

# Eastern and Western Perspectives on Surrogacy

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With the advances in artificial reproductive techniques, and an increasingly globalised world, surrogacy has gone from a niche practice to a global market, raising questions of parenthood, conflict of laws, and the commercialisation of the birth process. While there have been comparative studies undertaken concerning approaches to surrogacy from Europe and "Western" jurisdictions, there is gap in the literature with regard to the approach international surrogacy in Asia (and indeed Africa). As such, this conference will bring together academics from both Eastern and Western jurisdictions in order to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the confluences and tensions between the way in which surrogacy is approached in these two regions.

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## TOPICS :

### Day 1 : 9 September 2016

- ❖ The prohibitive approach:  
*France, Germany*
- ❖ The tolerant approach:  
*England, Australia, New Zealand*
- ❖ The regulatory approach:  
*South Africa, Israel*
- ❖ The free market approach:  
*Russia, USA, India*

### Day 2 : 10 September 2016

- ❖ The East Asian approach I:  
*Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Taiwan*
- ❖ The East Asian approach II:  
*Japan, South Korea, Thailand*
- ❖ The Process of Law Reform

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