

UNU CONVERSATION SERIES



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# Asia's Ambivalence Towards International Law

Friday, 17 October 2014, 6:30–7:30 PM

Reception & buffet after the event

United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

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It is well known that Asian countries are significantly under-represented in the institutions of global governance, but Asia also participates less in international organizations. Only one-third of Asian countries have ratified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, for example, compared with three-quarters of the rest of the world. Asian countries are also the least likely to have accepted the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice or to have joined the World Trade Organization.

Professor Simon Chesterman will join UNU Rector David M. Malone for a conversation exploring the factors contributing to Asia's relative ambivalence towards international law and institutions, and how this uncertainty shapes the roles of Asian countries

in addressing global challenges ranging from climate change and financial system reform to the protection of human rights.

The UNU Conversation Series aims to foster audience participation: you are encouraged to engage with the speakers during the conversation and at the reception that will follow, where all audience members are invited to enjoy the food and drinks that will be served while exchanging ideas and making new contacts.

Please note that this event will be in English only; Japanese interpretation will not be provided. Advance registration (by 16 October) is required.

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