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Asia is the only area in the world that does not have a human rights court or commission covering the region as a whole. However, a close look at recent developments in the region, especially in East Asia, shows that a human rights system is emerging. Various activities and initiatives for human rights cooperation are developing in Asia at the regional, sub-regional, and national levels. Since the establishment of the ASEAN human rights body (AICHR) in 2009, the need for a review of the regional human rights mechanisms in Asia is stronger than ever. With a primary focus on twenty-three East Asian states, Tae-Ung Baik highlights the significant changes that have taken place in recent decades and demonstrates that the constituent elements of a human rights system (norms, institutions, and modes of implementation) are developing in Asia.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ACJ	Advisory Council of Jurists of APF
AICHR	ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
APF	Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions
APT	ASEAN Plus Three
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEM	Asia–Europe Meeting
AU	African Union
CAT	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
CMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
DPRK	Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea)
EAF	East Asia Forum
EAS	East Asian Summits
ECJ	The Court of Justice of the European Union
ECOSOC	UN Economic and Social Council
FFA	Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GNI	Gross National Income
HRC	Human Rights Council
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
ILO	International Labor Organization

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MWC	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
NEACD	North East Asia Cooperation Dialogues
OAS	Organization of American States
OHCHR	Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights
OPT1	Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
OPT2	Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty
PIF	Pacific Islands Forum
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SPC	Secretariat for the Pacific Community
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UNESCAP	UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

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