

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS:

TEACHING AND RESEARCHING INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ASIA

The Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore will be hosting a conference from 21 to 22 June 2018 on “**Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia**” (TRILA). The broad purposes of the Conference are to assess the current state of teaching and research in International Law in the Asia Pacific region, to identify commonly experienced challenges for teachers of international law, and to formulate a programme of further action and activities to assist individuals in their teaching and research. This Conference follows in the footsteps of the successful Conference held on the same topic in Singapore in 2001. It also complements the ongoing work of the Asian Society of International Law.

The Conference will be preceded by a **Junior Faculty Workshop** on the 20th of June, which is directed at exploring the challenges junior faculty confront at the beginning of their careers in establishing themselves as teachers and in developing a scholarly agenda.

The Conference on Teaching and Researching International Law (TRILA)

General Information

The Conference will feature a variety of formats – panels, roundtables, break-out sessions – to enable both focused discussion and widespread participation. Topics, themes and issues to be explored include, but are not confined to the following:

- the relevance and importance of international law to the practice of law
- how to make the study of public international law relevant and engaging to students
- the relationship between international and national law
- the place of international law in the law school curriculum
- curriculum content—what topics should be included in a core public international law course, including the possibility of incorporating non-traditional areas (e.g., technology, cyberspace, environment, investment, corporate social responsibility, and others)
- what should be the purpose of teaching international law in an era of globalization
- teaching and research methods in institutions with limited resources

- what teaching methods and materials are appropriate for a course taught in the Asia Pacific region, including the role of moot courts and other experiential learning methods
- the history and theory of international law in the Asia Pacific region and its place in the teaching of international law
- the challenges of teaching international law in the local language
- balancing the demands of teaching and scholarship
- recent developments in international law scholarship
- the internet and the teaching of international law

The Conference will be held from 21 to 22 June 2018.

How to Participate

Persons anywhere in the world who are interested in participating in the Conference are invited to submit the following:

1. a *curriculum vitae* listing work experience, qualifications, publications, and other relevant information
2. a short think piece of no more than 600 words dealing with any issue/topic relating to the broad themes of the Conference OR an official nomination from the Dean of the Law School indicating why the nominee should be selected and how the nominee can contribute to the conference

The deadline for **submissions** is on **15 January 2018 (extended to 22 January 2018)**. We expect to be able to announce the result of the **paper selection** in **mid-February 2018**.

You may submit your application requirements **here**. (Application is closed)

Participation in this event is by invitation of selected applicants only.

Junior Faculty Workshop

General Information

The Conference will be preceded by a Junior Faculty Workshop on 20 June 2018 which is directed at exploring the challenges junior faculty confront at the beginning of their careers in establishing themselves as teachers and developing a scholarly agenda. Participants of the workshop will have the opportunity to present their works in progress for comment. The workshop will include a forum which will deal with topics including: developing a research

agenda; the relationship between teaching and scholarship; the elements of good scholarship; preparing an article for publication.

Participants in the Junior Faculty Workshop will be invited to remain for the Conference on 21st and 22d June.

How to Participate

Teachers of international law who are younger than 35 years of age OR who have no more than six years of teaching experience, are invited to apply. Please submit:

1. a 600 words or less abstract of your paper in progress
2. a *curriculum vitae* containing details of qualifications, work experience, publications

Papers relating to all topics of international law – General international law, the use of force, human rights, international environmental law, investment law, the history and theory of international law – are welcome.

The deadline for the **submission** of these materials is **22 January 2018**. We expect to be able to announce the result of the **paper selection** by the **last week of February**. Participants who are selected will be requested to submit their **completed papers** (no more than 8,000 words) by **15 April 2018**.

You may submit your application requirements **here**. (Application is closed)

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Robert Real (rgreal@nus.edu.sg)

Costs

Participation in the Conference and in the Workshop are free while lunch and snacks will be provided at the venue. Participants are, however, expected to take care of their other costs.