CALL FOR PAPERS
The 6th Asian Constitutional Law Forum
‘Constitutionalism in the Courts: Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers in Asia’
National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law + 10 – 11 December 2015

The Asian Constitutional Law Forum provides a venue for distinguished scholars and new scholars to share their research and ideas on Asian constitutional law, to expand collaborative research networks, and to facilitate publications. The 2015 Forum, organised by the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at NUS will address mainly the theme of constitutionalism in the courts, and will look at constitutional cases, issues, and overall performance of the judicial branch across Asia as judiciaries establish their independence of the other branches and encounter new and challenging issues.

Papers on other major constitutional developments (such as constitutional amendments, constitutional change and constitutional controversies, etc.) are also welcomed.

A centrepiece of this year’s Forum will be a stream of panels on ‘Constitutional Courts in Asia’, which is being organised by CALS Director Andrew Harding and Albert Chen, former Dean of Hong Kong University’s Faculty of Law. These panels will deal with the specialist constitutional courts (or the equivalent) of South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Cambodia, Mongolia, Indonesia and Myanmar: these panels are being organised on an individual invitation basis. Other panels will be organised according to the abstracts submitted in response to this Call-for-Papers, and will deal with issues falling within the broad themes of the Forum as mentioned above.

We particularly welcome papers on recent changes in constitutional law and specific constitutional issues arising in the courts; or with other major constitutional developments, such as those relating to the relationship between different branches of government, those relating to democratization, etc.

The Forum was first held at the Seoul National University, Korea in 2005; the second meeting was at the Centre for Asian Legal Exchange at Nagoya University in 2007; the third at the College of Law of National Taiwan University in 2009; the fourth at the Centre for Comparative and Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong in 2011; and the fifth at the Centre for Public Law at Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing in 2013. This year the Forum is being held in South East Asia for the first time.

- Abstracts are to be submitted by 1 May 2015.
- For more information please email cals@nus.edu.sg
- A committee has been formed which will consider the abstracts, and the authors of approved abstracts will be notified shortly thereafter.
- The abstract should be not more than 300 words and the author should provide his/ her name, academic appointment or other relevant position, as well as the title of the proposed paper.
- Participants at the Forum will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. However, conference registration fee will be waived for participants presenting papers at the Forum.