

INTRODUCTION TO SEXUAL RIGHTS AND THE LAW

OVERVIEW

Sexual rights is the study of the legal development of sexuality and gender. The pervasive human rights violations toward the LGBT community occur on the real or perceived basis of their sexual orientation and gender identity. Therefore, it is crucial for the lawyers to explore the ways in which existing and developing legal frameworks implicitly and explicitly protect people from SOGIE based violations. Domestic, regional, and international sexual rights jurisprudence has been advanced in different realms such as right to bodily autonomy and exploring the private / public life divide. SOGIE sexual rights has been the latest to develop, thus this module will equip the participants with this recent history, understanding, and analyse situations for further development.

OBJECTIVES

1. To enhance the lawyers' knowledge of sexual rights as a legal framework.
2. To understand the ways in which sexual rights intersects with established human rights.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the session, participants should:

1. Be able to identify which legal standards can be applied to sexual rights and in what ways.
2. To analyse the necessary conditions that can advance sexual rights through litigation.

OUTLINE

- i. What are sexual rights and how did it develop?
- ii. The areas of life which are protected
- iii. Challenges to the sexual rights framework
- iv. Opportunities for developing the framework
- v. Sexual rights in human rights law
- vi. Applying sexual rights in the human rights context
- vii. International human rights framework & sexual right
- viii. Applicable international laws and state obligations