



**A REGIONAL CALL FOR  
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS AND PUBLIC ADVOCACY  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE STUDIES SCHOLARS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

**Organized under the  
Strengthening Human Rights and Peace Research and Education  
in ASEAN/Southeast Asia (SHAPE-SEA)**

**A collaborative initiative of the  
ASEAN University Network- Human Rights Education (AUN - HRE) &  
Southeast Asian Human Rights Studies Network (SEAHRN)**

The SHAPE-SEA program on *Academic Partnerships and Public Advocacy (APPA)* seeks to establish a network of scholars and advocates in the area of human rights and peace studies within the region.

These activities include **Lecture Tours, Teaching Collaborations, and Research Fellowships.**

The activities are intended to identify and develop **human rights and peace scholars that will challenge, innovate, and advance human rights and peace advocacy in Southeast Asia.**

Through an exchange of research data, analytical frames, insights and strategies, the **vibrant network of scholars and advocates for human rights and peace education in Southeast Asia** will be strengthened.

The **Lecture Tours, Teaching Collaboration, and Research Fellowships** should be linked to any of the five (5) SHAPE-SEA themes. These are:

**1. ASEAN and Human Rights**

This theme will explore ASEAN's role in human rights promotion and protection. With the upcoming ASEAN integration, what will this mean for development, peace, and migration? How can ASEAN contribute to human rights and peace?

**2. Business Accountability**

This theme will focus on the relationship between business communities and human rights, and in particular ways to ensure compliance with human rights standards in the economic development of the region. Focus areas can include labour standards, international trade, environmental justice, and corporate social accountability



### 3. Peace and Security

ASEAN still has a number of ongoing conflicts, all of which have human rights dimensions. Research on this theme can address issues of peace, conflict transformation, and reconciliation. Conflict can be interpreted at all levels, from domestic violence to interstate conflict.

### 4. Governance and Justice

This theme aims to provide research that can be utilized in assisting or assessing governance and justice systems, in particular how can governments meet their and obligations towards human rights and peace. What is the standard of the rule of law throughout SEA? Potential areas of research can be on the impact of corruption, government's protection of marginalized and vulnerable groups, and the importance of accountability, transparency and freedom of expression.

### 5. Academic Freedom

Research in this theme may provide an understanding of the legal context to academic freedom; and address policy and legal developments on academic freedom.

## HOW ARE THE ACTIVITIES DESIGNED?

### Lecture Tours

Lecture Tours are open to all academic institutions (universities and colleges) in Southeast Asia to propose a guest lecturer and act as host of the guest lecturer.

A **minimum** of three lectures in one academic institution (depending on the size of institution) or three lectures at three different academic institutions within the country are required. Support will vary on the country of travel and the duration of the lecture tour. A maximum of \$3,000 USD will be provided to the guest lecturer.

The initial processing of concept proposals for Lecture Tours include:

- (1) letter of intent explaining the critical value of the proposal (highlight thematic area, how the lecture tour intends to challenge, innovate, and/or advance human rights and peace research and education in the region, and approximate budget);
- (2) curriculum vitae of proposed guest lecturer (a maximum of 5 pages);
- (3) sample work of proposed guest lecturer (could be a journal article, a speech, etc.);
- (4) brief description of proposed audiences (a maximum of 1 page); and
- (5) brief description of proposed host institution (a maximum of 1 page)

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## Teaching Collaboration

This activity is designed to facilitate collaboration among teaching faculty in Southeast Asia. The aim of the activity is to exchange research, expertise and provide new platforms for disseminating new knowledge on any of the 5 themes. **At least** one partner of the teaching collaboration should be a member of the AUN or SEAHRN networks.

The teaching collaboration includes developing a course module based on SHAPE-SEA's thematic areas. The academics will be required to pilot run the module at the partner university.

Support will vary on the country of travel and length of stay. Both academics will be supported separately at a maximum of 3000 USD per person.

The initial processing of concept proposals for Teaching Collaboration will include:

- (1) letter of intent explaining the critical value of the proposal (highlight thematic area, how the teaching collaboration intends to challenge, innovate, and/or advance human rights and peace research and education in the region, and approximate budget);
- (2) curriculum vitae of collaborators (a maximum of 5 pages);
- (3) brief description of proposed audiences (a maximum of 1 page); and
- (4) brief description of proposed host institutions (a maximum of 1 page)

## Research Fellowship

Research Fellowships are intended to provide academics the resources to conduct new research or build on existing research. Research Fellowships are **only** open to academics from member universities of AUN and SEAHRN. Policy implications derived from the research on any of the 5 thematic areas are encouraged.

The minimum research fellowship is one month and the maximum fellowship is three months at the host university. Research fellows are required to deliver **at least** two lectures during the fellowship. Research Fellows will also be required to submit their research manuscript (5000 to 8000 words) for publication by SHAPE-SEA. Financial support will vary on the length and country of stay with a maximum support of 6000 USD.

The initial processing of concept proposals for Research Fellowships will include:

- (1) letter of intent explaining the critical value of the proposal (highlight thematic area, how the research fellowship intends to challenge, innovate, and/or advance human rights and peace research and education in the region, and approximate budget);
- (2) curriculum vitae of the researcher (a maximum of 5 pages);
- (3) brief description of proposed audiences for intended research (a maximum of 1 page); and
- (4) brief description of proposed host institution (a maximum of 1 page)



## WHO CAN APPLY?

### Targeted Applicants include:

- For Lecture Tours and Teaching Collaborations - Full-time or part time academics from Southeast Asian universities
- For Research Fellowships: academics from AUN-HRE or SEAHRN member institutions only
- Academics on sabbatical from AUN-HRE or SEAHRN member institutions

All applicants are encouraged to apply at the earliest.

Please send your proposal including budget, curriculum vitae and related documents and/ or inquiries to Program Manager at [appa.shapesea@gmail.com](mailto:appa.shapesea@gmail.com). Kindly identify activity and date in the subject line (e.g.: Lecture Tour, October 2017).

### **Background**

SHAPE-SEA is funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and the Norwegian Center for Human Rights (NCHR). The project is a collaboration of thirty AUN-HRE members and twenty-two SEAHRN members (See members at <http://shapesea.com/category/members1/>).

SHAPE SEA is hosted by the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), Mahidol University, which also serves as the AUN-HRE and SEAHRN secretariat.