



3rd International Conference on

Decolonizing Law and Justice: Embracing
Diverse Perspectives of International Law
Including Climate Justice

Concept Paper

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ABOUT AALP

The Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP) is a not-for-profit consortium of law Asian Law Professors and Law Institutions worldwide connected to Asia. This has been a regular and grand forum to connect Law Professors teaching in Asia and Asians teaching law worldwide.

The association's mission is to:

- Develop greater partnership and deeper relations among the law schools in Asia. As an academic general platform, this association expects to work towards the development of legal scholarship and greater interaction of legal scholars and institutions to enhance growing working partnership.
- Be a central platform of law and justice for law schools, scholars, and academicians to come together, collaborate collectively and learn from each other with a sense of interdependence for promoting justice, addressing contemporary issues and enhancing respect and implementation of international law.
- Facilitate and inspire excellence in research and teaching in the Asian region.
- Contribute towards the development of law schools and legal education throughout Asia.
- Share best practices in teaching legal education among member institutions from Asia.
- Hold academic activities such as seminars, debate and moot courts among Asian students, teachers and lawyers.

BACKGROUND

Following the successful completion of our first two conferences, the Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP) is excited to announce its third conference to be held in Kathmandu on 10th and 11th November. The third conference will center on the theme **'Decolonizing Law and Justice: Embracing Diverse Perspectives of International Law including Climate Justice.'** The Conference expects to bring over two law professors to deliberate on several issues and elect the third Executive Committee.

Since its founding, AALP has hosted two significant conferences and three seminars that have successfully brought together prominent scholars, legal practitioners, and students. These events have served as essential platforms for discussing the pressing issues in the fields of law and justice, promoting the exchange of ideas, advancing scholarly research, and fostering connections among members of the global legal community. The earlier proceedings of the Conferences have been published online as well as print versions.

Building on the achievements of previous conferences, Association's upcoming event aims to address critical and timely issues such as climate justice, which poses a grave concern for all Asians. The theme 'Decolonizing Law and Justice' along with Climate Justice seeks to challenge and rethink the traditional Eurocentric perspectives that often dominate discussions in international law and affairs. By focusing on this theme, the Conference aims to highlight and incorporate a wide range of viewpoints, particularly those from Asian countries, into our understanding of legal principles and justice.

Based on an underlying goal for promoting inclusive approach to international law, the Conference intends to explore how different cultural, historical, and legal traditions from around the world can contribute to a richer, more equitable understanding of legal practices and principles and their application in Asia. This goal includes examining how these diverse perspectives can reshape our views on justice and the application of international law and the enhancement of the rule of law in all aspects of people's lives.

Therefore, the Executive Committee and the Conference Organizing Committee invite scholars, legal professionals, and students to engage in this crucial academic event. Your participation and contributions will help enrich the dialogue, enhance collective knowledge, and foster a more comprehensive and inclusive view of international law and justice from decolonization and climate justice perspectives.

CONFERENCE THEME:

**DECOLONIZING LAW AND JUSTICE: EMBRACING DIVERSE
PERSPECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW INCLUDING CLIMATE
JUSTICE**

The 3rd International Conference of AALP will focus on emerging issues related to the theme of **Decolonizing Law and Justice: Embracing Diverse Perspectives of International Law including Climate Justice**. The theme addresses critical and evolving issues in the field of law and justice by focusing on how traditional views can be challenged and broadened. The Conference realizes that the influence of colonization still persists in

many aspects of the law and justice, including international law and its enforcement. While AALP believes on global cohesion and harmony, it also believes that many civilizations and values nurtured over centuries have their distinct places rich with the sense of peace and cooperation among people across the globe. Hence, the growth and application of the international cannot be universal ignoring the objective reality of Asia. Asia is a hug of economic and scientific progress today. It represents a vital center of the international affairs and economic development. Hence, AALP understands to see international law from Asian context and perspective.

Thus, the conference will focus on addressing the impact of ‘colonial legacies on current legal systems, exploring the possibility of the creative role of diverse cultural and legal traditions in Asia, promoting inclusivity in international law and facilitating dialogue among global legal experts to enhance and broaden the understanding of law and justice.

SUB-THEMES

- 1) Concept and Principles of Decolonization of International Law
- 2) Discussion on the Rule of International Law and the Shift of Global Power to Multilateral Actors
- 3) Stressing the role of Climate Justice as a major issue of International Law and Social Justice
- 4) South Asian, South East Asian, Central Asian and Middle East Perspectives of International Law
- 5) Human Rights and Post-Colonial Realities
- 6) Decolonizing International Law and the Role of TWAIL
- 7) Legal Transplantations and Decolonizing Commercial Law
- 8) Human Security with International Law with Reference to Israel-Palestine and Russia-Ukraine Conflict
- 9) Role of AI in Shaping the Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- 10) Indigenous Approaches to Biodiversity Conservation

OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE

Through the Third Conference and General Assembly, the AALP brings you the unique idea of delving into the theme of **“Decolonizing Law and Justice: Embracing Diverse Perspective of International Law including Climate Justice”**. These concepts offer a unique platform for all where the paper presenter will discuss various ideas within the dimension of international law. The objectives of the AALP include:

1. Engaging in critical discourse about the decolonizing law and Justice from the perspective of International Law
2. Bring together scholars from around Asia to critically review the idea of decolonizing law and justice within the context of international law and draw an interconnection between them.
3. Bridging the gap between scholars by bringing academics from Asia to foster Asia’s role in global regimes.
4. Create strong cooperation between the Law Professors from South Asia in particular and Asia in general.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Aspirant participants may present papers on any of the above themes and must send an abstract of 400 words along with a brief biographical note (not more than 100 words) before September 10, 2024. The acceptance of the paper for presentation will be informed by September 20, 2024. Upon acceptance, an extended write-up of a minimum of 2,000 words (not exceeding 8,000 words) must be sent by October 30, 2024, in the format as per the Kathmandu School of Law Style guide or other international rules. If the extended write-up is not submitted before the last date, organizers may rescind it to allow the paper to be presented at the conference.

