Programme

20th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHR20): Human Rights of Older Persons

22-24 February 2021
Virtual / Seoul, Republic of Korea

Co-organisers:

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Co-hosts:
DAY 1 – MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021
Location: Online / Seoul, Republic of Korea
All times are displayed in Singapore Time UTC+8

15:00 – 15:30 (30 min) Official Welcome

Welcome Remarks
Ambassador Toru MORIKAWA
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) (5 min)

Ms Eun-Hee CHI
Executive Director, ASEM Global Ageing Centre (AGAC) (5 min)

Congratulatory Remarks on behalf of the host
Ms Young-ae CHOI
Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission of Korea (5 min)

Congratulatory Remarks on behalf of the co-organisers
Ms María CASTILLO FERNÁNDEZ
Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea (5 min)

Keynote Address
Dr Claudia MAHLER
Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons (10 min)

15:30 “Importance of the Human Rights of Older Persons” Video by ASEM Global Ageing Centre (2:30 min)

15:35 – 16:15 (40 min) Joint Presentation of Background Paper by Main Rapporteurs

Moderator: Mr Rolf RING, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

Presenter 1
Prof Titti MATTSSON, Dean of Research, Professor in Public Law, Lund University

Presenter 2
Prof Andrew BYRNES, Professor of Law, University of New South Wales

16:15 – 16:45 (30 min) Plenary discussion with virtual audience

16:45 - 16:55 (10 min) Break
Cultural highlights of Korea (video)

Venue: Seoul

Panellists:
Ms Eun-Ha NAMKUNG, Associate Research Fellow, Center for Research on Aging Society of Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA)
Ms Hana BECKER, First Secretary of Political Affairs, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Ms Nina MONRAD BOEL, Counsellor of Health, Embassy of Denmark in Korea

Discussants:
Mr Dongwoo LEE, Deputy Director, Social Human Rights Division, National Human Rights Commission of Korea
Mr Eduardo KLIEN, Regional Director, HelpAge International Asia Pacific
Ms Nena GEORGANTZI, Policy Coordinator Human Rights & Non-Discrimination, AGE Platform Europe

Moderator:
Ms Kyung-Hee CHUNG, Member of AGAC Expert Group and former Senior Research Fellow of Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA)

Followed by Q&A session with virtual audience
DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2021
Venue: Online platform

15:00-18:00
(3 hours with two 10-minute breaks in between)

Working Group 1
Theme: Autonomy and Independence of Older Persons
Rapporteur: Prof Titti MATTSSON, Lund University
Moderator: Mr Rio HADA, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Working Group 2
Theme: Social Protection and Human Rights of Older Persons
Rapporteur: Prof Andrew BYRNES, University of New South Wales
Moderator: Mr Srinivas TATA, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Working Group 3
Theme: Age Discrimination against Older Persons Focusing on Labour Markets
Rapporteur: Prof Jolanta PEREK-BIALAS, Jagiellonian University
Moderator: Dr ZHANG Wenjuan, Renmin University

Working Group 4
Theme: Empowerment of Older Persons through Education and Training
Rapporteur: Prof Yeong-Ran PARK, Kangnam University
Moderator: Ms Bridget SLEA, HelpAge International

Simultaneous Working Groups
Venue: Online platform

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2021
Venue: Online

15:00 – 17:00  
Closing Plenary
Venue: Online platform

Chair: Mr Achsanul HABIB, Director of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

Working Group 1 Presentation
Theme: Autonomy and Independence of Older Persons
- 10 min

Working Group 2 Presentation
Theme: Social Protection and Human Rights of Older Persons
- 10 min

Working Group 3 Presentation
Theme: Age Discrimination against Older Persons Focusing on Labour Markets
- 10 min

15:00 – 15:40  
Rapporteurs’ Summary on Each Workshop
Programme (20 February 2021)

15:40 – 16:00
(Q&A Session with virtual audience)

Working Group 4 Presentation
Theme: Empowerment of Older Persons through Education and Training
– 10 min

Chair: Ms Jenny PIAGET, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Closing address
Ms Amal ABOU RAFEH
Head of the Ageing programme, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Closing Remarks on behalf of the host
Ms Hye-kyung LEE
Chairwoman of AGAC Board of Directors, Professor Emeritus of Yonsei University

Closing Remarks on behalf of the organisers
Ms Jenny PIAGET, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

16:40 – 17:00
(Official Closing)

17:00
(End of Programme)

17:00-18:00
(Optional)
(Virtual networking)

About #ASEMHRS20

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The 20th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights (ASEMHRS20) provides a platform for various stakeholders working in the area of elderly rights for sharing common concerns and best practices with the aim of seeking measures to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights of older persons across ASEM Partner countries.

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