

ASIANSIL

ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

“POWER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES”

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2020

KATHMANDU, NEPAL

(co-organised by Nepalese Society of International Law-Nepal Chapter of AsianSIL)

CALL FOR PAPERS

This Regional Conference of the Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) will focus on issues relating to the development of international law from Asian perspectives. Asia is an extremely diverse continent and the Conference will explore the varying roles played by small and big powers, developed economies, emerging economies, and less developed states in the formation of international law. While Asia is playing an increasingly important role in the development of international law (and this has been recognized by the international community and scholars around the world), Asian countries are often implicated in gross violations of human rights, corruption, unilateralism and other instances of disrespect for basic norms of international law.

In such an anomalous context, where power rather than law appears to prevail, a question arises as to how we should assess the claims about Asia’s important role in the development of international laws. This regional conference will consider the complex issues that arise from the anomalies of Asian practices of international law, among other related themes.

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on the following international law topics:

1. Law of the Sea – Land-locked countries’ rights to access to the Sea;
2. History and Theory of International Law;
3. Maintenance and promotion of peace and security in Asia;
4. International Rule of Law from an Asian Perspective;

5. Peaceful settlement of disputes between or among Asian countries;
6. Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in Asia;
7. International Cooperation in Suppressing Corruption;
8. Natural Disaster and International Law
9. International Law in Domestic Courts in Asian Countries;
10. Asian initiatives and international economic law
11. Intellectual Property Rights
12. Foreign Investment Law
13. The Evolving Law of International Trade-Regionals and Beyond
14. International Humanitarian Law and Armed Conflicts in Asia
15. Protection of the Marine Environment in Asia
16. Law of the Sea (disputes, safety and security)
17. International Commercial Arbitration
18. Emerging Issues in International Human Rights Law
19. Recent Developments in International Criminal Law
20. Private International Law: Applicable Law to Contracts
21. Refugee and forced migration
22. Emerging Issues in International Human Rights
23. New Forms of Warfare and International Humanitarian Law
24. Fight against Impunity and judicial assistance between states
25. Counter-terrorism in Asian Perspective
26. Recent global developments and their impact on international law
27. New technologies and challenges to international law
28. The use of force-debates and developments
29. Climate change and other environmental issues and international law
30. Territorial disputes and international law

Note: Please note that English will be the language medium used during the Conference. The above listed topics are not exhaustive, and participants are encouraged to submit their papers on the topics that they deem relevant and important.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

1. A 500 word or less abstract of the proposed paper. Please clearly identify the title of your paper and the topic/theme.
2. Affiliation details and brief biography (1 page). This includes professional status, educational background, institutional affiliation, contact number and e-mail address. Please also provide any information about your publications and any other relevant information on your research or experience.

3. Your affiliation to the Asian Society of International Law. Preference will be given to existing members of the Asian Society of International Law in the selection process.
4. The abstract AND the brief biography should be emailed to the Conference organizers at email address: asiansilnepal2020@gmail.com by 15 February 2020.
5. Successful applicants will be informed by 15 March 2020 and are required to submit their full paper to the Conference organizers by 15 April 2020. The paper should be between 4,000 and 8,000 words.
6. Please direct all queries on the abstract submission and other general queries to the Conference organizers at email address: asiansilnepal2020@gmail.com

Junior Scholars' Conference
"New Challenges in International Law"
Friday, 5 June 2020
Kathmandu, Nepal

There will also be a Junior Scholars' Conference on 5 June 2020 (convened one day before the AsianSIL Regional Conference). This one-day conference encourages *junior academics (untenured or within the first three years of a tenure track appointment), academic fellows (in pre-tenure track fellowships), post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students, to submit papers on the topics listed, or are related to what are listed, above.*

CALL FOR PAPERS

Junior academics interested in participating in the Junior Scholars' Conference should submit the abstract, biography and affiliation submission requirements stated above to asiansilnepal2020@gmail.com. The same deadlines for the Regional Conference apply to the Junior Scholars' Conference.

Successful applicants to the Junior Scholars' Conference will be informed (by email) on or before midnight of 15 March 2020 (Singapore Time). They are required to submit their full paper to the Regional Conference Academic Committee on or before midnight of 15 April 2020 (Singapore Time). The submitted papers should be between 8,000 and 10,000 words, not including the footnotes.

For any enquiries on the Regional Conference and the Junior Scholars' Conference, please address them to: asiansilnepal2020@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission for AsianSIL Regional Conference & Junior Scholars' Conference	15 February 2020
Notification of Acceptance	15 March 2020
Paper Submissions (if accepted)	15 April 2020
Junior Scholars' Conference 2020	Friday, 5 June 2020
AsianSIL Regional Conference 2020	Saturday, 6 June 2020

