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CALL FOR PAPERS: Reproductive and Sexual Autonomy in Asia Publication

The [Center for Reproductive Rights](#) seeks contributions for its upcoming publication - *Reproductive and Sexual Autonomy in Asia* - which will bring together perspectives, learnings and developments on the impact of legal and policy frameworks on sexual and reproductive rights and justice in countries in Asia. We will publish articles that discuss legal and policy barriers to the realization of sexual and reproductive rights as well as highlight paradigm shifts, developments or innovations in the region that have strengthened the discourse as well protection and advancement of sexual and reproductive health, rights and justice.

We seek articles that identify areas of law and policy reform and advocacy while recognizing the intersectionality of human rights violations that prevent the full realization of sexual and reproductive health and rights. The articles may cover legal frameworks related to abortion, contraception, assisted reproduction, adolescents, maternal healthcare and reproductive rights, including in humanitarian settings. We ask experts to write on gaps and weaknesses in laws in their areas of work or share examples of advocacy efforts that led to positive law and policy reform.

The publication will create a rich knowledge base of priority areas for law and policy reform on sexual and reproductive health and rights Asia that will be crucial to spur progressive developments and liberalize restrictive legal frameworks on reproductive and sexual autonomy in the region. A concept note on the publication is enclosed.

The required length of each article is **5000-7000 words**. We ask that you submit an abstract of 500-800 words summarizing the subject you will cover in your article by **March 15, 2023**.

Each abstract must contain:

- Author's name and institutional affiliation.
- Author's email address.
- Topic and core message of the article
- Intended audience and impact of the message
- Research methodology or data sources

Please email your proposal to Sara Malkani [smalkani@reprorights.org] with the subject line 'Proposal Submission | *Reproductive and Sexual Autonomy in Asia Publication*'.

The authors of the selected proposals will be asked to discuss their outlines with other authors, SRHR justice actors and Center staff in a webinar workshop to be held in May. *The authors will be invited to an in-person convening in Nepal in June to discuss the first drafts of their articles.* Final articles will be received by **September 30, 2023**.

Important Dates:

- March 15 – Submission of proposals
- April 15 – Acceptance of proposals
- May 8-12 – Discussion of author outlines in a webinar
- June 5 – First draft of the submissions due
- June 12-13 - Accepted and edited submissions will be presented at an in-person convening to be held in Nepal
- September 30 – Submission of final articles
- November 30 – Publication

Contact:

Please reach out to Sara Malkani [smalkani@reprorights.org] for discussion of potential topics or further clarifications.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The Center for Reproductive Rights is a global human rights organization of lawyers and advocates who ensure reproductive rights are protected in law as fundamental human rights for the dignity, equality, health and well-being of every person. The Center for Reproductive Rights uses the power of law to advance reproductive rights as fundamental human rights around the world.

In Asia, the Center has been a driving force behind strategic litigation in Nepal, India and Pakistan that has led to the recognition of reproductive rights and the implementation of laws and policies for the promotion of sexual and reproductive health. The Center has also provided technical support to advocacy strategies for crucial law reform that has strengthened guarantees for reproductive rights and health. In addition, the Center's Asia program has developed a strong network of reproductive rights advocates in South Asia including lawyers, academics and policy experts. The Asia program also works in the South-east Asia region to advocate for law reform on abortion and surrogacy.