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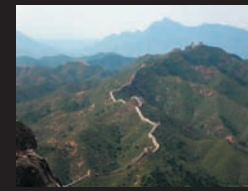
“International Law in a Multi-polar and Multi-civilizational World : Asian Perspectives, Challenges and Contributions”

In the 21st century, the world will be more multi-polar and multi-civilizational than it was in the 20th century. China and India are expected to become superpowers, rivaling the US. Such a multi-polarization of power will mean that there is a greater mix of cultures and religions in the international society. The legal regimes led by the West in the 20th century, with democracy, human rights and capitalism at their core will remain, but the voices of Asia and the Islamic world will be stronger. Western values with regard to issues such as the protection of the global environment and the relationship between human rights and religions will no longer necessarily dominate. The increasing diversification of the global community in the 21st century is a development that should be welcomed.

How will the international legal order transform itself amidst such a shift of power and values in the global community? This is an important challenge facing humankind in the 21st century. It is an urgent issue requiring serious deliberation, especially for the Asian people, who are expected to play an important role in the diversification of power and values. What should we do to bring about a desirable transformation of international law? In the past, the international legal order was led by the West. The Asian nations and peoples were limited to taking a reactive stance, merely utilizing the given systems of international law and criticizing the points with which they were dissatisfied. Such a reactive stance is not appropriate for an Asia which equals the West economically and makes arguments on an equal footing with the West. Asia needs to make its own proposals regarding the manner in which international law can support the world of the 21st century and realize the common interests of humankind. Asia must share fair and equitable responsibility for the international legal order, its ideas and systems.

The Asian Society of International Law, upon hosting its Second Biennial General Conference in Tokyo, will take up this important issue of Asia's relationship with the international legal order under the main theme of "International Law in a Multi-polar and Multi-civilizational World - Asian Perspectives, Challenges and Contributions." At the Conference, learned, experienced, aspiring international law scholars and practitioners from around the world will learn from each other, exchange views critically, and disseminate the results all over the world. We sincerely hope to see many people participate in the Conference so that it can be an opportunity to understand the law and reality of the global community, challenge its dominant premises and understandings, and make constructive proposals for the international legal order in a multi-polar and multi-civilizational world.

The Organizing Committee of the Second Biennial General Conference of the Asian Society of International Law in Tokyo



Programme

DAY 1: 1ST AUGUST

Open Forum : Asian Challenges - Law and Value in a Multi-polar World -

Panel Speakers:

- Edith BROWN WEISS (Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; former President of the American Society of International Law)
- MOGAMI Toshiki (Professor, International Christian University; former President of the Peace Studies Association of Japan)
- OWADA Hisashi (President, International Court of Justice; President of the Asian Society of International Law)
- XUE Hanqin (Member of the UN International Law Commission; Vice-President of the Chinese Society of International Law)

Opening Ceremony

Plenary Session I

Main Speakers:

- Bhupinder S.CHIMNI (Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University; the Grotius Lecturer of the ASIL Annual Meeting 2006)
- XUE Hanqin (Member of the UN International Law Commission; Vice-President of the Chinese Society of International Law)
- Martti KOSKENNIEMI (Professor, University of Helsinki; former Member of the UN International Law Commission)
- Edith BROWN WEISS (Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; former President of the American Society of International Law)

Discussants:

2-4 persons (to be selected by call for papers)

DAY 2: 2ND AUGUST

Panel Session A (6 parallel panel sessions)

A - 1 Agora Session: Power

Panel Speakers:

3 persons (to be selected by call for papers)

A - 2 Agora Session: Culture and/or Civilization

Panel Speakers:

3 persons (to be selected by call for papers)

A - 3 Agora Session: History

Panel Speakers:

3 persons (to be selected by call for papers)

A - 4, 5, 6 (to be decided by call for session proposals)

Panel Session B (5 parallel panel sessions)

B - 1 Investment Treaty Arbitration

Moderator/Chair:

HAMAMOTO Shotaro (Professor, Kobe University)

Main Speaker:

Michael HWANG (Senior Counsel and Chartered Arbitrator; President of the Law Society of Singapore)

Panel Speakers:

- Omar GARCIA-BOLIVAR (President, BG Consulting)
- HAYAKAWA Yoshihisa (Professor, Rikkyo University)
- Romesh WEERAMANTRY (Assistant Professor, City University Hong Kong)

B - 2 Asian Perspectives on the International Criminal Court

Moderator/Chair:

LIU Daqun (Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia)

Main Speaker:

Raul PANGALANGAN (Professor, University of the Philippines)

Panel Speakers:

- NOGUCHI Motoo (International Judge, Supreme Court Chamber, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC))
- 1 speaker (to be selected by call for papers)

B - 3 Constitutionalism and Functionalism in International Law

Moderator/Chair:

AGO Shin'ichi (Professor, Kyushu University)

Panel Speakers:

- Simon CHESTERMAN (Associate Professor, National University of Singapore)
- Tom GINSBURG (Professor, University of Chicago)

* Professor Martti Koskenniemi will take part in the discussion .

B - 4 International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in National Courts

Moderator/Chair:

SHIN Hae Bong (Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University)

Panel Speakers:

- PARK Chan Un (Associate Professor, Hanyang University)
- Paul RISHWORTH (Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Auckland)
- WANG Zhi An (Professor, Komazawa University)

B - 5 International Climate Regime and Sustainable Development in Asia

Moderator/Chair:

TAKAMURA Yukari (Professor, Ryukoku University)

Main Speakers:

- Lavanya RAJAMANI (Associate Professor, Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, India)
- WANG Xueman (Senior Legal Adviser, World Bank)

Panel Speakers:

- OTA Minoru (Attorney-at-Law, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu)
- Shirley SCOTT (Associate Professor, University of New South Wales)

Panel Session C (3 parallel panel sessions)

C - 1 Transparency in International Trade and Investment Dispute Settlement

Moderator/Chair:

NAKAGAWA Junji (Professor, University of Tokyo)

Main Speaker:

Florentino P. FELICIANO (Former Member of the WTO Appellate Body; Former Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines)

Panel Speakers:

- Henry GAO (Associate Professor, Singapore Management University)
- Peter LALLAS (Executive Secretary, World Bank Inspection Panel)
- LIM Chin Leng (Professor, Hong Kong University)

C - 2 Feminist International Legal Studies and the Thirty Years of the CEDAW Convention

Moderator/Chair:

ABE Kohki (Professor, Kanagawa University)

Main Speaker:

Hilary CHARLESWORTH (Professor, Australian National University)

Panel Speakers:

- Purificacion C. V. QUISUMBING (Member of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee)
- SHIN Heisoo (Member of the CEDAW)

C - 3 Human Security in Asia

Moderator/Chair:

Vitit MUNTABHORN (Professor, Chulalongkorn University)

Main Speaker:

Tom FARER (Dean, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver)

Panel Speakers:

- ASAHI Hideaki (Professor, University of Tokyo, former Ambassador to Timor Leste)
- Thi Thuy Van DINH (Interdisciplinary Centre on Environmental and Planning Law, Limoges)
- KUONG Teilee (Associate Professor, Nagoya University)
- Alan MACKAY (Chairman, Refugee Status Appellate Authority of New Zealand)
- Sharon ONG Su Min (State Counsel, Attorney-General's Chambers, Singapore)

General Assembly of the Asian Society of International Law

Plenary Session II, followed by the Closing Ceremony

Panel Speakers:

- R.P. ANAND (Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Executive President of the Indian Society of International Law)
- Hilary CHARLESWORTH (Professor, Australian National University)
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Gala Dinner (fee required)