

Call for Papers

The Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law

The 14th Annual Conference

Date: July 8 (Sat), 2023, 14:00-16:30 (UTC+9)

All academics, practitioners, lawyers, and government officials worldwide are invited to submit a proposal.

Conference Theme

Towards a multi-dimensional enhancement of a sustainable business environment in Asia

Further economic integration in the Asian region requires a holistic perspective to create a sustainable ecosystem coupled with the corresponding development of schemes for, inter alia, environmental protection and human rights protection in the region. Sustainable development linked with “trade and environment” issues is one of these, as we discussed at the 2022 Annual Conference. Concerns over cross-cutting legal issues that involve the tensions between environmental protection and human rights or between trade liberalization and human rights are growing. Specific issues already raised in this region include social and environmental risks of de-carbonization, the impact of fishery subsidies regulation on the trade and fisheries industry, opening labor markets and their human rights protection impact, transparency of standards/procedures for human rights due diligence, range of legal protection of indigenous peoples’ IPRs, climate change litigations, and ecolabelling systems’ effectiveness.

At the 2023 Annual Conference, we convene to share research outcomes from diverse fields of international law to address such cross-cutting legal issues in Asia, facilitate cross-sectoral discussions and collaboration, solve specific issues and develop a long-term sustainable future framework.

Proposals for papers are welcome in all areas of international law, including:

- theory and history of international law
- international organizations and other international entities
- international dispute settlement
- security
- international humanitarian law
- international environmental and energy laws
- the law of the Sea
- international commercial law
- private international law
- international trade and investment law
- international human rights law

* Preference will be given to proposals that focus on issues prominent in Asia.

Submission Details

Proposals must be emailed to CfPAsianSIL@gmail.com by 23:59, **February 28, 2023**, in the applicant's time zone.

Submissions must include the following:

1. An abstract of an unpublished paper (The abstract must have a maximum of 500 words, including the title.)
2. The proposal author's CV of no more than 2 pages. The CV must include the author's contact details and a list of relevant publications. Membership to the Asian Society of International Law and/or its Japan Chapter will be favorably considered.

*The submission material (abstract and the CV) must be written in English and placed in a single PDF file.

Screening Process

Proposals will be reviewed by the Research and Planning Committee of the Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by the end of March 2023.

The program of the conference will be posted on the webpage of the Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law in late-April 2023.

Full Papers

The authors of accepted proposals must submit the full paper by **June 30, 2023**. The work must be unpublished elsewhere. An electronic copy will be provided to the participants of the conference.

Registration Fees and Expenses

All speakers and panelists are exempt from registration fees for the conference. Please note that the registration fees do not include any meals and reception.

All participants, including the speakers and panelists, must be able to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Conference Venue

Yokohama National University (*Online or in hybrid format: subject to change)

Awards

The Best Paper Award recognizes the speaker who presents the best paper during the conference. The awarded speaker will receive a grant of ¥50,000.

Language

The working language of the conference is English, although a few sessions may be concurrently conducted in Japanese.

Inquiries

Any inquiries about the conference may be emailed to the following address: CfPAsianSIL@gmail.com