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Call for Papers

9th Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) Conference

*Geopolitical Risks and Geoeconomics in International Economic Law:
Asian Perspectives and Beyond*

14-15 June 2025

Senshu University, Tokyo

Organized by Senshu University, School of Law and the Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) – the Asian Branch of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL).

I. Theme

The 9th AIELN Conference will be held on 14-15 June 2025 in Tokyo, Japan. The theme of the conference is "Geopolitical Risks and Geoeconomics in International Economic Law: Asian Perspectives and Beyond." This conference seeks to provide an interdisciplinary forum for scholars, legal practitioners, and government officials to present and discuss ongoing research across the breadth of international economic law issues, with a particular focus on the impact of geopolitical risks. As geopolitical risks continue to increase, it is crucial for scholars in international economic law to rigorously engage with the challenges these risks pose and to explore potential solutions. The increasing complexity and frequency of geopolitical tensions necessitate a comprehensive examination and robust discourse among experts to devise strategic responses. The schedule for the conference is as follows:

- Saturday, 14 June 2025: Opening Ceremony and Conference Sessions
- Sunday, 15 June 2025: Conference Sessions and Closing Ceremony

II. Submission of Paper Proposals

In recent years, the global community has observed a significant increase in geopolitical risks, including but not limited to trade wars, military conflicts, and political instability. These developments carry profound implications for the field of international economic law,

influencing trade policies, investment flows, supply chains, and overall economic stability. Such multifaceted risks necessitate a critical re-evaluation of existing legal frameworks and the formulation of innovative strategies to effectively mitigate these risks.

The forthcoming conference will critically examine the influence of geopolitical risks on international economic law, with a particular emphasis on Asia. The discussion will encompass both regional and global dimensions, providing a comprehensive analysis of the interplay between geopolitical dynamics and international economic law.

We hereby invite the submission of paper proposals that engage with the following indicative but non-exhaustive list of subthemes. Each proposal should address specific aspects of how heightened geopolitical risks impact international economic law from Asian perspectives and explore potential solutions to these challenges. Submissions on other relevant topics are also welcome.

1. Global trade and legal frameworks
2. Enhancing supply chain resilience in Asia
3. Managing energy security and transitioning to renewables
4. Technology transfer and intellectual property rights
5. Regional economic integration in Asia
6. Cybersecurity and data governance in the digital economy
7. Labor mobility and human rights
8. Sustainable and resilient investment strategies in Asia
9. Ensuring resilient financial markets
10. Multilateral cooperation for managing geopolitical risks
11. Climate change and environmental protection

III. Submission Guidelines and Timeline

Paper proposals of no more than 500 words must be submitted by **31 December 2024** via the web-form, available at <https://forms.gle/fJieVbTVauTAkq659>.

Submissions should include a short biography, including a list of recent publications in English. The organizing committee welcomes proposal submissions from SIEL members, as well as non-members. We particularly encourage submissions from junior faculty members and early-career researchers.

The organizing committee will review all proposals and announce the selected papers in **January 2025**. Authors of accepted proposals are required to submit complete, unpublished papers by **15 May 2025**. All submissions should adhere to the US Bluebook format for footnotes.

IV. Other Information

The organizing committee plans to compile selected papers and negotiate with a renowned publisher to publish a book based on the submitted papers. Further details will be provided after the conference. We encourage all participants to contribute their best work for consideration.

Registration details will be announced in **May 2025**. Inquiries can be directed to the organizing committee (Professors Junji Nakagawa, Taro Hamada, and Yoshimichi Ishikawa) by e-mail at nakagawa@fla.cgu.ac.jp.

The Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) was established as the first regional branch of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) in 2009. AIELN is an international non-partisan, non-profit, and non-governmental organization with the following objectives:

- To promote research, education, and practice of international economic law by serving as a center of activities among scholars, practitioners, governments, and international organizations focusing on international economic law in Asia and elsewhere;
- To foster and encourage Asian perspectives of international economic law; and
- To promote public awareness of international economic law in Asia.