic and social rights can be adjudicated (justiciable). However, the protocol has only been ratified by eight states and signed by forty countries. It needs two more countries to make this protocol come into force.

It is true that the nature of economic and social rights are positive rights that requires state parties to take steps in optimizing the resources available to achieve gradually the full realization of these rights. However, it does not mean that there is no violation or omission committed by both the state and non-state actors. Hence, it does not mean that these rights are non-justiciable.

The current perception that the economic and social rights are non-justiciable has to be ended. It is justiciable. More importantly, these rights are stipulated in every state constitution which establishes the state's obligation to promote, protect and fulfill those rights. The constitutional guarantee is a strong legal basis to claim before the court for the state failure in the fulfillment of the economic and social rights.

It is admitted that the promotion, protection and fulfillment of economic and social rights are closely related to socio-economic and political conditions globally. Free trade is discussed in relation to the fulfillment of these rights. In addition, free trade brings economic benefits in one side, yet increases poverty, especially in developing and undeveloped countries on the other side. Poverty is actually an indication that the fulfillment of economic and social rights has not completely been fulfilled. Accordingly, the conference will get deeper analyses on this controversial issue.

Developed countries have been assessed as capable of promoting, protecting and fulfilling of economic and social rights of their citizen. It is indicated by among others of the low level of poverty. The citizen can claim to the court for the infringement of their economic and social rights. However, many developed countries are reluctant to ratify the protocol.

This conference is expected to answer the problems mentioned above by focusing the discussion in the issue of the promotion, protection and fulfillment of economic and social rights both nationally and internationally in the perspective of developing and developed countries.

We invite experts in the field of human rights which represents the entire region of the world from academics, practitioners, and public at large.

Young academics and practitioners are also welcomed to participate in the conference. The presence of various elements and outstanding of the resource persons and the participants in this conference is expected to enrich the conference. We expect that more countries will ratify the protocol and furthermore admit economic and social rights as a justiciable right will encourage the countries maximizing their efforts to fulfill the rights.

### **Goals**

The conference is held as a discussion forum of the lawyers, especially human rights experts, to discuss various issues in regards to the development and implementation of economic and social rights in both national and international level from the perspective of developed and developing countries. The analysis is expected to generate ideas that encourage states more accountable in the fulfillment of these rights. Furthermore, we expect that more countries will ratify the protocol.

### **Themes**

The conference will be divided into several major themes, as listed below, however this is not to be construed as a limitation. Throughout the article made it on economic and social rights would be acceptable.

- **International and National Trends in Justiciability of Socio-Economic Rights: Challenges and Opportunities**
- **Economic and Social Rights after the Optional Protocol on ICESCR: Developing and Developed Countries' Perspective**
- **The Role of World Trade and Economic Development in the Reduction of Poverty and the Promotion of Economic and Social Rights in Developing Countries**
- **The role of the National Human Rights Institutions and the civil Society in the Ratification and Domestication of International Instruments: the ASEAN Perspective.**
- **A Rights-Based Approach to Poverty Reduction in ASEAN in the Context of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol**

### **Date and Venue**

Date : 10 – 12 December 2012

Venue : Faculty of Law, Padjadjaran University, Jl. Dipati Ukur No. 35 Bandung 40132, Indonesia.

### **Call for Papers**

The conference calls the participation of all academics, practitioners and public at large to present the paper according to the theme mentioned above which the writing instruction as follow:

## **Guidelines for Papers & Presentation**

### ***Guidelines for Paper Submission***

*(applicable to presenters whose abstracts have been accepted for the parallel sessions)*

- Author's Title & Name, University/Organization, Paper Title and Email Address to be stated clearly on the cover page of the paper.
- Length – 6,000 - 8,000 words, excluding footnotes. Please **adhere strictly to this requirement.**
- Font - Size 11, Calibri
- Single spacing of text throughout
- Microsoft Word Document Format
- Papers to be sent to [ichrt\\_paham@fh.unpad.ac.id](mailto:ichrt_paham@fh.unpad.ac.id) pursuant to the deadline

Presenters from Indonesia may submit their paper in Bahasa, however abstract and presentation should be delivered in English.

We urge that you adhere to the submission deadline in order to facilitate your paper being made available at the conference (see below).

### ***Guidelines for Paper Presentation at the Parallel Sessions***

*(applicable to presenters whose abstracts have been accepted for presentation)*

The language of presentation is English. The parallel session duration is one hour for three speakers. Each speaker will be allocated a maximum of 20 minutes to present his or her paper, including Question and Answer session. The presentation venues are equipped with a computer and LCD projector. Speakers who wish to use PowerPoint slides to present their papers should save their slides into a USB drive or CD for this purpose.

In addition, there are two possibilities of presentations. Namely abstract based presentation and paper based presentation. Abstract based presentation is the presentation without submitting full paper and paper based presentation means participants delivering their presentation based on their full paper.

Please indicate in your abstract whether you wish to have abstract based presentation or paper based presentation.

## **Important Date**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1.	Deadline submission of abstract	9 November 2012
2.	Announcement of abstract approval	16 November 2012
3.	Deadline submission of full paper (for those who submit abstract)	30 November 2012
4.	Deadline submission of full paper (without abstract)	16 November 2012
5.	Announcement of full paper approval (without abstract)	23 November 2012
6.	Deadline for Early Bird Registration and Payment	26 November 2012
7.	Closing Date for Registration and Payment	30 November 2012
8.	The Conference	10-12 December 2012

Note : for those who send the abstract or full paper prior to the deadline, announcement of participation will be announced maximum of one week after the submission

## **Out Put**

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**Invited Speakers**

Professor Sarah Joseph - Monash University Australia (tbc)  
Professor Peter Jones – Ottawa University Canada  
Professor ETTY R. AGOES – Universitas Padjadjaran Indonesia  
Marzuki Darusman – ASEAN Human Rights Resource Center (tbc)  
Sevda Clark - Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)

**Fees**

500 USD for non Indonesian (paper and non paper presenter)  
200 USD for Indonesian (paper presenter)  
150 USD for Indonesia (non paper presenter)  
Fees include accommodation for three nights (twin shared bed), conference material and CD, welcoming dinner, daily lunch and refreshment and gala dinner.  
Limited scholarship available for 10 (ten) best selected abstract for Indonesian and non Indonesian.  
Early Bird Registration and payment will get 10% discount.

**Registration**

For online registration please visit our website <http://fh.unpad.ac.id/fh/wp-content/uploads/ichr/index.html>

The registration fee should be transferred to our account after the participants received notification of acceptance of their abstract or full paper.

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