Call for Papers (ASLI Members Only)

Asian Law Institute, Centre for Asian Legal Studies and Thammasat University

Legal Transplantation of Foreign Public Law in Asia

Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, Bangkok
Thursday & Friday, 3 & 4 November 2016

This Call for Papers is only applicable for ASLI Members.

The Asian Law Institute and Thammasat University Faculty of Law are pleased to issue this Call for Papers for a research symposium on “Legal Transplantation of Foreign Public Law in Asia”. The symposium will be held at Thammasat University between 3 and 4 November 2016.

*Please note that submissions from LLM or Undergraduate Students will not be considered.*

Theme of the Symposium
The modern systems of public law in Asia were established mostly through legal transplantation during or after the period of European colonization. Principles, institutions, and procedures of western public law were borrowed to achieve independence, regulate power, modernize or democratize society, or even facilitate globalization. The process of transplantation of public law has continued to take place in many Asian jurisdictions to cope with changing politics, growing economies, and technological and societal changes. Some Asian countries have, however, been struggling to find a suitable constitutional model that helps maintain a proper balance between internal motivations and external pressures.

The manner in which legal transplantation of foreign public law takes place across Asia, and the success of such transplantation, are debatable. However, an exploration of the experiences each Asian country has gained from its borrowing of foreign public law may be both practically significant and academically interesting, and the results may be assessed from legal, social, or economic perspectives. Lessons from each jurisdiction may be useful to others in adopting or adapting foreign principles and approaches suitable for their legal system. Comparisons drawn from different experiences and results of legal transplantation across Asia may help fill a gap in the legal literature.
Instructions and Requirements

The Symposium will consist of 20 papers given by the representatives of ASLI member institutions. Potential contributors are expected to focus on, although they are not necessarily limited to, the following areas:

(1) Exploring legal transplantation of foreign public law in their jurisdiction as a whole or legal transplantation of particular principles, institutions, or procedures of foreign public law in their jurisdiction from historical or comparative perspectives;
(2) Identifying problems arising from legal transplantation of foreign public law;
(3) Assessing the results of legal transplantation of foreign public law from legal, social or economic perspectives; and
(4) Proposing transplantation models or solutions to the problems of legal transplantation. All research methodologies, including comparative and statistical approaches, are welcome.

Observers

The organisers are also able to provide a limited number of spaces only for representatives of ASLI Member Institutions as observers. These will not provide a paper and will not be entitled to any expenses or accommodation, but will be invited to join the discussion. Those who wish to attend as observers should notify the organisers by 1 September 2016.

Submission Details (please read carefully)

Abstracts should be 300-500 words. Submission is on a competitive basis; 20 abstracts will be selected by the Research Symposium Committee, reflecting the quality of research, the balance of topics and the spread of jurisdictions presented. Papers will be 8,000-10,000 words and written in English (Instructions as to style will be issued later at a later date).

Submissions are to be submitted online. Click HERE

Important Deadlines

Submission of Abstract: 29 February 2016
Notification of Acceptance: 14 March 2016
Draft Book Chapter Submission: 1 October 2016
Registration Form: To be advised
Research Symposium: 3 & 4 November 2016