

# ASIAN **STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION** FORUM 2022

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## Dear Delegate,

Welcome to the Asian Stigma & Discrimination Forum 2022!

We are very pleased to welcome those of you who have previously joined us, as well as those who are new to Asian Stigma & Discrimination Forum!

This year, the Forum will continue to emphasize the importance of 'communications' in addressing stigma and discrimination. We recognise the power of communication in delivering good quality services for our clients, and making them feel safe and welcome.

Real-life tips will be shared from healthcare provider experts on how to overcome barriers in our region on communicating in stigma-free language, particularly around sex, sexual pleasure, and substance use. Also, representatives from various communities will discuss how they would like to see stigma-free communications being tailored to them in healthcare and public settings.

We trust that you will find the sessions both pragmatic and inspiring.

Let's take action in making our spaces - whether live or virtual - safe for the communities we serve.

The power is in our hands!

Warmest wishes,

The Co-Chairs,  
Asian Stigma & Discrimination Forum 2022



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**Nittaya Phanuphak**  
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## Monday, 13 June 2022

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### Opening of the Forum

- 14:00 ICT **Opening Words**  
**Mark Nelson**  
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital / Imperial College Medical School, United Kingdom
- 14:05 ICT **Refresher on the Status Neutral Approach**  
**Nittaya Phanuphak**  
Institute of HIV Research and Innovation, Thailand

### Session 1 How Do You Ensure Communications with Your Clients Are Stigma-Free?

Chair: Danvic Rosadiño

- 14:25 ICT **Panel Discussion**
- Stephane Wen-Wei Ku**  
Taipei City Hospital Renai, Taiwan
- Iskandar Azwa**  
University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Butch Lavarro**  
LoveYourself Inc, Philippines
- Isaac Yen-Hao Chu**  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), Taiwan / UK

15:10 ICT Virtual Coffee Break - Time to Network

### Session 2 How Would You Like to Be Communicated?

Chair: Nittaya Phanuphak

- 15:25 ICT **Panel discussion**
- Jan Castañeda**  
ASEAN SOGIE Caucus, Philippines
- Surang Janyam**  
Service Workers IN Group Foundation (SWING), Thailand
- Jemma Samitpol**  
Institute of HIV Research and Innovation, Thailand
- Thomas Tao Cai**  
AIDS Care China, China



### Session 3 Making Stigma-Free Communications a Reality

Chairs: *Nittaya Phanuphak, Danvic Rosadiño*

#### 16:10 ICT Panel discussion:

**Stephane Wen-Wei Ku**

Taipei City Hospital Renai, Taiwan

**Iskandar Azwa**

University of Malaya, Malaysia

**Butch Lavarro**

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#### Closure of the Forum

#### 16:35 ICT Closing Words

**Mark Nelson**

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital / Imperial College Medical School, United Kingdom

**Nittaya Phanuphak**

Institute of HIV Research and Innovation, Thailand

**Danvic Rosadiño**

LoveYourself Inc., Philippines



# Faculty

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Invited Speaker  
**Iskandar Azwa**  
University of Malaya,  
Malaysia

Iskandar Azwa is an Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. He undertook his postgraduate training in Sexual Health and HIV Medicine in Chelsea & Westminster Hospital in London

He is currently the Clinical Lead for the HIV service in the Infectious Diseases Unit at the University of Malaya Medical Centre. His research interests include HIV Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) implementation research among key populations, HIV resistance and evaluation of newer HIV treatment strategies. He is the site Principal Investigator (PI) for several international collaborative HIV clinical trials including the TAHOD, START and D2EFT studies.

Much of his recent work has focused on increasing community access to HIV prevention biomedical interventions and implementation of CBO based models of service delivery of HIV care & prevention. He is currently the Honorary Secretary at the Malaysian AIDS Council.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest



Invited Speaker  
**Jan Castañeda**  
ASEAN SOGIE Caucus,  
Philippines

Jan Gabriel Castañeda is the Program Associate of ASEAN SOGIE Caucus, a network of LGBTIQ human rights activists in Southeast Asia advocating for human rights on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC). He is a member of the LGBT Psychology Special Interest Group of the Psychological Association of the Philippines, which works towards an LGBT-inclusive practice of psychology in the Philippines. He also serves on the board of Youth Voices Count, a network of young LGBTIQ activists in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest



