International law cannot call itself “international” without the voice of Asia

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The mission of CIL is to enable Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region to play a more significant role in the promotion and development of international law. CIL’s vision is to become a regional intellectual hub and thought leader for research on and teaching of international law.

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Ocean Law and Policy

Focus Areas
Law of the sea disputes, South China Sea, global and regional governance, shipping and IMO regulations, submarine cables, deep seabed mining, BBNJ, maritime security, marine environment, climate, marine plastics

Key Events and Capacity Building
- CIL-ANCORS Maritime Boundaries workshop
- Roundtable on Sea-Level Rise, co-organised as an International Law Commission Intersessional Meeting of the Sea-Level Rise Committee
- Conferences and workshops on South China Sea, protection of the marine environment in Southeast Asia, deep seabed mining
- Law of the Sea Training Course for the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Investment Law and Policy

Focus Areas and Projects
- Investment treaties and national governance project
- Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Handbook on Investment Treaty Commitments
- ASEAN and the Reform of Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), and ISDS Report to ASEAN Secretariat
- International investment law clinic (TradeLab) with the NUS Faculty of Law

Regional Workshops
- Investment Treaties and Governance
- International Investment Court Proposals
- Managing the Reform of Investment Treaty Portfolios

ASEAN Law and Policy

ASEAN Integration Through Law Project
- More than 80 scholars and practitioners from ASEAN and around the world participated in this major research project examining ASEAN’s commitment to the rule of law in the region and the global order.
- Major conferences were held in Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam to engage with regional policymakers, practitioners and scholars.
- A seminal ASEAN Integration Through Law Policy Recommendations Booklet was published.

The CIL Document Database
- This cross-referenced, full-text collection of 1000+ ASEAN and international law documents serves practitioners and scholars working on ASEAN issues.
- The database is kept up to date on recent documents, including those on the COVID-19 pandemic and output of the ASEAN Summits and Ministerial Meetings.

International Collaboration and Participation
- Observer Status at UNCITRAL Working Group III
- Meetings of OECD’s International Organizations Partnership for Effective International Rule-making
- Side events at the APEC Ministerial Meetings
- Collaboration with UNCTAD and UNESCAP

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International Law and Practice

International Dispute Resolution

Focus Areas and Projects
- Investor-state conciliation and mediation
- Dispute settlement mechanisms under international treaties
- International arbitration

Key Events and Capacity Building
- Singapore International Arbitration Academy
- International Law Year in Review

Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia (TRILA)

Focus Areas and Projects
- State of teaching and researching international law in Asia
- TRILA 2020 Report, on the 2018 TRILA Singapore Conference and results of the 2018 survey on the challenges of and opportunities in teaching and studying of international law

Capacity Building and Collaboration
- TRILA conference
- Country-specific workshops co-organised with host universities in Asia

Nuclear Law and Policy

Focus Areas and Projects
Goverance of nuclear safety, security, and civil liability for nuclear damage at the international and ASEAN levels

Participation, Collaboration and Capacity Building
- Participation in international and regional events including those organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), OECD Nuclear Energy Agency and ASEAN Regional Forum
- Nuclear Matters at CIL podcast series
CIL Singapore Academy of International Law

Designed to train government officials and private practitioners in investment treaty arbitration, the academy is taught by the world’s leading experts in international arbitration and combines theory, substantive and procedural law, and skill training in the field of investor-state arbitration.

Distinguished Speakers’ Series

The CIL Distinguished Speakers’ Series features renowned speakers, ambassadors and ministers who share their ideas on political and legal issues.

Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia

The TRILA conference provides a forum to identify the challenges facing Asian law schools and address them in an informed, collaborative manner, in order to train a generation of Asian scholars, practitioners and diplomats who can engage in global debates and develop initiatives that enhance the international rule of law.

CIL-ANCORS Maritime Boundaries Training Course

The Maritime Boundaries Workshop equips government officials with a range of specialist legal and technical skills in negotiating maritime boundary agreements, so that officials can assist their governments with maritime boundary delimitation, which is essential for good international relations and effective ocean management.

ASEAN Law Academy

The ASEAN Law Academy was launched in 2018 when Singapore was ASEAN Chair, as one of the flagship contributions towards ASEAN community building. The academy offers undergraduate and master’s level courses in ASEAN Law and Policy, and syllabi for professors to teach similar courses.

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