



Invitation and Conference Programme

3rd Oslo International Symposium on Capital Punishment

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The University of Oslo and the Universities Against the Death Penalty Network proudly welcomes you to the 3rd Oslo International Symposium on Capital Punishment and the **Inaugural Conference of the UADP Network**

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venue:
Professorboligen, Karl Johans gt 47, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

6 – 8 December 2015



UiO : University of Oslo

Day 1 – Sunday, 6 December 2015

08.30 – 09.00 Registration, tea and coffee

09.00 – 09.30 Welcome: **Professor Ole Petter OTTERSEN**, Rector, University of Oslo.
Introduction: **Dr jur. Hanne Sophie GREVE**, International Commission Against the Death Penalty.
Dr Lill SCHERDIN, Director UADP Network – *“Introduction: emancipatory traditions Islam and the death penalty.”*

09.30 – 10.15 Keynote speaker – **Professor Abdullahi AN NAIM**, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law, Emory University.
“Islam, the secular state and human rights: civic reason in debating the death penalty.”

10.15 – 10.30 Questions & discussion.

10.30 – 11.15 **Professor Wayne MORRISON**, Queen Mary University of London.
“Trials of genocide in Bangladesh, political contestations and death penalty in play – looking into the abyss with Nils Christie.”

11.15 – 11.30 Questions & discussion.

11.30 – 11.45 Tea & coffee break

11.45 – 12.15 **Professor Bikramjeet BATRA**, Policy Adviser at Amnesty International.
“The Death Penalty in India, at a crossroads?”

12.15 – 12.30 **Professor Roger HOOD**, Emeritus Fellow All Souls College Oxford.
Discussant and commentary.

12.30 – 12.45 Questions & discussion.

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 13.50 **Dr Lill SCHERDIN**
“Introduction: the long lines in death penalty history in Japan.”

13.50 – 14.35 **Professor Koichi HAMAI**, Law School at Ryukoku, University in Kyoto.
“Facts and features of the death penalty in Japan today – in the context of Japanese society and Japanese criminal justice.”

14.35 – 14.50 Questions & discussion.

14.50 – 15.05 Tea and coffee break

15.05 – 15.50 **Professor Setsuo MIYAZAWA**, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo.
“Death penalty in Japan: the ebb and flow of moral panics, the victims and the bureaucrats – changes in penal benchmarks and penal sensibilities?”

15.50 – 16.05 Questions & discussion.

16.05 – 16.50 **Prof Andrew NOVAK**, Department Criminal Justice, George Mason University.
“Death penalty in Africa: a brief overview and some recent constitutional.”
Questions & discussion.

Day 2 – Monday, 7 December 2015

08.30 – 09.00 Registration, tea and coffee

09.00 – 09.30 Introduction from **Ambassador Petter Wille**, Ambassador-at-Large, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and **Raphaël CHENUIL-HAZAN** Vice-President World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

09.30 – 10.15 Keynote speaker – **Professor John BESSLER**, University of Baltimore School of Law, and adjunct Professor at Georgetown University Law Center.
“The long march towards abolition: from the Enlightenment to the United Nations.”

10.15 – 10.30 Questions & discussion.

10.30 – 11.15 **Professor Mahmood Amiry-Moghaddam**, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Oslo, and Spokesperson for Iran Human Rights.
“Death penalty trends in Iran 2011-2015: before and after, improving relations with the West.”

11.15 – 11.30 Questions & discussion.

11.30 – 11.45 Tea and coffee break

11.45 – 12.30 **Dr Michelle MIAO**, University of Nottingham.
“The changing penal ethos in contemporary China: the use of the death penalty for corruption, murder and drugs.”

12.30 – 12.45 Questions & discussion.

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 14.10 **Gisle KVANVIG**, Director of the Vietnam Program, Norwegian Center for Human Rights.
“Death Penalty for corruption: penal sensibilities and political structure in Vietnam.”

14.10 – 14.15 Questions & discussion.

14.15 – 14.40 **Professor Giao VU CONG**, Institute of Public Policy and Law, Vietnam National University Hanoi.
“Death Penalty: changes in law, and contrasting views in public and parliamentary debates in Vietnam in 2015.”

14.40 – 14.45 Questions & discussion.

14.45 – 15.00 Tea and coffee break

15.00 – 15.45 **Mr Julian P. McMAHON**, Australian lawyer, represented Van Tuong Nguyen and members of the Bali Nine.
“Death Penalty in Indonesia and Singapore, seen through the eyes of a barrister involved in the concrete cases of those facing the death penalty.”

15.45 – 16.00 **Kjetil Fiskaa Alvsåker**, Legal Adviser – Indonesian Programme NCHR.
Discussant and commentary on Mr Julian McMahon’s presentation.

16.00 – 16.45 **Prof Andrew NOVAK**, George Mason University.
“Recent developments on the mandatory death penalty and comparative clemency in the Commonwealth.”

16.45 – 17.00 Questions & discussion.

17.15 – 21.00 Conference Dinner – speakers, chairs, sponsors and network partners.

Day 3 – Tuesday, 8 December 2015

- 09.30 – 10.00 Registration, tea and coffee**
- 10.00 – 10.20** **Antonio STANGO**, Coordinator of the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty.
Dr Lill SCHERDIN, *Introduction: Human Dignity.*
- 10.20 – 11.05** Keynote speaker – **Professor Jonathan SIMON**, Director of Center for the Study of Law and Society at Berkeley Law, University of California.
“Abolition without dignity: is America on a dignity-free road to abolition?”
- 11.05 – 11.20** Questions & discussion.
- 10.20 – 11.05** **Dr Evi GIRLING**, Keele University.
“The Death Penalty and Death in Punishment in the US and Europe: parallel lives, trade-offs and equivalencies.”
- 11.05 – 11.20** Questions & discussion.
- 11.20 – 11.55 Tea and coffee break**
- 11.55 – 12.00** **Professor May-Len SKILBREI**, Department of Criminology, University of Oslo.
Introduction: “Borderlands: other killings by the states – or just letting die at the borders.”
- 12.00 – 12.20** **Professor Katja FRANKO**, Department of Criminology, University of Oslo.
“Death at the border: humanitarianism and precarious lives in Europe.”
- 12.20 – 12.30** Questions & discussion.
- 12.30 – 12.50** **Dr Kjersti LOHNE**, Department of Criminology, University of Oslo.
“Exploring the slippery spaces between war and punishment in the global borderlands: drones, targeted killings and the death penalty.”
- 12.50 – 13.00** Questions & discussion.
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**
- 14.00 – 14.05** **Dr Lill SCHERDIN**
Introduction: “Reasons for giving the abolition of the death penalty in the nation state our attention – sustainable development of criminal justice.”
- 14.05 – 14.25** **Professor Vidar HALVORSEN**, Department of Criminology, University of Oslo.
“Trust, sustainability and overlapping justifications of punishment.”
- 14.25 – 14.40** Questions & discussion.
- 14.40 – 15.25** **Dr Asbjørn RACHLEW**, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights.
“Errors of Justice – an independent argument for abolition.”
- 15.25 – 15.40** Questions & discussion.
- 15.40 – 16.00** Tea and coffee break
- 16.00 – 16.30** **Professor Roger HOOD – Summing up!**
- 16.30** **Dr Lill SCHERDIN** – Final comments and thank you.