



Third IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference

ONLINE on 24-27 March 2021

Call for Applications

The *IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Network* is pleased to announce the **Third IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference**, which will be held on **24-27 March 2021**. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the **Third IPIRA Conference** will be held exclusively **ONLINE**.

The **Third 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: the **Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia**; **Faculty of Law, Universitas Indonesia**; **Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University**; **Texas A&M University School of Law**; and the **Faculty of Law, University of Geneva**.

The **Third IPIRA Conference** is additionally supported by a group of distinguished academics serving in the *Scientific Committee* and by several research centers and universities in Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. The international composition of the *Scientific Committee* and the supporting institutions reflects the mission of the *IPIRA Network*, which is to promote worldwide interactions between IP and Innovation researchers sharing an interest in Asian Law, Comparative Law, and International Law. For the list of the *Scientific Organizers*, the members of the *Scientific Committee* and the supporting institutions <http://ipresearchersasia.org/annual-conference/>

Submissions

Researchers, including Ph.D. candidates, who are interested in presenting at the **Third 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.**
- The **academic affiliation**, including a **short bio** (200 words or less) as Word attachment. **The submission should be in English.** **Note that applicants **must** be affiliated with a University or Research Center to be accepted to the Conference.*
- A recent **picture** as part of their bio.

Please indicate “**Third IPIRA Conference**” in the email subject line.

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.

Note that applications from students, including LL.M. students, will **not** be accepted as the Conference is reserved to academics (full-time and part-time) and Ph.D. candidates.

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

Deadlines for Submission and Notification of Acceptance

The deadline to submit a request to present is **15 December 2020**. **Early submissions are strongly encouraged.*

The Organizers will notify accepted participants by **8 January 2021**. Accepted participants will need to confirm their participation in the **Third IPIRA Conference** no later than **15 January 2021**.

Format and Time for Presentations

The **Third 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 two editions of the Conference.*

Each presenter 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 **Third IPIRA Conference** will feature keynote speakers and plenary panels with senior scholars, officials from international organizations, and policymakers.

Conference Schedule

The first day of the **Third IPIRA Conference, Wednesday, 24 March 2021**, will be a half day, starting in the early **afternoon** and ending in the **evening** (Asia time).

The second, third, and fourth days of the **Third IPIRA Conference—Thursday, 25 March 2021; Friday, 26 March 2021; and Saturday 27 March 2021**—will be full days starting in the **morning** and continuing until the **evening** (Asia time).

Due to the Online format of the Conference, and to 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 (at large).

Virtual Social Events

Following the **IPIRA Conference** tradition, the **Third IPIRA Conference** will also feature several social events to allow scholars to “visit” and enjoy the company of our wonderful IP community despite the current limitations on social interactions due to COVID-19.

In particular, participants will be able to join daily ***Virtual Lunch Breaks, Virtual Dinners***, including a ***Virtual Gala Dinner*** on Thursday 25 March 2021, a ***Virtual Reception*** on Friday 26 March 2021, and a ***Farewell Reception*** on Saturday 27 March 2021. In addition, entertainment will be offered, games will be played, and prizes will be awarded during these social events, including prizes for various “*Bests*” achieved during the Conference.

It will be a memorable **Third IPIRA Conference!**

Non-Presenting Attendees

The organizers welcome non-presenting attendees to attend the **Third IPIRA Conference** on a space-available 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 us your request to attend the Conference as a non-presenting attendee to IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com

Cost

There will be **no registration fee** or other costs associated with attending the **Third IPIRA Conference**.

Technology and Mandatory Registration

Zoom will be the online platform for the **Third IPIRA Conference**. Each session will be conducted in a “classroom” style, where all attendees are visible to each other and the speakers.

Presenters and attendees *will need to register in advance* and will be given a password to access the relevant sessions. Registration is necessary to receive communications and information, including announcements and the final Conference schedule. 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
THIRD IPIRA CONFERENCE ONLINE!**