

**Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN)  
6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference**

***International Trade Regime for the Data-Driven Economy: How will  
Artificial Intelligence Transform International Economic Law***

Taipei, Taiwan, 26-27 October, 2019

**Call for Papers**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) will be held by the Institute of Law for Science and Technology, National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) in Taipei from 26 to 27 October 2019.

**Conference Theme**

We live in a data-driven economy, where disruptive innovations in goods and services are mushrooming and keep challenging the existing international legal and policy frameworks established decades ago. As such, the (in)adequacy and even (ir)relevance of the conventional rules under the World Trade Organization (WTO), regional trade agreements (RTAs), and bilateral investment treaties (BITs) in governing science and technology in the era of big data and artificial intelligence (AI) have been the center of fierce debates.

The rise of the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, and AI innovations (*e.g.*, automated vehicles, robot financial/legal advisors) and their social and economic ramifications have readily translated into a considerable level of legal and policy uncertainty that challenges the relative rigidity and slowness of formal law and institution. What are the implications of algorithm-driven decision making in trade policy setting? How will AI impact global value chain and future production in the manufacturing sector? Should (and if so how) the international trading system re-conceptualize the established approaches to intellectual property law so as to respond to the fast-evolving, crowd-sourced, and platform-style data-driven economy shaped by various disruptive technologies? What are the optimal institutional designs for a balanced policy environment that accommodates trade interests with public morals, privacy, data portability, national security, human rights, business innovation, harmonized standardization, fair competition, property rights, consumer protection, and

proportionate liability allocation? Furthermore, to what extent (if any) will the WTO's traditional goods-services dichotomy persist as a normative basis for designing legal rules and processes in the new global economic order? Last but not least, in the past decades, an immense amount of data has been generated via a large flow of products, services, humans, capitals and information, as well as through all kinds of consultation, arbitration, and dispute settlement among corporations and governments. How will they fuel new dimensions of international economic legal studies, inform new methodologies and angles of analysis, and help reconfigure the existing regimes to adapt to new problems?

This Conference is therefore themed as “*International Trade Regime for the Data-Driven Economy: How will Artificial Intelligence Transform International Economic Law*” and we invite scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to examine and evaluate together how international economic law does, should, or can evolve to address various dynamic governance challenges in a data-driven economy.

**\*\*Both theme and non-theme proposals are welcome.**

### **AIELN/NTHU IEL Young Scholar Award**

An “AIELN/NTHU IEL Young Scholar Award” will be awarded to the best paper written by a junior scholar and presented at the Conference. The winner of the award will be announced at the end of the Conference, and a prize medal as well as a round-trip economy airfare (up to 3000 USD) will be awarded.

Ph.D. (or equivalent doctoral degrees) candidates and early-stage scholars (who graduated after May 2017) are eligible to submit their papers for the Committee's consideration for this award. Articles that have been published or accepted for publication are not eligible for the award competition, and so are papers co-authored with senior scholars. Please note that there is a separate deadline for such submissions.

### **Submission Procedure and Instruction**

#### *How to Submit*

Please submit your abstract (up to 500 words, in MS-Word format) along with a full CV to the Conference via our online submission system

<https://goo.gl/forms/wGiN5Lt3ZDtlzavR2> or email [2019aieln@gmail.com](mailto:2019aieln@gmail.com)

An electronic acknowledgment will be sent to you shortly after receipt of the abstract. All submissions will undergo a peer review process by at least two members of the Committee on a confidential basis.

To be considered for the AIELN/NTHU IEL Young Scholar Award, please check the yes box in the online submission system or include “Young Scholar Award” in your email subject.

Please note that only one proposal per person will be considered.

### *Timeline*

The deadline for abstract submission is by **31 March 2019**.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by **31 May 2019**.

Full papers (6,000-8,000 words) should be submitted by **10 October 2019**.

For those who would like to be considered for the AIELN/NTHU IEL Young Scholar Award, the deadline for full papers is **1 August 2019**.

### **Logistics and Financial Support**

NTHU will cover all the logistic costs incurred in the Conference, including accommodation for speakers, receptions, venues and seminar rooms. All conference participants, except for invited keynote speakers and the AIELN/NTHU Young Scholar Award recipient, should cover their own round-trip flight tickets and associated travel costs (such as visa fees).

### **Output/Dissemination**

The AIELN/NTHU Organizing Committee expects to submit a book proposal in mid/late 2019 to a top-tier international publisher for review, based on the contributors’ biographies and abstracts. Each chapter should be around 6,000-8,000 words, including footnotes. To facilitate the publication process, the completed papers should be submitted by **30 November 2019**.

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