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Two CALS fellows—Dian Shah and Nyi Nyi Kyaw—participated in Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) Asian Regional Workshop on 6-10 January 2017. The Workshop was hosted by the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) in Bangkok.

The residential program, which was aimed at bringing together young emerging scholars and junior faculty members, comprised an intensive writing workshop in which peer-to-peer engagement was key. Dian and Nyi Nyi both submitted an ongoing writing project, which were evaluated by their peers and specialist faculty members in a small group format. The valuable experience—which is largely attributable to a unique ‘IGLP-method’ of providing feedback—allowed Dian and Nyi Nyi to receive focused and constructive criticisms on their respective papers. Another notable feature of the IGLP Workshop was a series of Faculty Roundtables and ‘Streams’ covering various issues on social justice, law and governance, global regulatory policies, and law and development. In the ‘Streams’ sessions, Dian and Nyi Nyi learned a great deal from their discussions and engagement with IGLP Faculty members on specific topics including ‘Law and Society in Southeast Asia’, ‘Human Rights’, ‘Bandung, the South, and International Law’, and ‘Comparative International Law’.

Beyond the Workshop’s formal program, Dian and Nyi Nyi benefited from networking opportunities with approximately a hundred faculty members and participants from around the world. The conversations and discussions have opened up prospects for research collaboration in common fields of interest, particularly in the Southeast Asia and Asia region. It is hoped that the potential collaboration will materialize and contribute to CALS’ growing scholarly presence in the region.