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Call for Papers

7TH ASIAN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW NETWORK (AIELN) CONFERENCE

Building a Sustainable Future: New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law

Singapore Management University

9-10 December 2021 (Webinar via Zoom)

Co-organized by the Centre for Commercial Law in Asia of the Singapore Management University (SMU) Yong Pung How School of Law and the Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) – the Asian Branch of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) *with the support of* the Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy of National Taiwan University College of Law and the Sumitomo Foundation of Japan

I. Theme

The co-organizers will hold the 7th AIELN Conference on 9-10 December 2021. The theme of the Conference is “Building a Sustainable Future: New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law.” The virtual conference aims to provide an interdisciplinary forum for academics, private practitioners, and government officials to present works in progress across the spectrum of international economic law issues related to Asia. The tentative schedule for the Research Forum is as follows:

- Thursday, 9 December 2021: Opening Ceremony and Conference Sessions
- Friday, 10 December 2021: Conference Sessions and Closing Ceremony

II. Submission of Paper Proposals

The organizing committee welcomes proposals on the following areas of international economic law:

1. New Asian regionalism (e.g., developments in ASEAN, the CPTPP, the RCEP and digital economy agreements; investment liberalization and protection including ISDS and the Investment Court System)
2. Trade and sustainable development (e.g., Asian countries’ approaches to environmental sustainability, fisheries subsidies, forest management and food security)

3. Legal responses to COVID-19 (e.g., TRIPS waiver for vaccines, tariffs and non-tariff barriers imposed on medical devices, and investment in the healthcare and technology sectors)
4. International monetary and financial law (e.g., AI in finance; central bank digital currencies; sustainable finance and financial inclusion)
5. Other aspects of Asia's new economic order (e.g., US-China trade tensions; Indo-Pacific policies of ASEAN, the US and the EU; trade disputes and strategies of Australia, India, Japan, Korea and Taiwan)

Paper proposals of no more than 500 words must be submitted by **30 September 2021**, using the online submission form (<https://forms.gle/ingAMKo2FjEKS1rJ8>). Please also provide a short biography including recent publications in English.

The organizing committee welcomes proposal submissions from academics and other professionals. Junior faculty members are particularly welcome. The organizing committee will select proposals and announce the results in October 2021. Paper presenters are required to submit complete, unpublished papers by **1 December 2021**. The footnotes should conform to the US Bluebook format.

III. Other Information

Papers will be selected for publication in the special issue of the *Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy* (Scopus and SSCI-indexed). The deadline for submitting revised papers to the journal is **10 January 2022**. Submissions will undergo peer review and the editorial board of the journal will make the final publication decision. Articles in the journal will also be made available on HeinOnline and Westlaw.

Registration details will be announced in November 2021. Inquiries can be directed to the organizing committee (Professors Douglas Arner, Yuka Fukunaga, Aurelio Gurrea-Martinez, Pasha Hsieh, Jurgen Kurtz, Tsai-yu Lin, Han-Wei Liu, Neha Mishra, Junji Nakagawa, and Heng Wang) by e-mail at researchlaw@smu.edu.sg.

The AIELN was established as the first regional branch of the SIEL in 2009. It 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.

The Centre for Commercial Law in Asia (CCLA) at the Singapore Management University was established in 2014. CCLA aims to advance commercial growth in Asia marked by sustainability, inclusion and innovation through excellent research. It conducts and facilitates research in all areas of commercial law, with focus on its application, development and impact in Asia.

With the support of various partners, this AIELN Conference aims to strengthen the SMU-SIEL collaboration on promoting international economic law research related to Asia.