

## FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Top Legal Scholars to Meet at NUS to Discuss Asian Legal Issues

More than 100 leading scholars of law from around the world are to meet at a conference on the 27th to 28th of May at the National University of Singapore to discuss legal issues of contemporary relevance to Asia. Hosted by the [Faculty of Law](#) of the [National University of Singapore](#), the conference is one of the flagship events of the [Asian Law Institute \(ASLI\)](#), which is based at the NUS Faculty of Law. ASLI is a collaboration between the NUS Faculty of Law and ten other leading law schools in Asia. Its secretariat operates out of the NUS Faculty of Law, which provides financial and administrative support for its activities.

The [inaugural conference](#), which bears the theme “The Role of Law in a Developing Asia”, will see almost 100 papers being presented on topics of relevance to Asia, including constitutional law, criminal justice, information technology law, intellectual property rights, corporate law, world trade law, natural resources and indigenous peoples, and comparative competition law. There will also be four specialist panels exploring legal issues confronting China and Indonesia, two of Asia’s largest and most important developing economies. Panel titles include Foundations of Commercial Law in Asia, China and Taiwan in the 21st Century, Criminal Law and Justice in Asia, The Role and Rule of Law in Indonesia, Asia in the Era of Rapid Technological Change, The WTO and Economic Integration in Asia, The Rights of Women, and Corporate and Financial Law in Asia.

The conference will be one of the largest gatherings of Asian legal scholars ever to be convened, and will feature speakers and participants from nearly 70 law schools and research institutes from Asia, Europe, North America and Australasia. In addition, 15 Deans and Heads of law schools will be in attendance. The conference organisers, Associate Professors Gary F Bell and Alan Tan from the NUS Faculty of Law, hope that the annual ASLI conference will become the definitive forum for exploring legal issues of relevance to an emerging Asia. It is also hoped that the conference will provide opportunities for scholars from different countries to conduct joint research into topics of common interest. The intention is for the conference to be rotated annually among the ASLI founding institutions, with the conference returning to NUS every four years.

ASLI was established in March 2003 to strengthen academic exchanges and research collaboration among its members, which comprise the law schools of the following top Asian universities:

Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok, Thailand)

East China University of Politics and Law (Shanghai, People’s Republic of China)

University of Indonesia (Jakarta, Indonesia)

International Islamic University of Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

Kyushu University (Fukuoka, Japan)

National Law School of India University (Bangalore, India)

National University of Singapore (Singapore)

National Taiwan University (Taipei, Chinese Taipei)

Peking University (Beijing, People's Republic of China)

Seoul National University (Seoul, Republic of Korea)

University of the Philippines (Manila, the Philippines)