



## Call for Papers

### **2025 ILA-ASIL ASIA-PACIFIC RESEARCH FORUM**

*Sustainable International Law*

July 7-8, 2025, Taipei, Taiwan

Hosted by: The Research Center for International Legal Studies of National Chengchi University (NCCU) College of International Affairs, *in partnership with* the Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law – Chinese (Taiwan) Branch of the International Law Association (ILA), the International Law & Technology Interest Group of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), and the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia.

#### **I. Theme**

The Research Center for International Legal Studies of NCCU College of International Affairs will hold the ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum on July 7-8, 2025, at Howard Civil Service International House in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China (ROC). The theme of the Research Forum is “Sustainable International Law.” The Research Forum aims to provide a platform for academics, private practitioners, and government attorneys to present works in progress across the spectrum of international and transnational law issues related to the Asia-Pacific region. The tentative schedule for the Research Forum is as follows:

- Monday, July 7, 2025: Opening Ceremony and Forum Sessions
- Tuesday, July 8, 2025: Forum Sessions and Closing Ceremony

#### **II. Submission of Paper Proposals**

The Organizing Committee welcomes proposals in any area of international and transnational law relevant to sustainable international law and the Asia-Pacific region, broadly characterized as including:

- Climate Change Law and Policy (*e.g.*, emissions reduction and climate finance mechanisms, loss and damage compensation frameworks, renewable energy agreements, and the concept of green regionalism)
- Human Rights and Sustainability (*e.g.*, human rights treaties and the SDGs, rights of women, LGBTIQ+, and indigenous peoples in international law)
- Law of the Sea (*e.g.*, marine environmental treaties, BBNJ, sustainable fisheries management, maritime disputes in the East and South China Seas)
- International Economic Law (*e.g.*, sustainability-related provisions in trade and investment agreements, new norms in the CPTPP, DEPA, IPEF, and the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade)
- International Law and Emerging Technologies (*e.g.*, resilience of international law and institutions to disruptive technologies, multilateral initiatives on AI, blockchain, and quantum computing)
- Legal Dimensions of Regional and Global Security (*e.g.*, challenges of cyber warfare and lawfare, legal aspects of cross-strait relations, conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, implications for Indo-Pacific strategies)

Paper proposals must be submitted via <https://reurl.cc/GpvrxW> by **January 20, 2025**. The proposal should be between 500 and 800 words and should include the author's name and e-mail address. Please also provide a 1-2-page CV, including a list of recent publications in English.

The Organizing Committee invites proposal submissions from ILA and ASIL members, as well as non-members. We particularly encourage junior scholars, private practitioners, and government attorneys to participate. Selected proposals will be announced in February 2025, with an acceptance rate of approximately 30% based on previous Research Forums.

Selected paper presenters are required to submit complete, unpublished papers by **May 20, 2025**. Please ensure that footnotes adhere to the US Bluebook format. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to remove speakers from the program if they do not meet the submission deadline or if their papers lack substantive analysis.

### III. Other Information

Eight to twelve papers will be selected for publication in the [\*Chinese \(Taiwan\) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs\*](#) (Brill | Nijhoff). The Yearbook commenced publication in 1981. Prior distinguished authors include David Caron, Bin Cheng, Hungdah Chiu, Jerome Cohen, Jon Van Dyke, Natalie Klein, and Helmut Tuerk. The Yearbook is Scopus-indexed, and it is also available on BrillOnline, HeinOnline, and Westlaw.

The Organizing Committee will select the four best-submitted papers. Selected authors are required to present their papers in person at the Research Forum and to submit the final revised versions to the Yearbook for consideration. Each selected author will be awarded one of the following prizes in memory of eminent ROC jurists and diplomats for their significant contributions to Taiwan and beyond:

- **Wellington Koo (顧維鈞) Prize** (for early career researchers in international law below the age of 38); Koo served as a ICJ Judge and the ROC Ambassador to the United States.
- **Hsu Mo (徐謨) Prize** (international law and diplomacy); Hsu was a ICJ Judge and the first chairperson of the NCCU Department of Diplomacy.
- **Feng-Shan Ho (何鳳山) Prize** (international human rights and humanitarian law); Ho served as the ROC Consul-General in Austria during World War II and saved nearly 2,000 Jews by issuing them visas.
- **Wang Chonghui (王寵惠) Prize** (international law theories); Wang served as a PCIJ Judge and the ROC Foreign Minister.

The Organizing Committee will cover accommodation for prize winners for two nights, and their papers will be published in the Yearbook, pending final approval from the Editorial Board. Other paper presenters and participants in the Research Forum will be responsible for their travel and accommodation expenses; however, their registration fees of USD 300 will be waived. After the Research Forum, revised papers will undergo peer review, and the Yearbook's Editorial Board will make the final publication decisions.

Registration details will be announced by May 2025. Other inquiries can be directed to the Organizing Committee, including Olabisi Akinkugbe, Kai-Chih Chang, Chun-i Chen, Georgios Dimitropoulos, Pasha Hsieh, Helen Huang, Ching-Fu Lin, Ying-Jun Lin, Han-Wei Liu, Tibusay Morgandi, Jason Rudall, Linh Tran, Pei-Lun Tsai, and Kuan-Hsiung Wang via e-mail at [ila@nccu.edu.tw](mailto:ila@nccu.edu.tw). Notably, this Research Forum precedes the Ninth Biennial Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law, which will take place from July 9-11, 2025, at National Taiwan University in Taipei. We encourage scholars and practitioners to participate in both events.

The host institution for the Research Forum is the NCCU Research Center for International Legal Studies. The Center, in collaboration with the Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law, co-organized the ILA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in 2011, as well as the biennial ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum from 2013 to 2023. This Research Forum aims to strengthen ILA-ASIL collaboration in promoting international law research related to the Asia-Pacific region.