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is an independent non-profit organization that challenges current and future leaders to shape a better world.

Participants in the LGBT Forum will become members of the Salzburg Global Seminar Fellowship network, which since our inception in 1947, includes more than 36,000 participants from over 170 countries.

**LGBT: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. We use this term as it is widely used in human rights conversations on sexual orientation and gender identity in many parts of the world. We wish it to be read as inclusive of other cultural concepts that express sexuality and gender, intersex and gender-nonconforming identities.*

APPLY NOW

Deadline for applications
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018.

Participation fees are €1500 per person and cover the cost of the program, program materials, accommodation and meals. The fee does not cover travel costs. Limited scholarships are available. For questions concerning the application please contact Bernadette Prasser: bprasser@salzburgglobal.org

For more information
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OPEN CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Salzburg Global LGBT* Forum

Advancing Legal and Social Equality in South Asia

December 9 – 13, 2018 | Sri Lanka



Salzburg Global Seminar and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) invite global leaders from diverse fields – including human rights activists, community organizers, artists, legal specialists, government experts and others to apply for the 2018 Salzburg Global LGBT Forum.

ABOUT THE SALZBURG GLOBAL LGBT FORUM

The Salzburg Global LGBT Forum was formed in 2013 to establish a truly global space to reflect upon and advance LGBT and Human Rights discussions around the world, as well as to form a network of international leaders from diverse fields. Founded and chaired by Dr. Klaus Mueller, the Forum currently includes representatives from more than 70 countries on six continents.

THE PROGRAM IN SRI LANKA

In 2018, the Forum will focus on the steps required to achieve full legal and social equality for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or intersex status. With an emphasis on how progress in South Asia could be accelerated and have a positive influence on developments in the rest of the world, the Forum will enhance Asia's underrepresented role in global LGBT dialogues, and will engage people and institutions with the potential to create significant shifts in social attitudes and policy landscapes across the region. The Forum will concentrate on:

- **Legal gender recognition and decriminalization** are “tipping point” issues in parts of South Asia where they hold the potential for positive change in the near future. The Forum will contribute to regional discussions on LGBT equality through an open policy dialogue that highlights South Asia's unique legal, religious, and cultural history of LGBT* family and community inclusion.
- **Storytelling, multi-media and documentary productions** can humanize the impacts of inclusive or exclusive policies in powerful ways. A specific focus will be on the relevance of cultural history on contemporary discussions of LGBT equality with the goal to deepen the understanding that LGBT people have long been part of national and cultural histories.
- **Supporting the next generation** of LGBT advocates and human rights defenders in the region, including through the identification of young social innovators, is key to shaping future efforts toward inclusion.
- **Connecting global and South Asian human rights defenders** will enhance the capacity of both to support more inclusive policy making and will strengthen the voices and visibility of Asian LGBT human rights defenders in global debates on LGBT equality.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS TO THE LGBT FORUM

This year's program will include approximately 50 Fellows from diverse professional and civic backgrounds including:

- Activists, community leaders, and emerging young voices engaged in advancing equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex individuals;
- Artists, filmmakers, social media experts, photographers, researchers, and writers;
- Judges, lawyers, law makers, policy makers;
- Persons from human rights groups; cultural, political, and faith-based organizations, and groups aiding those living with HIV/AIDS.

Given the program's concentration on South Asia, it is expected that approximately 75% of participants will come from the eight countries of this region (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and the remaining 25% of participants will come from a global range of countries outside the South Asian region.

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To qualify, all applicants must:

- Show interest in creating legal and/or social change in support of equality for a diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and body diversity;

- Commit time and energy to follow through on plans created through activities of the Salzburg Global LGBT Forum;
- Exhibit passion, enthusiasm, and leadership potential;
- Be open to engage with and respect cultural differences within the LGBT Forum's network; and
- Have a good command of spoken and written English.

DEADLINE

The deadline for applications is **SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must register their application via the Salzburg Global Seminar website: my.saltzburgglobal.org/register-login

- Applications should include a CV and personal statement of approximately 500 words indicating the "tipping point" issue most relevant to the applicant's own personal/professional focus and how the program will aid in the applicant's efforts to affect change on this issue.
- All applicants should include an assessment if they are able to cover a part or the total of the costs of their participation.

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OUT COMES AND OUTREACH

In line with these concentrations, the program will pursue the following outcomes:

- Cultural and multi-media productions: The Forum will utilize multi-media content and productions to highlight the stories of LGBT people and communities in South Asia in a global context. The Forum will seek to produce video testimonies, interviews, and other media to complement and amplify the impact of these stories.
- Outreach campaigns: Working with others from across the region and the globe, participants will create personal strategies for the production and distribution of diverse media content intended to influence the attitudes of key groups in their societies that can help promote equality. These strategies will target both South Asian and global audiences, taking into account existing resources and barriers to success.
- Publication and dissemination of recommendations: Making the case for specific national and regional policy changes to advance LGBT equality, Salzburg Global Seminar and UNDP will utilize participants' contributions to produce a series of publications, articles, and reports, and follow-on dialogues focusing on the key issues identified.

- On-going network development and support: Following the program, participants will be connected to the on-going work of the Salzburg Global LGBT Forum and its members from across 70 countries. This will be accomplished through regular updates on network activities delivered via email newsletters and through an invitation to join a secure member-only online community where members continue collaborations begun in Sri Lanka and forge new alliances within the Forum's broader network.



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