



TRILA Malaysia Workshop (online)

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In June 2018, the Centre for International Law (CIL) at the National University of Singapore organised a two-day conference on Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia (TRILA), which was the first in many years to provide a forum where scholars from Asia and throughout the world met to discuss crucial questions on teaching methods, materials for teaching international law in Asia, enhancement of teaching skills, and development of a research culture that fosters scholarship and publication.

Following the successful Singapore conference, CIL now collaborates with the Faculty of Law of University of Malaya to organise a TRILA online workshop in Malaysia. This event is part of a series of country-specific workshops, which will discuss the particular challenges in the teaching and research of international law faced by local scholars in different Asian countries. Like the conference in Singapore, the workshops are designed to have a bottom-up approach to enable all participants to engage with one another. In this workshop, junior to mid-level academics are highly encouraged to participate.

Workshop Programme	
Day One	
Time	Sessions
2 pm – 2.20 pm	<p>Welcome Remarks Dato' Associate Prof. Dr Johan Shamsuddin Bin Hj Sabaruddin Dean Faculty of Law, University of Malaya</p> <p>Overview of the Workshop Professor Antony Anghie NUS Centre for International Law</p>
2.20 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>Session 1: Where are we? Stocktaking of challenges in teaching international law in Malaysia</p> <p>In line with the bottom-up approach of the TRILA conference, the aim of this session is to hear from the participants about their experiences as academics. Dr Salawati Mat Basir will give a short presentation to start the discussion, which can address a range of issues including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The major challenges faced by teachers, especially in time of pandemic, and the strategies employed in addressing them 2) Issues ranging from limited materials and resources, to the advantages and disadvantages of different teaching methods and the skills developed from these methods 3) The challenges of teaching in a local language 4) The question of teaching non-traditional topics that allow students to engage in current regional and global issues 5) Proposals to incorporate relevant international law subjects as part of the study of general domestic law courses 6) Approaches to assessment and evaluation in courses. <p>An open discussion will follow after the presentation.</p>

3.30 pm – 3.40 pm	Break
3.40 pm – 4.10 pm	<p>Session 2: Teaching Methods</p> <p>This session will focus on different teaching methodologies that can be applied in the classroom. Associate Professor Dr Haniff Ahamat will outline some of the common teaching methods used in law schools in Malaysia, including those being used in time of pandemic. After the presentation, the floor will be open for a discussion about the pros and cons of each method and how they can be used in the Malaysian classroom context.</p>
4.10 pm – 4.15 pm	Break
4.15 pm – 5.30 pm	<p>Session 3: Formulating a syllabus</p> <p>Professor Anghie and Assoc Prof Dr Mohd Hisham B Mohd Kamal will discuss different outlines for an introductory Public International Law course gathered from the TRILA network. The discussion will focus on which are the basic elements a course outline should contain, what subjects should be devoted more time and attention to, and how to introduce special topics into the classroom. The focus will then shift to the discussion and drafting of specific contents, materials and tools to feed into a course outline which would be most useful for Malaysian lecturers. Workshop participants will then have an opportunity to discuss with one another their own opinions and approaches of their respective institutions in formulating an introductory PIL syllabus.</p>
End of Day One	

Day Two	
Time	Sessions
2 pm – 3 pm	<p>Session 4: Challenges in teaching and researching international law in ASEAN</p> <p>Professor Dato’ Dr Rahmat Mohamad will give a talk on the current and emerging issues in ASEAN, such as human rights and foreign investment, and the pedagogical practice in teaching ASEAN. An open discussion will follow.</p>
3 pm – 3.10 pm	Break
3.10 pm – 4.30 pm	<p>Session 5: Researching international law</p> <p>In this session, Professor Abdul Ghafur Hamid will present his experience in developing research projects, and share the challenges that Malaysian researchers commonly face. Professor Anghie will then outline some current trends in international law research and the ways in which these could be relevant to participants, including both those whose primary area of research is international law, and those who are seeking to integrate international and comparative perspectives into their research. They will also discuss the important components of research-led teaching and alternative ways of producing international law discourse outside Europe.</p>
4.30 pm – 4.35 pm	Break
4.35 pm – 5.05 pm	<p>Session 6: Tools for international law research</p> <p>CIL Researchers Amiel Ian Valdez and Jing Min Tan will provide an overview of research materials that are available and how to access them. This session will also continue our exploration of research trends and issues faced by the participants.</p>
End of Day Two	

Day Three	
Time	Sessions
2.30 pm – 3.40 pm	<p>Session 7: Scholarship, from writing to publishing</p> <p>Professor Anghie will open the discussion by making some practical suggestions about researching and writing an article. The topic of writing an abstract will also be covered as abstracts are often important when applying for participation in conferences. The floor will be open to discussion.</p>
3.40 pm – 4.10 pm	<p>Session 8: All about academic blogging</p> <p>Professor Mohammad Shahabuddin will talk about the recent trend of academic blogging about contemporary topics in international law as an opportunity for young scholars to gain exposure in academic writing and publication. He will give an overview of the prominent international law blogging platforms and discuss the writing style to adopt for submitting to such platforms.</p>
4.10 pm – 4.20 pm	Break
4.20 pm – 5.30 pm	<p>Session 9: Publishing in top international law journals</p> <p>In this session, Professor Anghie and Professor Shahabuddin will outline the procedure that is followed by journals, such as the Asian Journal of International Law when it receives a submission. They will discuss what reviewers look for when assessing an article and some common reasons for rejecting or accepting articles. Other issues that could be discussed include selecting appropriate journals.</p>
5.30 pm – 5.45 pm	Closing remarks
End of Day Three	