



Overview: LGBTQIA+ human rights in Southeast Asia

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ASEAN SOGIE Caucus is a regional civil society organization that advances the human rights of LGBTQIA+, nonbinary and gender diverse persons in Southeast Asia.

Our vision is to build a SOGIESC-inclusive Southeast Asia.



KEY ISSUES

SHRINKING CIVIC SPACES

ACADEMIA • OPINION

COVID-19 shrinks civic space in Southeast Asia



Activists who are members of the United People's Alliance (ARB) are holding a #GejayanMeminding peace rally Rejecting Omnibuslaw in Gejayan, Sleman, D.I Yogyakarta, Monday (9/3/2020). (Antara/Andreas Fitri Atmoko)

THE NEED FOR INTERSECTIONAL APPROACH

Vietnam Adopts Global LGBT Health Standard

New Health Ministry Order Upholds Dignity, Nondiscrimination



A cyclist holds up a poster reading in Vietnamese, "Shine your true colors," ahead of a bike rally in Hanoi, Vietnam, September 24, 2017. © 2017 AP Photo/Hau Dinh

MORE READING

- October 3, 2022 | Statement
Thailand: Submission to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
- September 20, 2022 | Statement
Japan: Submission to the UN Human Rights Committee

MOST VIEWED

- October 20, 2022 | News Release
Afghanistan: Women Protesters Detail Taliban Abuse
- October 19, 2022 | Report
Ukraine: Russian Forces Torture, Kill, and Detain Detainees
- February 7, 2013 | Report
Breaking the Silence

DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES

MALAYSIA'S LGBTQ WOES



Discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people is pervasive in Malaysia.



Federal law punishes LGBTQ expression with up to 20 years in prison.



Prime Minister Mahathir stated that Malaysia "cannot accept LGBT culture."



Sharia laws prohibit both same-sex relations and non-normative gender expression.



Frequent arrests of transgender people.

SOURCE: THE JAKARTA POST

SOURCE: HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

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CRIMINAL LAWS

BOGOR, INDONESIA ON THE CRIMINALISATION OF SEXUAL DEVIANT

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Bogor Urged to Review Regulation on Sexual Deviation

Translator: Dewi Elvia Muthiariny | Editor: Petir Garda Bhwana

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TEMPO.CO, Jakarta - The International NGO Forum on Indonesia Development or INFID asked the **Bogor** City Government to review its regional regulation or Perda No.

SOURCE: TEMPO

ANTI GAY-LAW, BRUNEI

Brunei implements stoning to death under anti-LGBT laws

3 April 2019



GETTY IMAGES

| Homosexuality was already illegal in Brunei

SOURCE: BBC

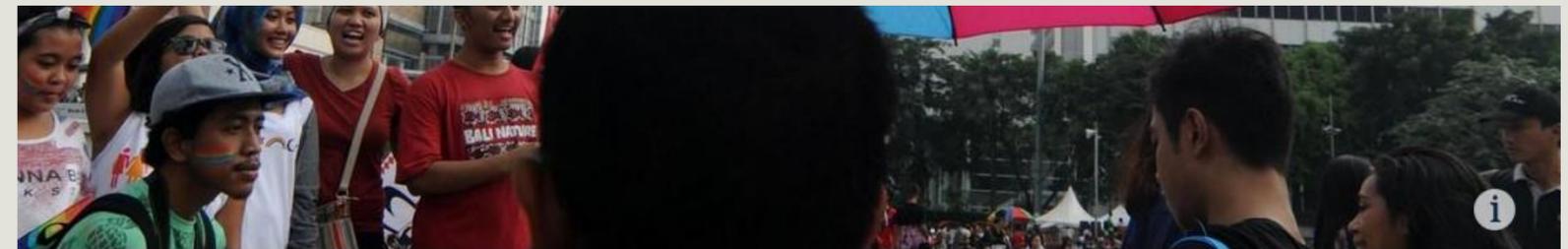
REGRESSIVE POLICY



HAIRCUT POLICY AFFECTED
GENDER DIVERSE STUDENTSS
EXPRESSION IN PHILIPPINES

DRAFT CRIMINAL CODE IN
INDONESIA

DISCRIMINATION OR DISCIPLINE?
SCHOOL HAIRCUTS FOR LGBTQ YOUTHS
SPARK ONLINE DEBATE



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Indonesia's LGBTQ community fears legal crackdown

Arti Ekawati
06/02/2022

Indonesia's parliament is currently debating on the country's criminal code. LGBTQ rights activists are worried new legal standards on morality could be used to persecute same-sex couples.

SOURCE: COCONUTS PH

SOURCE: DW

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OPPORTUNITIES

MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN VIETNAM DECLARES LGBTQ+ IS NOT A DISEASE

Vietnam declares being LGBTQ+ is 'not an illness' in victory for gay rights

Campaigners hail landmark decision as a 'huge paradigm shift' in attitudes towards sexuality



Young people celebrate a Pride event on the streets of Hanoi, Vietnam. Photograph: Minh Hoang/EPA

SINGAPORE ON REPEAL 377A

Bills to repeal 377A, amend Constitution to protect definition of marriage tabled in Parliament



The traditional light-up for the Pink Dot event in 2019 spelt out a call to repeal Section 377A of the Penal Code, which criminalises sex between men. (Photo: CNA/Cindy Co)

PRESIDENT OF TIMOR-LESTE' ON SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ RIGHTS

Timor-Leste president supports LGBT rights

President Jose Ramos-Horta also pledged to combat violence and discrimination against vulnerable groups



SOURCE: THE GUARDIAN

SOURCE: CNA NEWS

SOURCE: UCA NEWS

RECOMMENDATIONS



- Enact legislations and policies prohibiting all forms of discrimination;
- Ensure that development programs, in line with the sustainable development goals (SDGs), are designed and implemented inclusively and in a way that advances equality, dignity, freedom of expression, freedom of association and peaceful assembly;
- Promote and ensure meaningful participation of marginalised groups.