Submission of the extended write-up will be considered as the author’s unconditional consent for a possible subsequent publication by the organizers. The best article will be published in the Journal of Kathmandu School of Law, Asian Journal of International Affairs and journals published by member institutions. The paper thus presented will be certified as a ‘official conference paper.’

SELECTION OF PAPER

Only eight papers demonstrating exceptional academic discourse will be selected for presentation. However, all qualified papers will be published on the Association's website after peer review. The authors of selected papers will be invited to present in Nepal in person for a paper presentation. KSL students from the 3rd year onward and the 16th ESDR scholars will also have an opportunity to participate in AALP. However, only the student with the best proposal will be given this opportunity.

KEY INFORMATION & DATES

Last date for submission of Abstract:	September 10, 2024
Last date for submission of Extended Write-up:	October 30, 2024
E-mail ID for Submissions:	asianalp2019@gmail.com
Contact Numbers:	
Last date for Registration:	September 30, 2024
Conference Date:	November 10-11, 2024
Venue:	Kathmandu School of Law, Bhaktapur

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

OPENING CEREMONY

The Third AALP Conference will begin with an inaugural ceremony at the main campus of Kathmandu School of Law in Bhaktapur. This event will gather distinguished guests from across Asia, including esteemed law professors, leading academicians, and prominent legal scholars. The ceremony will feature welcoming remarks aimed at greeting and acknowledging all participants. These speeches will highlight the contributions of attendees and set a positive, collaborative tone for the conference.

In addition to the welcoming remarks, the ceremony will provide an overview of the conference program. Key themes of the conference will be highlighted, offering insights

into the primary topics and issues that will be explored. The objectives of the conference will also be presented, emphasizing the goals and expected outcomes of the discussions and activities. Eminent academicians and officials from Nepal will participate as guests in the opening session. The opening session AALP will coincide with the opening of the ESDR residential school.

PAPER PRESENTATION

After the opening session of the conference, the authors of the top-selected paper will have the opportunity to present their research to an esteemed panel consisting of the Chair and a committee of senior professors. Following the presentation, selected members of the committee will provide detailed feedback and constructive comments.

The paper presentations will continue throughout the entire day on November 10 and 11. Various authors will present their papers during these sessions, and the committee will offer comments and feedback on each presentation.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony will also take place at the main campus of Kathmandu School of Law in Bhaktapur, attended by distinguished guests, including prominent law professors, esteemed academicians, and notable legal scholars from across Asia. Participants will be presented with certificates recognizing their contributions to the conference. A highlight of the ceremony will be the presentation of the Best Paper Presenter Award, given to the author of the top paper presentation for its exceptional quality and impact. The closing ceremony will celebrate the achievements of all participants and foster a sense of community and future collaboration.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

Law Professors, Law Scholars, Students of Law and Young Law Professionals from across Asia are invited to submit papers. The conference focuses on Decolonizing Law and Justice, which will greatly benefit legal practitioners interested in academic scholarly discussions. Additionally, law experts, lawmakers, and government representatives are encouraged to participate.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration Fee for International Paper Presenters/Participants: USD 200 inclusive of food and accommodation.

Registration Fee for Nepalese Paper Presenter/Participants: NPR 5500/-

- * All charges relating to the payment of the registration fee are to be borne by the paper presenter/participant.
- ** A screenshot of the payment details should be uploaded during registration. Those who are exempted from payment of the registration fee may upload membership details.
- *** Registration fee, once paid, will not be refunded for any reason.

Bank details will be forwarded to participants after the paper is selected. Invited resource persons, members of AALP, and employees are exempted from the payment of the registration fee. All presenters and observers are requested to register themselves mandatorily using this link for the conference.

Any communication regarding the Conference shall only be shared with those registered herein.

AALP MEMBERSHIP

The Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP) was developed by institutions in Nepal, India, China, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Membership is open to both institutions and academicians.

- Any university law school or law faculties at universities in Asia can join the association.
- Academicians and researchers teaching at legal education imparting institutions around the world.
- Individual membership is open to academicians and researchers undertaking the teaching of socio-legal subjects at institutions around the world.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The membership fee structure shall be as follows:

- **FOUNDING INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP (LIFETIME) – USD 5000**
- **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP (YEARLY) – USD 250**
- **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (YEARLY) – USD 150**
- **AALP MEMBERSHIP + CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE - USD 250**

CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION OF PAPER PRESENTATION: All the paper presenter shall receive the certificate of paper presentation and participation.

CERTIFICATION OF EXCELLENCE AND BEST PRESENTATION: Best paper among the participants will receive the certification of excellence and best presentation.

The logo for the Asian Association of Law Professors (AALP) features the acronym 'AALP' in a large, serif font. The first 'A' is red, the second 'A' is blue, the 'L' is red, and the 'P' is blue. Below the letters are two horizontal lines: a top orange line and a bottom blue line.

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