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Advancing Human Rights through ASEAN: Vehicle for change?

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Panel I



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Panel II



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Ms. Dalpino has also been a Fellow at the Brookings Institution; a Resident Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; an Associate at Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy; a Visiting Scholar in Southeast Asian Studies at SAIS; and a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. From 1983 to 1993 she was a career officer with The Asia Foundation, and was the Foundation's Representative for Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. In that capacity, she re-opened the Foundation's programs in Laos and Cambodia after a hiatus of fifteen years. She was the founding director of the Aspen Institute Program on Agent Orange in Vietnam (2007-2009). She is a past president of the board of the War Legacies Project; a past member of the US-Thailand Fulbright Board; and a past Board member of the Commonwealth Club of California.



John Sifton, the Asia Advocacy Director, works on South and Southeast Asia. Previously, he was the director of One World Research, a public interest research and investigation firm. Before joining One World Research, Sifton spent six years at Human Rights Watch, first as a researcher in the Asia division, focusing on Afghanistan and Pakistan, then as the senior researcher on terrorism and counterterrorism. In 2000 and 2001, Sifton worked for the International Rescue Committee, primarily

in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and in 1999 he worked at a refugee advocacy organization in Albania and Kosovo. He holds a law degree from New York University and a bachelor's degree from St. John's College, Annapolis.



Walden Bello is a Filipino author, academic, and political analyst. He is a professor of sociology and public administration at the University of the Philippines Diliman, as well as a Board member for ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR). Bello previously served as a member of the Philippines House of Representatives with the political party Akbayan. He resigned from Congress in 2015 in protest over President Aquino's handling of the Mamasapano crisis.



Dr. Pek Koon Heng is Director of the ASEAN Studies Initiative and Assistant Professor at American University's (AU) School of International Service, where she teaches courses on international relations, international political economy, comparative politics and human rights in Southeast and East Asia. She also runs AU's summer graduate program in Malaysia and Indonesia. In addition, she is a Contract Course Coordinator of the Southeast Asia Area Studies Program, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. State Department. She has previously taught at Hull University, England, the National University of Malaysia, and Temple University Japan. She has also been a Visiting Professor at Peking University, and a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore and the Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Her recent publications include "Malaysia and the United States: A Maturing Partnership," in Meredith Weiss, ed., *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Malaysia*, 2015; *The 'ASEAN Way' and Regional Security Cooperation in the South China Sea*, European University Institute, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, EUI Working Paper RSCAS, 2014/121; and *ASEAN Integration in 2030: United States Perspectives*, ADBI Working Paper 367, July 6, 2012. She earned her Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and her BA and MA from Auckland University, New Zealand.