**Invited Speaker**  
**Surang Janyam**  
Service Workers IN Group  
Foundation (SWING),  
Thailand

Surang Janyam is the Director of Service Workers in Group Foundation (SWING), which is a registered non-governmental organization established in 2004 and has been aiming for protecting the rights of sex workers in Thailand. In Bangkok and Pattaya, SWING is providing community-led HIV services area, life skills and non-formal education as well as rights protection services for sex workers of all genders. SWING was granted the Civil Society Partnerships Awards by PEPFAR in 2016. It has been also recognized by Global AIDS community as one organization significantly contributing to the successfulness in responding to HIV of Thailand and Bangkok, which was one of the fast track cities.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest



**Invited Speaker**  
**Butch Lavarro**  
LoveYourself Inc,  
Philippines

Butch Lavarro is a humanist helping others fight the fight against HIV and AIDS. He is a nurse but has recently retired from the United States and has devoted his life to HIV advocacy in the Philippines. He is currently the Hub Manager for Bagani Community Center by LoveYourself Inc. In the three years he has been in this advocacy, it has been able to provide the people of Negros Occidental the only NGO that provides HIV services to the people. Being in this advocacy has helped him realize his dreams and purpose in life.

Professional focal points include but are not limited to business administration/management, financial management, cross-functional team leadership, auditing, process optimization, regulatory compliance, analysis and research, training and development, policy implementation and project management. Colleagues describe him as a progressive, driven, tough, gets-the-job done and fair individual who can be relied on to offer superior solutions that deliver results on time and within budget.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest





**Regional Co-Chair**  
**Nittaya Phanuphak**  
 Institute of HIV Research  
 and Innovation,  
 Thailand

Nittaya Phanuphak is currently the Executive Director at the Institute of HIV Research and Innovation in Bangkok, Thailand. She has deep interest in HIV prevention and key populations (KP), especially around the use of Key Population-Led Health Service (KPLHS) approaches to enhance access to HIV testing, prevention and treatment among men who have sex with men and transgender women. She currently works actively with community and government partners to establish a national technical assistance platform to support the accreditation and legalization of KP lay providers to ensure KPLHS sustainability through domestic financing mechanism.

In 2015, she supported the establishment of the Tangerine Community Health Center at TRCARC using integrated hormone therapy and sexual health service approach over a 3-year period. The model is currently being expanded to community-based organizations (CBOs), as well as public and private clinics, working with transgender people in the region.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
 Gilead, ViiV and Cepheid



**Program Director**  
**Mark Nelson**  
 Chelsea and Westminster  
 Hospital / Imperial College  
 Medical School,  
 United Kingdom

Mark Nelson is a consultant physician at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London. He trained at Jesus College, Cambridge and Westminster Hospital medical school from where he qualified in 1986. He was appointed Consultant Physician at this hospital in 1991 where he is presently the professor of HIV medicine at Imperial College Medical School where he is also the senior tutor. Since that time he has built a large HIV practice with a special interest in HIV in-patient care, co-infection with hepatitis B and C, and the clinical utility of new antiretroviral agents. He has published over 650 papers on HIV and hepatitis.

Professor Nelson has chaired the BHIVA guidelines committee for opportunistic infections and for hepatitis C. He is a member of the Guidelines Committee for Treatment, Malignancy and for HIV transmission. He was previously the chair of the BHIVA hepatitis special interest group and of the BHIVA science and education committee. He is a trustee of several charities associated with HIV. He has been awarded a visiting professorship at the Aga Khan Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya and most recently the certificate of merit by the government of Vietnam.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
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**Regional Co-Chair**  
**Danvic Rosadiño**  
 LoveYourself Inc.,  
 Philippines

Danvic is the Program and Innovations Director of LoveYourself Inc., a community-based organization based in metropolitan Manila, Philippines. While the organization's main thrust is to promote self-worth leading to self-care among the men who have sex with men (MSM) and the youth, the organization is mostly known to provide HIV and sexual health-related services to the community.

He has spearheaded various HIV and sexual health researches, programs, and innovations, such as Project PrEP (PrEP Pilipinas; a multi-sectoral program that spearheaded the introduction of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis in the Philippines), and SelfCare (introduction of HIV unassisted self-testing in the Philippines). He also conducted several researches on HIV prevalence and incidence (in the Philippines and Malaysia), and values and preferences studies on Hepatitis C self-testing and COVID-19 self-testing (as part of a multi-country research). He has also provided consultations and workshops on HIV PrEP demand generation in several countries in Asia.

