



SCHOOL OF LAW RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES
SPRING 2016

Human Rights & Human Trafficking by Sea: A Bay of Bengal Perspective

DR NAHID HOSSAIN

DATE

Wednesday 24 August 2016

TIME

11.30am - 12.30pm

VENUE

Moot Court, Building EO, Parramatta

LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP

law.research@westernsydney.edu.au

INQUIRIES

m.blissenden@westernsydney.edu.au

ABSTRACT

In the latter part of previous century, higher demand in labor market appeared as a by-product of economic and social development in many parts of Asia, Europe and North America. In such trend, large number of population from South Asia (Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal and India and so on) migrated or hired by the relatively economically solvent countries. Unfortunately, migration aspirant Bangladeshi and Rohingyas of Myanmar became target of human traffickers. They were allured to take illegal routes to reach Southeast Asian countries of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and even to Australia using the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea. In 2015, the scenario ended in one of the largest human disasters in the region when massive mass graves were found in remote parts of Thailand; hundreds died in seas (Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea, South-China and Java Sea). The New York Times on its 14 May 2015 issue stated that "the boat's plight provided a dramatic example of the migration crisis confronting the region: An estimated 6,000 to 20,000 migrants are at sea, fleeing ethnic persecution in Myanmar and poverty in Bangladesh, while countries are pointing fingers at one another and declining to take responsibility themselves." As investigators are emphasizing such scenario as man-made disaster, influence of natural environmental change, lack of legal instruments, political and/or economic impact cannot be overlooked.

BIOGRAPHY

DR NAHID HOSSAIN

Dr. Nahid Hossain is a Deputy Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Government of Bangladesh. Earlier he worked as Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. He holds a Doctor of Engineering in Environmental Economics from Toyohashi University of Technology, Japan and a degree of Master of Economics from Yamaguchi University, Japan. Dr Hossain has research interest in environmental governance, public policy, human trafficking, development and various macro/micro economic issues. Dr. Hossain worked in various capacities in Bangladesh and abroad. As a career civil servant Dr. Hossain worked in Bangladesh Police Department as Superintendent of Police and lead Natore as Police Chief of the District. Dr Hossain joined School of Law, Western Sydney University as a Visiting Fellow in 2015.

COMMENTATOR

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DAUD HASSAN

Associate Professor Daud Hassan joined the University of Western Sydney in 2009 with considerable teaching, research and community service experience. Daud taught at five different universities in Australia and Overseas, including University of Technology Sydney and Victoria University, Melbourne. Daud is the Director of International Centre for Ocean Governance (ICOG). He is a member of the Specialist Group on Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs for the IUCN and a member of the International Law and Sea Level Rise Committee for the International Law Association (ILA), Global Branch.