

Restructuring & Insolvency Academic Forum (RIAF) 2026

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The Restructuring & Insolvency Academic Forum (RIAF) is a regional academic partnership platform jointly developed by the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and INSOL International (Asia Hub) with support from leading policy and academic institutions across Asia. It serves as a bridge connecting research, practice, policy, and reforms in Asia.

Hosted this year by Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand, RIAF 2026 brings together academics, practitioners, and emerging researchers from across Asia to examine the pressing issues shaping corporate restructuring and insolvency in the region. This year's iteration provides a platform for regionally grounded academic exchange on topics including cross-border developments, restructuring reform, turnaround practice, asset recovery, and the evolving Asian insolvency landscape.

RIAF 2026 is proudly co-organised by the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, and INSOL International (Asia Hub). The Forum is supported by the INSOL International Academic Group, the Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School, and the Insolvency Law Academy.

Attendance at RIAF 2026 is by invitation only. Those interested in attending are invited to contact InsolAsia@insol.org for further information.

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TIME	PROGRAMME
8:15 - 9:00	REGISTRATION
9:00 - 9:05	OPENING ADDRESS Assistant Professor Amnart Tangkiriphimarn, Thammasat University
9:05 - 9:10	OPENING ADDRESS Clare Wee, INSOL International (Asia Hub)
9:10 - 9:40	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Thailand's Insolvency Reform Experience and the Future of Cross-Border and Digital-Age Restructuring Professor Wisit Wisitsora-at, Securities and Exchange Commission and the Electronic Transactions Development Agency
9:40 - 10:00	Q&A Moderator: Sumant Batra, Insolvency Law Academy
10:00 - 10:30	MORNING TEA

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10:30 - 11:15	ACADEMIC PANEL 1: INSOLVENCY AND TECHNOLOGY: PROMISES, PERILS, AND POTENTIAL? Professor Andrew Godwin, University of Melbourne - Insolvency Law and Digital Assets - The Scorecard from Australia Professor Rebecca Parry, Nottingham Trent University - Artificial Intelligence, its Impact on International Practices and Future Potential Dr Supawich Sirikanchana, Thammasat University - Designing Insolvency Disclosure Obligations in Tech-Driven Capital Markets: Lessons from Crypto-Asset Exchange Insolvencies for the Thai Legal Landscape
11:15 - 11:45	Q&A Moderator: Danny Quah, CHP Law
11:45 - 12:45	LUNCH
12:45 - 13:30	PRACTITIONERS' PANEL: AT THE INTERSECTION OF INSOLVENCY AND ARBITRATION Samuel Leong, Singapore International Arbitration Centre - The SIAC RIA Protocol: Bridging the Gap Yada Yuwataepakorn, Baker McKenzie Thailand - Arbitration and Insolvency: Mapping the Intersections Under Thai Law The Honourable Simon Gardiner - Australia's Experience and Recent Developments
13:30 - 14:00	Q&A Moderator: Professor Andrew Godwin, University of Melbourne

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14:00 - 15:00	ACADEMIC PANEL 2: INSOLVENCY AND EXTANT QUESTIONS OF LEGAL DOCTRINE Professor Jason Harris, University of Sydney - Corporate Group Insolvency in Asia: Consolidation and Beyond Associate Professor Irna Nurhayati, Universitas Gadjah Mada - Unravelling the Issue at the Crossroads of Bankruptcy Proceedings and Arbitration in Indonesia: Should Winding-Up Trump Arbitration Agreement? Associate Professor Surbhi Kapur, Jindal Global University - The Integrity Continuum and Enduring Influence of Ex Parte James on Asian Insolvency Laws Emma Shuen Lee, National University of Singapore - Abolishing the Statutory Trust in Liquidation
15:00 - 15:30	Q&A Moderator: Judge Kanok Jullamon, Supreme Court of Thailand
15:30 - 16:00	TEA BREAK

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16:00 - 17:15	ACADEMIC PANEL 3: PERSPECTIVES FROM EAST ASIA Professor Choi Joon-Kyu, Seoul National University - Third-Party Release in the Republic of Korea from a Civil Law Perspective: Normatively Justified as a Rational Strategy Under Certainty Professor Junko Sugimoto, Nihon University - Overview of Early Business Recovery Act in Japan Dr Alex Huang, University of Hong Kong - A Tale of Two Equities Dr Cao Yunsong, Southwest University of Political Science and Law - Reciprocity System: How to Utilize this Double-Edged Sword in Cross-Border Insolvency Toh Ding Jun, National University of Singapore - What is Being Transplanted? An Examination of China's Reception of Pre-Packaged Bankruptcy
17:15 - 17:45	Q&A Moderator: Professor Rebecca Parry, Nottingham Trent University
17:45 - 21:00	CONFERENCE DINNER

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08:15 - 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 - 09:30	OPENING LECTURE Tracing and Recovering Assets in Insolvency of Smaller Enterprises Sumant Batra, Insolvency Law Academy
09:30 - 10:00	Q&A Moderator: Judge Kanok Jullamon, Supreme Court of Thailand
10:00 - 10:30	ACADEMIC PANEL 4: INSOLVENCY AND SOCIETY Migmar Lham, Matrix Gelephu - Corporate Insolvency in Bhutan: Legal Framework Versus Cultural Reality in the Kingdom Akanksha Tripathy, BML Munjal University - Beyond Creditors - Social and Environmental Externalities in Corporate Insolvency in Developing Economies
10:30 - 11:00	Q&A Moderator: Debaranjan Goswami, University of Melbourne

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11:00 - 12:00	ACADEMIC PANEL 5: ASSET TRACING AND RECOVERY Dr Dang Viet Dat and Ms Nguyen Dang Cam Nhung, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics - Tracing and Recovery of Digital Assets in Corporate Insolvency: A Comparative Analysis of Vietnam's Fragmented Legal Framework and UNCITRAL Standards Debaranjan Goswami, University of Melbourne - Transaction Avoidance, Wrongful & Fraudulent Trading Provisions Under Indian Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016: Pitfalls and the Way Forward Aditya Jain and Dhanya Jha, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law - Critiquing the Balance-Sheet Insolvency Test: Institutional Lessons from India Kajal Bhatia, WongPartnership LLP - Bridging the Tracing Lag: Financing Asset Recovery and Digital Dissipation Under the UNCITRAL Toolkit
12:00 - 12:30	Q&A Moderator: Yam Wern-Jhien, Setia Law
12:30 - 12:35	CLOSING REMARKS Toh Ding Jun, National University of Singapore
12:35 - 12:40	CLOSING REMARKS Assistant Professor Lasse Schuldt, Thammasat University
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