

THE SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW NETWORK
INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

Hosted by Jindal Global Law School, O.P Jindal Global University, India, on 29-30 April, 2017

CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS & POSTERS

The Inaugural Conference of the South Asia IEL Network will be held in New Delhi and at the Jindal Global Law School, Jindal Global University in Sonapat, Haryana (just outside New Delhi), India, on 29-30 April 2017.

The goal of this new network would be to encourage and support the development of the academic field of international economic law (IEL) in the South Asia region. The network would be a freestanding body, perhaps associated with other IEL groups such as the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) or the Asia IEL Network. Precise details will be developed at the Inaugural Conference business meeting.

I. Conference Content

In addition to a business session devoted to the creation and future operations of the South Asia IEL Network, there will also be a day and a half of research presentations (keynote lectures, paper presentations, and poster displays) on the conference theme. We therefore are seeking proposals for papers, panels and posters for this conference.

The conference theme will be “International Economic Law and South Asia”. This is a broad theme that provides flexibility for paper, panel and poster proposals that:

- (1) Cover the broad areas of international economic law (“IEL”); and that
- (2) Directly involve South Asia.

For purposes of this conference, IEL means the **international/transnational** dimensions of: trade law; investment law (including investment arbitration); finance and monetary law; intellectual property rights law; competition/antitrust law; labour migration law; and development law.

It may also include:

- The intersection of other fields of law and these IEL fields (e.g., environmental regulation and trade law in India); or
- Interdisciplinary approaches to IEL and the region (e.g., an economic analysis of the international investment law of Bhutan); or
- Papers on the discipline of IEL in South Asia (e.g., pedagogical or research issues facing IEL academics in South Asia).

It does not include:

- Matters of a purely or mainly private dimension (such as international commercial law or commercial law arbitration); or

- Matters whose regulation is predominantly domestic or local (such as much of the field of business/corporate law).

For purposes of this conference, South Asia includes: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

It may include IEL matters of relevance to:

- South Asian overseas communities (e.g. South Asian migrant workers); or
- South Asian land in other countries (e.g. perhaps in China (Tibet)).

The South Asia IEL Network Inaugural Conference seeks to encourage research and papers addressing these issues from academics, officials, and practitioners.

PhD/SJD/JSD (doctoral) candidates that are not already academics (lecturers, assistant professors, etc.) may only submit poster proposals. Proposals from other levels of students will not be accepted.

There will be plenary and concurrent panels. Each panel will be moderated. Panel Chairs and appointed Commentators may be invited to react to papers.

II. Submission Procedure and Instructions

Paper, poster and panel proposals must be submitted by Monday 6th of February via email to: southasiaiel@gmail.com in accordance with the below instructions.

Please write “South Asia IELN” in the subject of the email, followed by “paper”, “panel” or “poster” proposal, and then the subfield of IEL which should be one of the following “trade” or “investment” or “financial/monetary” or “international IP” or “other”. E.g.:

Subject: South Asia IELN CfP Paper Proposal, Investment

Subject: South Asia IELN CfP Panel Proposal, Trade

Subject: South Asia IELN CfP Poster Proposal, Other

Paper and poster proposals should include a cover e-mail with full institutional affiliation and contact details of the proposer, and a **WORD** attachment with a paper abstract of no longer than 500 words. The abstract should contain the title of the paper, along with a line indicating the subfield of IEL in which it falls.

Panel proposals should include two separate **WORD** documents: (a) a one-page document containing a panel title and a short description of the topics covered during the panel, and (b) a one-page document listing suggested panelists (no more than 5, which includes moderators, commentators and discussants), including concise information about the panelists and their specific contribution to the panel, as a presenter of a paper or as a participant serving in a different role. Suggested panelists must have been consulted by the organizer of the panel about the proposal. They must have confirmed their interest in serving on such a panel if it were to be selected and must have agreed to come in person to the conference. Please take into account the diversity of speakers and opinions reflected in your panel proposal. In assessing and selecting panel proposals, the organizers may take into account the diversity of speakers

and the originality and topicality of the panel's topic and presentations. Only one panel proposal per person (panel organizer and speakers included) will be considered.

Based on past experience with similar conferences and the high number of panel proposals typically submitted, and taking into account the need to design a balanced conference program, the organizers reserve the right to accept panel proposals subject to conditions regarding the size and composition of the panel and the variety of topics covered during a single panel discussion.

In evaluating proposals, please note that priority will be given to unpublished papers/posters and works in progress. In your cover e-mail, please note whether the paper has already been published, or has been accepted for publication.

No individual can participate on multiple panels. Accordingly, if you submit a paper proposal and are listed also in a panel proposal, we will consider both proposals, but cannot accept both your paper proposal and your inclusion as part of a panel. Accordingly, if you are submitting individually and as part of a panel and both are accepted, we will require you to choose which presentation to give.

The conference organizers anticipate announcing the results of this call for papers and panel proposals by the end of February 2017.

Conference papers will be made available to conference participants prior to the conference. Accepted papers (from paper and panel proposals) must be submitted by 20 April 2017, in order to ensure the dissemination of papers among conference attendees.

III. Conference Fees, Costs and Financial Support

All conference participants, including speakers, must cover their own travel, accommodation and attendance costs, though the hosts will endeavour to suggest appropriate accommodation based on attendees needs.

There is a conference fee of 40 USD per participant.

Enquiries

Please submit enquiries to either of the conference organizers: James J. Nedumpara (jnedumpara@jgu.edu.in) or Colin Picker (c.picker@unsw.edu.au).