

Introduction

We are pleased to announce that the Asian Law Institute (ASLI) and the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University, Malaysia are holding the 7th Annual ASLI conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 25th and 26th May 2010. We look forward to welcoming you at the conference and value your contribution to the ongoing success of this annual conference.

The 7th ASLI Conference 2010

The purpose of this annual conference is to bring together scholars of Asian law from within and outside Asia to interact, share ideas and build collegial networks which may facilitate ongoing dialogue and research collaborations. In addition to the paper presentations and Distinguished Lecture, there will be a Research Forum, Poster Presentation and Young Scholars Workshop. We hope that the research forum will be widely used in the 7th conference to bring together collaborators of various projects as discussed at the previous conference. Presenters and non-presenters are encouraged to connect with fellow academics before the conference and start thinking about potential research projects.

Two new initiatives this year are the Poster Presentation and the Young Scholars Workshop. The Poster Presentation is modeled on the life sciences and presenters are expected to prepare a poster outlining the key ideas they wish to discuss. Conference delegates will be free to wander around the room and discuss posters that interest them with the respective authors on Day Two of the conference. The Young Scholars Workshop will be run as a seventh parallel session with two senior academics acting as chair and commentator.

The conference format remains broadly the same as last year: there will be five rounds of six parallel sessions over two days. The broad theme of the conference is "Law in a Pluralist Asia: Challenges and Prospects." Asia is arguably the most pluralist region in the world and law has a critical role in accommodating and managing this plurality, which exists at so many levels.

Within the broad conference theme of "Law in a Pluralist Asia: Challenges and Prospects", five of the parallel sessions will focus on selected sub-themes: (1) religion/religious laws (studying aspects of various religious laws, for example, Islamic (Shariah), Jewish, Hindu, Biblical in their historical contexts and application to modern life, as well as examining the place of religion in national legal systems); (2) norms, values and law (exploring competing social, cultural, religious, traditional norms as well as the balancing of minority and majority interests in society); (3) legal pluralism (examining the historical and contemporary phenomenon of the coexistence of different legal systems within various jurisdictions in Asia); (4) law and economic development (examining different models of economic development in Asia and how law has a role to play in facilitating economic development and international trade taking into account the different stages of social and political development in Asia; (5) regionalization and law (looking at the role

of law in developing regional institutions and common standards as well as the harmonization of legal and regulatory regimes. Session (6) will be a general one to include presentations that address the broad theme but may not fit comfortably within the subthemes, or may cut across subthemes, for example, conflict of law or comparative law.

Please visit our conference web site at http://law.nus.edu.sg/asli/7th_asli_conf/index.html details on the various panel sessions.

Click [here](#) for online submission of individual abstracts.

Click [here](#) for online submission of panels.

Click [here](#) for online submission of abstracts for Young Scholars Workshop.

Click [here](#) to register for the conference.

Downloadable copies of the forms are also available on the [conference website](#).

The website, which will be updated periodically with the latest information on tentative panel sessions and programme schedule, also contains information on recommended conference hotels.

We regret that no subsidies are available for expenditures such as air flights, hotel charges and conference fees. A detailed and finalized programme (speaker panels, etc.) will be made available to all registered participants nearer the date of the conference.

We would very much appreciate your help in bringing this conference to the attention of your faculty/law school colleagues and PhD students, as well as to anyone whom you think might be interested in attending, whether as a paper presenter or otherwise.

For enquiries regarding the conference, please contact the ASLI Secretariat at asliconference@nus.edu.sg.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2010.

Yours sincerely

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Important Deadlines at a Glance

Submission of Abstract

8 January 2010

Authors will be notified 15 working days after the deadline on the status of their submission

Deadline for Early Bird Registration and Payment

26 February 2010

Submission of Completed Paper

26 March 2010

Closing date for Registration and Payment

26 March 2010

Conference

25 to 26 May 2010, Tuesday & Wednesday

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The Asian Law Institute (ASLI)

The establishment of ASLI in March 2003, stems from the recognition that the diversity of legal traditions in Asia creates an imperative for Asian legal scholars to foster greater engagement with each other through collaborative research and teaching. ASLI aims to facilitate academic exchanges as well as research and teaching collaboration among law schools in Asia.

The *thirteen* founding institutions are:

- ❖ Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand)
- ❖ East China University of Political Science and Law (Shanghai, People's Republic of China)
- ❖ Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China)
- ❖ Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia (Jakarta, Indonesia)
- ❖ Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- ❖ Faculty of Law, Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan)
- ❖ Faculty of Law, University of Malaya (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- ❖ National Law School of India University (Bangalore, India)
- ❖ Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore (Singapore)
- ❖ College of Law, National Taiwan University (Taipei, Chinese Taipei)
- ❖ Peking University Law School, Peking University (Beijing, People's Republic of China)
- ❖ College of Law, University of the Philippines (Manila, the Philippines)
- ❖ College of Law, Seoul National University (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