Juggling his passion for learning and being an HIV advocate, he also headed the learning and development team of LoveYourself. He is also an HIV counselor, life coach, and client data protection officer.

Formerly, he is a Surveillance Assistant at the National HIV and STI Surveillance and Strategic Information Unit of the Epidemiology Bureau, Department of Health – Philippines.

Danvic is currently taking Masters of International Health at the Faculty of Management and Development Studies of the University of the Philippines – Open University. He finished his Bachelor of Science in Biology degree at the College of Science of the University of Santo Tomas, in Manila, Philippines in 2010.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
 No conflict of interest



**Invited Speaker**  
**Jemma Samitpol**  
 Institute of HIV Re-  
 search and Innovation,  
 Thailand

Jemma Samitpol is a Thai transgender woman activist with many years of experiences in trans advocacy. She currently holds the position of a Clinic Supervisor for Tangerine Community Health Clinic, the first transgender-led sexual health and well-being clinic for transgender people in Thailand, operated by The Institute of HIV Research and Innovation (IHRI). She works closely with the transgender community in addressing their health concerns and needs by providing them with the most up-to-date knowledge and comprehensive health services in a stigma and discrimination free setting. She also works with Thai transgender social media influencers to increase awareness and reach out to transgender individuals at high risk of HIV acquisition.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
 No conflict of interest



Invited Speaker  
**Thomas Tao Cai**  
AIDS Care China,  
China

Thomas Tao Cai is the chairman and founder of AIDS Care China, which works with the Chinese public health system to address stigma and discrimination against people affected with HIV/AIDS. Since its creation in 2001, AIDS Care China, has grown from a shelter service for HIV/AIDS patients to a multi-site HIV/AIDS care program, with counseling and treatment education centers known as Red Ribbon Centers in four Chinese provinces. Its community-based approach to combating HIV/AIDS has made it a widely recognized success story.

Thomas is also a member of the WHO ARV Treatment Guidelines Committee. He won multiple awards i.e. UNAIDS Outstanding Contribution to HIV/AIDS in 2003, Red Ribbon Award in 2006, International Activist Award (Keith Tyler/Housing works) in 2006, and Yunnan Provincial Govt Award (get name) in 2010.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest



Invited Speaker  
**Stephane Wen-Wei Ku**  
Taipei City Hospital Renai,  
Taiwan

Stephane Wen-Wei Ku completed his medical degree at National Taiwan University in 2008. He had his Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases specialist training at Taipei Veterans General Hospital in 2013. He is currently working as director of Division of Infectious Diseases at Taipei City Hospital Renai Branch and clinical researcher with TREAT Asia Network at Taipei Veterans General Hospital. Dr. Ku's research interests include HIV/AIDS, sexually-transmitted diseases, Chemsex, and sexual wellbeing of LGBT community and has been actively involved in PrEP implementation in Taiwan. Dr. Ku is a member of the Taiwan Infectious Diseases Society and currently a Council Member of Taiwan AIDS Society.

**Potential conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest



## Invited Speaker

### **Isaac Yen-Hao Chu**

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM),  
Taiwan / UK

Isaac Yen-Hao Chu is a Taiwanese physician-scientist dedicated to combination HIV prevention, particularly the implementation of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) worldwide. He currently works as a postdoctoral Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Co-Investigator of the Taiwan-UK Sex, Gender and Sexuality (SGS) Health Research Network, a pioneering bi-national collaborative platform for advancing the development of SGS-sensitive measurements in health research.

Awarded Doctor of Public Health at LSHTM in April 2022, Isaac focuses on how PrEP services could be better accessible and sustainable in Asia-Pacific by exploring the needs of stakeholders (e.g., policymakers, healthcare providers and service users). His doctoral thesis highlights the service provision needs of community-based sexual health physicians in Taiwan for prescribing PrEP to key populations, demonstrating the interplay among implementation science, health psychology and intersectional stigma. His research interests also include (1) the social consequences of COVID-19 lockdowns and (2) how international bureaucracies influence the implementation of HIV prevention/treatment policies at regional and country levels. Isaac earned his Master of Science in Control of Infectious Diseases with distinction at LSHTM and received his Medical Doctor degree from National Yang-Ming University in Taiwan.

#### Potential conflict of interest:

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