

The Economist Pride and Prejudice: The Cost of Discrimination

at the American Center
170 Ngoc Khanh
from 7:45 a.m. to 17:00 p.m.

The American Center is hosting a day-long drop-in for media, the public, NGOs, companies and civil society members to view and discuss the global event that begins in Hong Kong, migrates to London and ends in New York City. This one-of-a-kind global event explores attitudes towards lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) across the globe and, at the Hong Kong event, specifically in Asia. Worldwide, the situation ranges from mild intolerance to hostile rejection and violence. In many businesses, the “glass closet” remains a formidable barrier to advancement or authenticity. Discussion about same-sex relationships is controversial in many countries, but in a globalized world, gay rights are now a significant issue.

Pride and Prejudice is a global, 24-hour event spanning three cities, which will challenge policymakers and industry leaders to rethink the future of the global LGBT movement and its impact on business.

07:30 AC Opens for Event/Welcome Guests – Begin Live Streaming at 7:45am

SESSION ONE: LGBT RIGHTS & VALUES

07:45 Keynote Panel: The state of LGBT Rights in Asia: the legal and political agenda

08:35 Are gay rights compatible with Asian values? **(Ambassador Osius will participate in this panel in Hong Kong)**

09:20 Spotlight Interview: Executive dialogue in Beijing, Bangkok, and Jakarta

09:40 **AC Discussion Led by Tu Anh Hoang, Director of the Center for Creative Initiatives in Health and Population (CCIHP)**

SESSION TWO: WORKPLACE INCLUSIVENESS

10:15 EIU Briefing: Attitudes and opinions toward LGBT inclusion in the workplace

10:20 Panel Discussion: The dollars and cents of discrimination

10:45 Special Interview: The business of LGBT inclusion

11:15 Panel Discussion: The Pink Dollar

12:00 **AC Discussion led by Tam Nguyen, Work with Pride Initiative and Fulbright Alum**

SESSION THREE: TRADITION, PROGRESS, AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

13:00 Spotlight Interview: Tradition and progress

13:25 On the sofa: Why it matters – Defining the business case

14:05 **AC Discussion led by Emily Mahoney, Baker & McKenzie International**

14:35 In conversation: Learning from success and failure in gender inclusion

15:05 In conversation: Diversity and inclusion in blue-collar workforces

15:35 Panel discussion: Inclusion at home and abroad – conducting ethical business in a hyperconnected world

16:25 Handover to London Pride and Prejudice and keynote interview: The outlook for LGBT rights

16:50 The way up: Where to go from here – Takeaways and closing remarks