

## **Multi-layered Diversity in Asia: How to Approach Gender and Sexuality in the Asian Societies**

Diversity in Asia has usually been taken to mean diversity of civilisations, but, at a deeper level is found the diversity rooted in kinship structure. This layer plays particularly important roles in constructing local forms of family, gender and intimacy. Then, the waves of civilisations came from the centres of major civilisations, spreading the culture of patriarchy based on patrilineality. On the top of them, modernisation created another layer, accompanied by the culture of modern patriarchy. These layers influence each other at various times and to various degrees, constructing a dynamic diversity in Asian societies. This talk is an attempt to shed light on the logics that underlie gender and sexuality in Asia based on *Asian Families and Intimacies* (Sage, 2021), a collection of canonical works from nine Asian societies, and *Is East Asia a Confucian Society?* (KUP, 2022).