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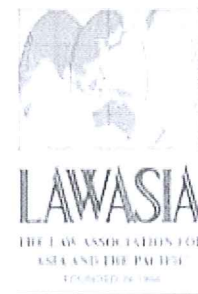




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## **5th LAWASIA International Human Rights Conference 2025**

**"Human Rights Resilience: Navigating Technological, Environmental,  
and Social Challenges"**

LAWASIA invites members and colleagues to submit a proposal to speak at the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> International LAWASIA Human Rights Conference taking place 15 -17 February 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Proposals must correspond to one of the conference session topics outlined below.

Your expression of interest must include:

Session details:

- name of session – refer to conference session topics below
- presentation abstract (300-word limit), fully summarising the content focus of your presentation

*Note: Regrettably, the Organising Committee is unable to accept proposals with topics that are not listed in the conference programme.*

Speaker credentials:

- full name and contact details
- brief professional biography indicating relevant experience
- where will we find further information about you? Please share links to any social media accounts, videos, recorded presentations, published articles and/or testimonials.

Deadline for Submission: 30 November 2024

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

**SAVE THE DATE:** 15 - 17 February 2025

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**LOCATION:** Kathmandu, Nepal

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**VENUE:** Megha Malhar, The Soaltee Kathmandu

## TIMELINE

<b>11th</b> November 2024	<b>Call for Speakers</b>
<b>30th</b> November 2024	<b>Submission Deadline</b>
<b>15th</b> December 2024	<b>Notification of Selection</b>
<b>30th</b> December 2024	<b>Confirmation of acceptance</b>
<b>15th</b> January 2025	<b>Communication to the panellist with the moderators</b>
<b>15, 16, 17</b> February 2025	<b>Conference Date</b>

Please send your submission via email to:  
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*Note: Only successful candidates will be contacted*

## CONFERENCE SESSION TOPICS

Proposals may be submitted under one of the following session topics:

### HUMAN RIGHTS

#### 1. Human Rights in Digital Age

The session "Human Rights in the Digital Age" will delve into the complex landscape of human rights as they intersect with the rapid advancements in digital technology. This discussion will explore how digital innovations—such as the internet, social media, and artificial intelligence—both empower and challenge fundamental human rights. Participants will examine issues like digital privacy, freedom of expression online, and the right to access information. The session will also address the risks of digital surveillance, cyber harassment, and the digital divide, which can exacerbate existing social inequalities. By featuring expert insights and real-world case studies, the session aims to highlight the importance of protecting human rights in the digital realm and promoting ethical standards and regulations that ensure technology serves humanity's best

interests. Through this dialogue, the session seeks to foster a more equitable and just digital future for all.

## 2. Human Rights and Inclusion: focus on Children, women and LGBTQI people

The session "Human Rights and Inclusion: Focus on Children, Women and LGBTQI+ people" will delve into the intricate intersections of gender and human rights, highlighting the unique challenges faced by these communities. This session aims to illuminate the systemic inequalities and discrimination that women and LGBTQI individuals encounter daily, from legal rights and healthcare access to social acceptance and workplace inclusion. Expert speakers and activists will share their insights and experiences, fostering a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand. By addressing these pressing concerns, the session strives to advocate for stronger protections, inclusive policies, and societal changes that promote equality, dignity, and respect for all, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation.

## 3. Global Concern of Migrants and Refugees

The session titled "Global Concerns of Migrants and Refugees" aims to shine a light on the multifaceted challenges faced by migrants and refugees in today's rapidly evolving world. This session will delve into the legal, social, and humanitarian aspects of migration, addressing the root causes such as conflict, climate change, and economic disparities. Attendees will hear from experts and advocates who will share insights on the impact of current policies, the role of international cooperation, and the urgent need for sustainable solutions to protect the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees. By fostering an inclusive dialogue, this session aims to generate actionable strategies to address these pressing global issues and promote a more just and equitable world for all.

## 4. Human Rights in Transitional Justice

The session "Human Rights in Transitional Justice" aims to explore the vital role of human rights in the transitional justice process, which occurs in societies emerging from conflict or repressive regimes. This session will address how transitional justice mechanisms—such as truth commissions, reparations programs, and institutional reforms—can effectively incorporate human rights principles to ensure accountability, redress, and reconciliation. Attendees will gain insights from international experts, human rights advocates, and survivors, who will share their experiences and strategies for promoting justice, restoring dignity, and building sustainable peace. The session seeks to underscore the importance of a human rights-centered approach in achieving long-term stability and justice for affected communities.

## 5. The role of NHRC and NHRI in safeguarding Human Rights

The session on "The Role of NHRC and NHRI in Safeguarding Human Rights" will explore the vital contributions of National Human Rights Commissions (NHRC) and National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) in protecting and promoting human rights within their respective jurisdictions. This discussion will shed light on how these bodies operate independently from governments to monitor, report, and address human rights violations. The session will delve into their functions, including investigating complaints, advising on human rights policies, and educating the public about their rights. By examining case studies and best practices, the session aims to highlight the impact of NHRCs and NHRIs in advancing justice, providing remedies to victims, and fostering a culture of human rights. It will also discuss the challenges these institutions face and strategies to enhance their effectiveness in the ever-evolving landscape of human rights advocacy.

