

# *“In the World of the Survivor”*

*International Day Against Torture: June 26, 2012*



Tuesday, 26 June 2012, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Room 201, 2/F Main Building

The University of Hong Kong

#### Moderators:

Bijo Francis, Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)

Kelley Loper, Assistant Professor and Director, LLM (HR), University of Hong Kong

#### Speakers:

W.J. Basil Fernando, Director, AHRC

Bushra Khaliq, Chairperson, Women in Struggle for Empowerment

Danilo Reyes, Programme Officer, AHRC

Mark Daly, Partner, Barnes & Daly Solicitors

Adrielle Panares, Director, International Social Services

Alison Mackay, Head, Psychosocial Program, Christian Action

Aleta Miller, Executive Director, Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre

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## Speaker Bios

**W.J. Basil Fernando** is a Sri Lankan born jurist, human rights activist, author, poet, and prolific writer. He was educated at St. Anthony's College, Wattala and St. Benedict's College, Kotahena. Fernando earned a LLB from the University of Ceylon in 1972 and registered as an Attorney at Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in 1980. He practiced law in Sri Lanka until 1989. Fernando became a legal adviser to Vietnamese refugees in a UNHCR-sponsored project in Hong Kong before joining the United Nations Transitional Authority in 1992 as a senior human rights officer. He later served as the Chief of Legal Assistance to Cambodia of the UN Centre of Human Rights. Fernando has been associated with the Asian Human Rights Centre and the Asian Legal Resource Centre since 1994.

**Bushra Khaliq** is the chairperson of Women in Struggle for Empowerment and focal person of the Anti-Torture Alliance Pakistan, the Pakistan chapter of Asian Alliance against Torture and Ill-treatment. The group is composed of 23 organizations working jointly for enactment of law on torture. Khaliq is a researcher and the author of many articles on home-based women workers, violence against women and human rights issues.

**Danilo Reyes** is a former journalist, now responsible for the work of the AHRC on the Philippines. He has written numerous special reports illustrating the occurrence of human rights violations, particularly torture in criminal investigations, extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances in the country. Reyes is also a Programme Officer of the Urgent Appeals Programme and he has been involved in this aspect of the Commission's work since 2005. Reyes obtained a degree in journalism at the University of Mindanao, the Philippines and is presently studying for an LLM in Human Rights at the University of Hong Kong .

**Mark Daly** is a human rights lawyer originally from Canada and has worked on human rights cases in Hong Kong since 1995. In addition to the latest cases involving permanent residence for domestic workers significant cases include the Court of Final Appeal case of *Sakthevel Prabakar v Secretary for Security* (FACV 16 of 2003, Judgment 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004) involving the question of refugees and the Convention Against Torture "CAT". As Amnesty International's representative he has attended, as international legal observer, the trial in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, of former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the appeal of opposition politician, Lim Guan Eng. Mark is an original member of the Article 23 (opposed to proposed security legislation) and Article 45 (democracy) Concern Groups and his firm was the winner of the Asian Legal Business "Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year" and the Law Society 2011 Pro Bono Law Firm Award. Mark also lectured on the legal position of asylum seekers in Hong Kong at the University of Hong Kong's 1<sup>st</sup> "Intensive Course on International Refugee Law" in 2006 and is trainer for the legal profession on refugee/CAT law. He holds an LLM in Human Rights from HKU.

**Alison Mackay** MA, MSW, RSW, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland and is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh. She has 20 years experience as a Social Worker and has worked in Australia and the UK in variety of settings. Much of her work to-date has been with families in crisis which has included Asylum Seekers and Refugees. She moved to Hong Kong two years ago leaving her most recent post as Manager of the Baby Adoption Team in Glasgow and Convener of the West of Scotland Adoption Service. She was also a part-time tutor on the MA Social Work Degree at Glasgow University. Alison is currently employed as a Social Worker with Christian Action based in their Service Centre in Chung King Mansion, which serves the Asylum Seeker and Refugees population in Hong Kong.

**Aleta Miller** joined the Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre in January 2012 as Executive Director. She has moved to Hong Kong from New York where she was working for the United Nations Population Fund in Gender and Human Rights, covering 20 countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Previously, she spent almost 6 years working in the field of HIV in Myanmar, for both UNAIDS and an international NGO. In addition to gender, human rights and HIV, her background includes a number of positions working with drug users in Australia, and work with Vietnamese refugees at Pillar Point Refugees Camp in the 1990s. She has also worked for the Chinese Ministry of Health in Beijing, and in community development in Papua New Guinea. Aleta holds a Bachelor of Behavioral Science and has undertaken post-graduate study in Applied Psychology and Community Mental Health. She has a Master's in International Health and is an Australian-registered psychologist (non-practising).

*In the World of the Survivor: IDAT 2012 Panel Discussion*

2:00pm – 3:00pm	<p><b>Panel 1 : Asia</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Bijo Francis, Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <i>W.J. Basil Fernando, Director, AHRC</i></li><li>❖ <i>Bushra Khaliq, Chairperson, Women in Struggle for Empowerment</i></li><li>❖ <i>Danilo Reyes, Programme Officer, AHRC</i></li></ul>
3:00pm – 3:15pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
3:15pm - 3:30pm	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p><b>Panel 2 : Hong Kong</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p>Moderator : <i>Kelley Loper, (Assistant Professor and Director, LLM (HR), University of Hong Kong)</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <i>Mark Daly, Partner, Barnes &amp; Daly Solicitors</i></li><li>❖ <i>Adrielle Panares, Director, International Social Services</i></li><li>❖ <i>Aleta Miller, Executive Director, Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre</i></li><li>❖ <i>Alison Mackay, Head, Psychosocial Program, Christian Action</i></li></ul>
4:30pm – 4:45pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
4:45pm – 5:00pm	<b>Word of Thanks</b>

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