



Teaching and Researching International Law in Asia

Viet Nam Workshop
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TRILA Viet Nam Workshop (online)

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Workshop Programme	
Day One	
Time (Viet Nam)	Sessions
8 am – 8.10 am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Assoc Prof Le Vu Nam Vice-Rector University of Economics and Law Viet Nam National University - HCM</p> <p>Assoc Prof Dr Tran Viet Dung Dean International Law Faculty Ho Chi Minh City University of Law</p>
8.10 am – 9.40 am	<p>Session 1: Roundtable Discussion on International Law Teaching and Researching in ASEAN Countries</p> <p>Moderator: Prof Antony Anghie, NUS Centre for International Law</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr Dao Gia Phuc (Viet Nam) 2) Assoc Prof Dr Tran Viet Dung (Viet Nam) 3) Assoc Prof Salawati Mat Basir (Malaysia) 4) Assoc Prof Arie Afriansyah (Indonesia) 5) Ms Dany Channraksmeychhoukroth (Cambodia) 6) Dr Usanee Aimsiranun (Thailand) <p>This session will gather academics from selected ASEAN countries to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of the TRILA project and its vision and mission ● Challenges faced by teachers, especially in time of pandemic and some of the strategies employed to address these challenges. ● Issues concerning limited materials and resources, teaching methods, skills, and language. ● Teaching non-traditional topics that allow students to engage in current global and regional issues. ● Incorporating general international law subjects as part of the study of general domestic law courses. <p>An open discussion will follow after the presentation.</p>
9.40 am – 9.50 am	Break

9.50 am – 10.50 am	<p>Session 2: Teaching Materials</p> <p>Dr Nguyen Thi Hoang Yen and Professor Anghie will lead an exercise comparing chapters on the same subject from a variety of leading international law textbooks and casebooks. The objective of the exercise is for teachers to get acquainted with the different options available in the field, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each material, and to make informed decisions on which materials to include in a course outline, which will be subject of the next session.</p>
10.50 am – 11 am	Break
11 am – 12.30 pm	<p>Session 3: Formulating a Syllabus and Other Aspects of Teaching</p> <p>Assoc Prof Tran Thang Long and Professor Anghie 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 Vietnamese 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>
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break

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1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	<p>Session 4: Introduction to Scholarship and Writing an Abstract</p> <p>Dean Tran Viet Dung and Professor Anghie will discuss some general themes in doing research and writing. He will talk about the elements of a good article. He will also cover the topic on writing an abstract as abstracts are often important when applying for participation in conferences. An open discussion will follow.</p>
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>Session 5: Varieties of Scholarship and Methodologies</p> <p>Dr Trinh Thuc Hien and Professor Anghie will discuss the different types of scholarships: articles, notes and comments, and blogs. Then, he will give an overview of the different methodologies and types of argumentation. The floor will be open to discussion.</p>
3.30 pm – 4 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>
4 pm – 4.10 pm	Break
4.10 pm – 5.10 pm	<p>Session 7: Publishing in top international law journals</p> <p>Here, Professor Anghie will outline the procedure that is followed by journals, such as the Asian Journal of International Law when it receives a submission. He 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>
End of Day One	

Day Two	
Time (Viet Nam)	Sessions
8.30 am – 9.45 am	<p>Paper Presentations</p> <p>(1) <i>Reconciling Personal Privacy and Public Health: How to Define the Boundary?</i> Presenters: Nguyen Phuong An and Nguyen Thi Kim Cuc</p> <p>(2) <i>The Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents and Proposal for Improve Vietnamese Law to Join the Convention</i> Presenter: Nguyen Thi Kim Duyen</p> <p>(3) <i>The Approach of the CLCS to Submissions Involving an Unresolved Dispute and Its Impacts on the Implementation of the Procedure for the Delineation of the Outer Continental Shelf</i> Presenter: Tran Huu Duy Minh</p>
9.45 am – 9.55 am	Break
9.55 am – 10.45 am	<p>Paper Presentations (cont)</p> <p>(4) <i>Host State's Emergency Measures Triggered in COVID-19 and Legal Defenses under International Investment Law - Stepping on CPTPP's Thin Ice</i> Presenters: Nguyen Xuan My Hien and Ngo Nguyen Thao Vy (TBC)</p> <p>(5) <i>The Law from "a Far-Off Land": Transitional Justice in Kenya and the Intervention of the International Criminal Court</i> Presenter: Le Nguyen Nhat Minh</p> <p><u>Commentators:</u></p> <p>Dean Tran Viet Dung, Ho Chi Minh University of Law Dr Dao Gia Phuc, University of Economics and Law - VNU Dr Cheah Wui Ling, NUS Law School Dr Tara Davenport Professor Antony Anghie, NUS Centre for International Law / NUS Law School</p>
10.45 am – 11.15 am	<p>Plenary Session on Presentations</p> <p>This will serve as an opportunity for presenters, commentators and the rest of the participants to discuss common issues that arose in the presentations, how to address them, and other practical advice on how to present effectively.</p>
11.15 am – 11.30 am	Closing remarks
End of Workshop	