## 6. The Role of the Judiciary in Securing Human Rights

The session "The Role of the Judiciary in Securing Human Rights" will delve into the judiciary's pivotal function in upholding and enforcing human rights within legal frameworks. This discussion will highlight how courts ensure the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms while balancing the reasonable application of restrictions, such as those on Freedom of Expression (FOE). It will explore how judicial decisions navigate the fine line between safeguarding free speech and maintaining public order through mechanisms like contempt of court, ensuring that the judiciary can effectively uphold its authority without stifling legitimate expression. Participants will gain insights into landmark cases and judicial practices that have shaped the human rights landscape, emphasizing the judiciary's role as a guardian of justice and a protector of individual liberties.

## 7. Business and Human Rights

The session "Business and Human Rights" will delve into the critical nexus between corporate operations and human rights obligations. This discussion will explore how businesses, in their pursuit of profit, can both positively and negatively impact human rights. By examining case studies and industry practices, the session will highlight the importance of corporate accountability in ensuring that business activities do not infringe upon the rights of individuals and communities. Key topics will include the implementation of human rights due diligence, the role of corporate social responsibility (CSR) programs, and the enforcement of international standards such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. This session aims to foster a deeper understanding of how businesses can contribute to a fairer society by respecting and promoting human rights while holding them accountable for any adverse impacts they might cause.

# ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

## 1. Climate Change & Environmental Justice: The Himalayan Perspectives

The session "Climate Change & Environmental Justice: The Himalayan Perspectives" will delve into the unique environmental challenges faced by the Himalayan region, one of the most ecologically sensitive areas on the planet. It will examine the far-reaching impacts of climate change on the delicate ecosystems, glacial melt, and weather patterns, which directly affect the livelihoods and well-being of the local communities. By highlighting the resilience and traditional knowledge of Himalayan inhabitants, the session aims to bring forth stories of adaptation and survival in the face of environmental adversity. Experts, activists, and community leaders will discuss the urgent need for sustainable policies and practices that promote environmental justice, ensuring that the voices of those most affected are heard and their rights protected. Through this dialogue, the session seeks to inspire collaborative efforts to address climate change and uphold justice for the people and ecosystems of the Himalayas.

## 2. Biodiversity Loss and Ecosystem Degradation

The session on "Biodiversity Loss and Ecosystem Degradation" will delve into the urgent environmental crises affecting our planet. This discussion will focus on the accelerating rate of species extinction, habitat loss, and the resulting impacts on ecosystem functionality and human well-being. Experts will examine the drivers behind biodiversity loss, including climate change, deforestation, pollution, and unsustainable agricultural practices. The session aims to highlight the interconnectedness of ecosystems and the essential services they provide, from clean water and air to food security and disease regulation. By bringing together scientists,



conservationists, policymakers, and community leaders, the session seeks to generate actionable strategies for conservation and restoration efforts, emphasizing the importance of preserving biodiversity to ensure a healthy and resilient planet for future generations.

### 3. Environmental and Public Law Litigation: importance of the Convention on Protection of Lawyers

The session "Environmental and Public Law Litigation: Importance of the Convention on Protection of Lawyers" will examine the pivotal role that legal professionals play in upholding environmental laws and justice. This session will underscore the significance of the Convention on the Protection of Lawyers, which ensures the safety and independence of lawyers working in often contentious and high-stakes environmental litigation. Through compelling case studies on successful international public interest environmental lawsuits, participants will explore how litigation has been leveraged to enforce environmental laws and achieve significant policy changes. The discussion will also highlight the critical contributions of NGOs, civil society, and legal practitioners in driving environmental advocacy, providing a collaborative framework for advancing environmental protection. Strategies for using public interest law will be shared, focusing on how legal action can be a powerful tool in promoting environmental justice and safeguarding our natural world for future generations.

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES

### 1. Land Rights and Displacement

The session "Land Rights and Displacement" will explore the critical challenges faced by indigenous communities across the Asia-Pacific region regarding their ancestral lands. Large-scale development projects, such as dams, mining, and plantations, often result in the forced displacement of these communities, disrupting their traditional way of life and causing severe environmental degradation. This displacement not only leads to the loss of cultural heritage but also exacerbates existing social and economic inequalities. The session will highlight the lack of legal recognition and protection of indigenous land rights, which makes it difficult for these communities to defend their territories and resources. Through case studies, expert insights, and personal testimonies, the session aims to shed light on these pressing issues and discuss potential solutions to protect and empower indigenous peoples.

### 2. Violence and Discrimination against the Indigenous People

The session "Violence and Discrimination against Indigenous People" will delve into the persistent and pervasive issues faced by indigenous communities globally. This discussion will highlight the multifaceted nature of violence and discrimination, from physical violence and forced displacement to systemic inequalities and cultural erasure. By examining case studies and personal testimonies, the session aims to shed light on the historical and contemporary injustices that indigenous peoples endure. Participants will explore the root causes, such as colonial legacies, economic exploitation, and political marginalization, and discuss the urgent need for comprehensive legal and social reforms. The role of international organizations, governments, and civil society in addressing these issues will be emphasized, aiming to foster a collaborative approach to protect and empower indigenous communities. Through this session, we seek to advocate for the rights and dignity of indigenous peoples and ensure their voices are heard in the global human rights discourse.

In collaboration with:

LAWASIA Human Rights Committee  
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LAWASIA Indigenous Communities and Peoples Committee

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