



# Regional Asia (Lao PDR, Vietnam)

## Call for Applications: Regional Human Rights Research Initiative

As part of its Regional Programme in Asia, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) is calling for applications from researchers and lecturers/professors affiliated with Academic Institutions in Lao PDR and Vietnam to participate in a human rights research initiative that is organised 2016 for the third year in a row between RWI programmes in Asia. Successful applicants will be expected to carry out human rights research and produce a paper that can be presented at a national, regional or international conference. The research should focus on a relevant human rights topic in a national or regional context within Southeast Asia.

Successful applicants will be invited to join a series of events, including a research workshop in Cambodia 7-11 March 2016 and a roundtable discussion in China 6-8 September. Participants will also submit their individual abstract and/or research proposal to national, regional or international human rights conferences as agreed with RWI. If a paper is accepted to a conference, participants might be financially supported by RWI to participate and present. Such support depends on, for example, available funds and the relevance of the conference.

In total four (4) participants from Lao PDR and Vietnam will be selected to participate in the research initiative. Researchers from other countries in the region will also be invited to join the initiative under separate bilateral schemes. It is of utmost importance that the selected candidates are fully committed to this research initiative and participates in all stages of the programme, including participation in all workshops and individual research.

### Outline of the initiative



The initiative aims at strengthening the capacities of researchers and lecturers/professors at Academic Institutions to conduct quality research on human rights, and to increase the number of academic materials on human rights published/available to academics and other relevant actors in Southeast Asia.

All costs related to participation in the initiative will be fully covered by RWI's Regional Asia programme.

## Requirements and Selection Process

Applicants should:

- ✓ Be citizens of Vietnam or Lao PDR
- ✓ Be affiliated to an academic institution in Lao PDR or Vietnam
- ✓ Be committed to human rights (*as evidenced by their motivation letter*)
- ✓ Be committed and available to take part in ALL steps of the research initiative (*as evidenced by submitted motivation letter*)
- ✓ Have developed a clear and relevant research idea focusing on a relevant human rights topic in their respective country or in the Southeast Asia region (*as evidenced by submitted research proposal*)

Topics related to human rights and the environment (linked to 'business and human rights' if relevant), or to people on the move (migration/refugees/trafficking/migrant workers) will be given preference in the selection, particularly where a transboundary perspective is included. A gender analysis/considerations should be integrated in all research proposals. Applicants whose research proposal focuses on a human rights topic that they teach, or will teach, at their respective Academic Institution in Vietnam or Lao PDR may also be given priority, as may applicants who can show another clear purpose for their research, beyond the concrete paper to be produced.

RWI will select participants taking into consideration the quality and relevance of the research proposal and the criteria above. In addition, RWI will consider the dynamics of the group of selected researchers, including gender balance, geographical representation, and the complementarity of research topics covered.

Please note that this initiative is subject to donor approval of RWI budgets, which will be confirmed prior to the final selection. All applicants will be notified shortly after the application deadline.

## Application

If you are interested in taking part in this unique human rights research initiative, please submit the following documents via email to [helena.olsson@rwi.lu.se](mailto:helena.olsson@rwi.lu.se) no later than **1 February 2016**.

- ✓ Application Form/Questionnaire (please use template in annex)
- ✓ Updated CV
- ✓ Research proposal (200-300 words)
- ✓ Motivation letter (200-400 words)
- ✓ Tentative time plan

Questions about the initiative, or RWI's regional programme in Asia, may be directed to Ms. Helena Olsson using the email address indicated above.



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## APPLICATION FORM Regional Human Rights Research Initiative

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname:	First name/s:	Female	Male
Position and Title	Department:		
Institution/Organisation	Phone:		
Email:	Web:		

**PLEASE ATTACH** *Please check all boxes below before submitting your application to make sure all documents are attached):*

- Updated curriculum vitae (CV)**
- Research Idea/Abstract (200-300 words)** – A short description of the topic you would like to carry out research on clearly explaining how it is relevant either for your national context or the Regional Southeast Asian context. Briefly describe the main research question, why it is important and how the result of the research can/will be used. If possible also indicate which methods you plan to use.
- Motivation letter (200-400 words)** – A personal statement explaining why you would like to participate in the research programme and how you will use the knowledge gained through this initiative. (Note: please consider the selection criteria when you formulate your letter);
- Tentative time plan** – Briefly outline when the different components of the research project shall be carried out (ex desk study, possible field visits etc.)
- Completed questionnaire** – Please answer ALL questions in the questionnaire below

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 1 February 2016**. Please email your completed application form to:  
[helena.olsson@rwi.lu.se](mailto:helena.olsson@rwi.lu.se)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

### Regional Human Rights Research Initiative

1. Have you participated in research training or seminars before? If yes, please provide information, including when and where. Also indicate if such activities were organised by RWI.

2. Do you teach at an Academic Institution in Vietnam/Lao PDR? If Yes, what subject(s)?

3. Have you carried out research on human rights before? Have you published any research? If yes, please provide details. If No, please explain why/what main obstacles (if any) have been.

4. What are your expectations for this research initiative?

Signed by

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Name and date

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