Call for Abstracts

Restructuring & Insolvency Academic Forum (RIAF) 2027

The Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore; the Ross Parsons Centre, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney; INSOL International; and INSOL International (Asia Hub) are pleased to organise the third Restructuring & Insolvency Academic Forum (RIAF) 2027. The forum will be held in person on 12-13 May 2027 at the University of Sydney Law School in Sydney.

RIAF 2027 aims to provide a forum for scholars and emerging scholars to present their research to their peers, experienced academics, and like-minded professionals. It seeks to promote research in corporate restructuring, turnaround, and insolvency from a distinctly Asia-Pacific perspective. Authors may wish to consider topics such as:

- The intersection of insolvency law with other areas of law, e.g. arbitration and tax;
- Cross-border insolvency and unique challenges that present itself in the Asian context;
- The role of insolvency in managing the distress of companies / enterprises affected by macroeconomic shocks, e.g. COVID-19 pandemic and the Gulf War of 2026;
- Issues that arise in the development of Asian insolvency regimes; and
- Non-fiscal consequences of corporate restructuring and insolvency on society, the environment, and politics.

This list is not exhaustive, and authors are welcome to submit abstracts addressing other aspects of corporate insolvency and restructuring law and practice. Authors are also welcome to adopt any of a wide variety of methodological approaches.

Submission Guidelines

RIAF 2027 will see the return of the undergraduate panel(s). To facilitate the fair and efficient adjudication of abstracts, authors should submit their abstracts in accordance with the following separation.

For undergraduates, abstracts should be submitted via this link.

For post-graduates,[1] scholars, and practitioners, abstracts should be submitted via this link.

All submissions must include the following information:

- Name, affiliation, and contact detail of the corresponding author;
- Names and affiliations of any co-authors;
- The abstract of the draft paper, of no more than 500 words.

Deadlines

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 2359H (GMT+8) on Tuesday, 1 September 2026. Participants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by 30 September 2026.

Successful participants will be expected to submit draft conference papers of no more than 5,000 words by 12 April 2027, which is one month before RIAF 2027.

[1] Defined as authors who already hold a first degree in law or legal studies at the time of abstract submission.

Funding Opportunities

Attendance at the conference is free for all presenters. However, accommodation and travel expenses will be borne by the participants. A limited number of travel grants will be offered on a competitive basis: S$1,000 to emerging scholars from Asian Development Bank (ADB) C1-C3 countries and S$750 to emerging scholars from ADB CA countries. Successful participants will be advised by 30 September 2026.

Publication and Presentation Opportunities

The Organising Committee is currently in talks with journals over the possibility of publishing conference papers as part of a special volume. More details on this will be released in mid-2026. The presenter selected for "Best Presentation" by a panel of esteemed experts may be invited to present at an INSOL ERA Annual Workshop.

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