

THE 11-YEAR HUNGER STRIKE: Democratic Praxis, National Process and the Armed Forces Act in India

A Symposium presented in association with
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The story of [Irom Sharmila Chanu of Manipur and her 11-year hunger strike](#) in judicial custody demanding the repeal of the controversial Armed Forces Special Powers Act (1958) in India, frames the first US symposium on the Act and its use in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Tripura, and other states in the country's remote North Eastern region. Aspects of the deployment of the Act, the special powers it gives to India's security forces in handling the country's border regions, and its impact on India's democratic, constitutional, and judicial practice, will be discussed by a panel moderated by **Charlie Clements**, Executive Director, [Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#).

Panelists:

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