



IP & INNOVATION RESEARCHERS OF ASIA NETWORK



Fifth IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference
Nanyang Technological University
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1-3 March 2023

Call for Applications

The *IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Network* is pleased to announce the **Fifth IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference**, which will be hosted on **1-3 March 2023** by the **Division of Business Law, Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University** in Singapore. Due to the still ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Fifth IPIRA Conference** will be held as a **hybrid** event, with the possibility to also attend and present online.

The **Fifth IPIRA Conference** is organized by the *IPIRA Network* in cooperation with the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy**, the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, and the following academic institutions: **Division of Business Law, Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University**, the **Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia**; **Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia**; **Texas A&M University School of Law**; and the **Faculty of Law, University of Geneva**.

As in previous years, the **Fifth IPIRA Conference** is supported by a group of distinguished academics serving in the *Scientific Committee* and by several academic institutions in Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, and the Americas, reflecting the *IPIRA Network*'s mission to promote

worldwide interactions between IP and Innovation researchers (see <http://ipresearchersasia.org/annual-conference/>).

Submissions

Researchers, including Ph.D. candidates, who are interested in presenting at the **Fifth IPIRA Conference** should email the following information to IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com:

- A **title** and **short abstract** of the paper or work-in-progress (500 words or less) they would like to present as a Word attachment. **The submission should be in English.**
- A **short bio** (200 words or less) including a **recent picture** (in the same file), also as Word attachment. **The submission should be in English.** **Note that applicants **must** be affiliated with an academic institution to be accepted to the Conference.*
- **In their submission, applicants should specify whether they will attend the Conference in person or online** if their abstract will be accepted at the Conference. ***Note that this information is crucial to organize both the scientific and logistical parts of the Conference. Applicants should decide carefully whether they will attend in person or prefer to present online at the time of their submission. Changes from in-person to online or vice versa at a later stage will disrupt the Conference's organization and will be limited to true emergencies.*

Please indicate “**Submission to the Fifth IPIRA Conference**” in the email subject line of your submission.

The Organizers welcome submissions by senior, mid-career, and junior academics. Submissions are welcomed from legal scholars writing on IP and Innovation-related topics in Asian Law, Comparative Law, and International Law, as well as scholars interested in IP and Innovation from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives.

Applications from students, including LL.M. students, will **not** be accepted as the Conference is reserved for academics (full-time and part-time) and Ph.D. candidates. Students can only apply to attend the Conference should they be interested in attending.

There is no paper publication requirement to present at the Conference. Likewise, no publication of the papers presented is contemplated after the **Fifth IPIRA Conference**.

Deadlines for Submission and Notification of Acceptance

The deadline to submit a request to present is **20 November 2022**. **Early submissions are strongly encouraged.* The Organizers will notify accepted participants by **5 December 2022**. Accepted participants will need to confirm their participation no later than **15 December 2022** to allow sufficient time to create the final Conference program.

Format and Time for Presentations

The **Fifth IPIRA Conference** will feature a combination of plenary and parallel sessions. The final schedule will be based on the number of submissions. **The Organizers anticipate admitting a similar number of speakers as in the previous editions of the Conference.*

Presenters will have approximately **25 minutes** for their presentation including comments/questions from the audience. We encourage participants to speak for no longer than 15 minutes, reserving a considerable amount of time for comments/questions.

All presenters are strongly encouraged to attend the whole Conference if possible.

As in previous editions, the **Fifth IPIRA Conference** will feature keynote speakers and plenary panels with senior scholars and officials from international organizations.

Conference Schedule

The first day of the **Fifth IPIRA Conference, Wednesday, 1 March 2023**, will be a half day, starting in the early **afternoon** and ending in the **evening** (Asia time).

The second and third days of the **Conference—Thursday, 2 March 2023, and Friday, 3 March 2023**—will be full days starting in the **morning** and continuing until the **evening** (Asia time).

The Conference Organizers will build the Conference schedule based on how many participants will be in-person and how many will be online. They will try to schedule sessions as all in-person or all online to allow for maximum participation in both types of panel formats.

Due to the Hybrid format of the Conference, and the fact that participants will be in different time zones (within Asia and beyond), the Organizers will attempt to create a flexible and inclusive schedule to accommodate the majority of participants. The times of the Conference will be, however, primarily based on the time zones in Asia.

Non-Presenting Attendees

The Organizers welcome non-presenting attendees to attend the **Fifth IPIRA Conference** in-person or online. Requests will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Considering the possibility of a high number of requests, early requests are strongly encouraged. The Conference organizers reserve the ability to limit the number of attendees due to the maximum capacity of the online Zoom system.

Email your request to attend the Conference as a non-presenting attendee, specifying whether you would like to attend in-person or online, to IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com

Costs

There are **no registration fees** or other costs associated with attending the **Fifth IPIRA Conference**. In addition, participants will enjoy complimentary refreshments, lunch, and dinner during the days of the Conference.

However, **all presenters and attendees participating in-person must cover their travel-related and accommodation expenses**. They will also be responsible for obtaining and covering the costs related to their travel visa and any other necessary travel documents.

Travel Arrangements for In-Person Participants

In-person presenters and attendees are responsible for arranging their travel to attend the **Fifth IPIRA Conference**.

The organizers will reserve a block of rooms in selected hotels. Those hotels will be announced in December 2022. Participants can then book a room with these hotels directly. We also encourage participants to check for affordable hotel rates and other discounted travel arrangements online.

Online Sessions and Technology

Zoom will be the online platform for the online component of the **Fifth IPIRA Conference**. Online sessions will be conducted in a “classroom” style, where all attendees are visible to each other and the speakers. Presenters and attendees will be given a password to access the relevant sessions. Attendance will be **strictly** reserved for registered presenters and attendees. All information will be processed in accordance with relevant data privacy laws.

Questions

For questions and information, email us at IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE
*FIFTH IPIRA CONFERENCE!***