



Call for Papers

2027 ILA-ASIL ASIA-PACIFIC RESEARCH FORUM

International Law in an Era of Geopolitical Uncertainty

June 28-29, 2027, Taipei, Taiwan

Hosted by the Research Center for International Legal Studies of National Chengchi University (NCCU), *in partnership with* the Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law, which is the Chinese (Taiwan) Branch of the International Law Association (ILA), the American Society of International Law (ASIL), and the Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia.

I. Theme

The 2027 ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum will be held on June 28-29, 2027, at the Howard Civil Service International House in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China (ROC). The theme of the Research Forum is “International Law in an Era of Geopolitical Uncertainty.” The Research Forum aims to provide a platform for academics, practitioners, and government attorneys to present works in progress across the spectrum of international and transnational law issues related to the Asia-Pacific region. The tentative schedule for the Research Forum is as follows:

- Monday, June 28, 2027: Opening Ceremony and Forum Sessions
- Tuesday, June 29, 2027: Forum Sessions and Closing Ceremony

II. Submission of Paper Proposals

The Organizing Committee welcomes proposals in any area of international and transnational law relevant to the theme of the Research Forum and the Asia-Pacific region, including:

- Theories of International Law (*e.g.*, recognition and sovereignty);
- Law of the Sea (*e.g.*, armed conflicts in straits, fisheries agreements, freedom of navigation, and disputes in the East and South China Seas);
- Use of Force (*e.g.*, self-defense, gray-zone tactics, and drone warfare);
- Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law, and International Criminal Law (*e.g.*, gender equality, forced labor, and civilian protection in wartime);
- International Environmental Law (*e.g.*, climate litigation, renewable energy, marine protection, and disaster response);
- International Economic Law (*e.g.*, economic coercion and sanctions, green regionalism, new forms of economic agreements, and WTO reform); and
- International Law and Technology (*e.g.*, AI, cyber operations, data governance, quantum technology, semiconductors, and space activities).

III. Selection Process and Submission Requirements

Stage 1: Paper Proposals

Paper proposals must be submitted via <https://forms.gle/6sme3sxcV8AEr2qP9> by **December 5, 2026** (Taipei time). Late submissions will not be considered. The proposal should not exceed 500 words and should include a title, as well as the author’s name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address. Please also provide a one- to two-page CV, including a list of recent English-language publications. The Organizing Committee invites proposal submissions from ILA and ASIL members, as well as non-

members. We particularly encourage early-career scholars, private practitioners, and government attorneys to participate. Selected proposal authors will be invited to proceed to Stage 2 in December. An invitation to Stage 2 does not constitute final acceptance for the Research Forum program.

Stage 2: Full Papers and Final Selection

Authors invited to Stage 2 are required to submit complete, unpublished papers not exceeding 10,000 words, inclusive of footnotes, by **March 20, 2027**. We recommend that citations adhere to the U.S. Bluebook format. The Organizing Committee will select the final presenters after reviewing the complete papers. Final selections will be announced in April.

IV. Other Information

Eight to twelve papers will be considered for publication in the [Chinese \(Taiwan\) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs](#) 中華民國國際法與國際事務年報 (Brill). The Yearbook commenced publication in 1981. The Yearbook is Scopus-indexed, and it is also available on BrillOnline, HeinOnline, and Westlaw.

The Organizing Committee will select the four best papers. The authors of these four papers are required to present their papers in person at the Research Forum and to submit final revised versions to the Yearbook for consideration. Each author will be awarded one of the following prizes in memory of eminent ROC jurists and diplomats for their significant contributions to Taiwan and beyond:

- Wellington Koo (顧維鈞) Prize (for early-career researchers in international law, ordinarily under the age of 38 as of June 28, 2027); Koo served as an ICJ Judge and the ROC Ambassador to the United States.
- Hsu Mo (徐謨) Prize (international law and diplomacy); Hsu was an ICJ Judge and the first chairperson of the NCCU Department of Diplomacy.
- Feng-Shan Ho (何鳳山) Prize (international human rights and humanitarian law); Ho served as the ROC Consul-General in Austria during World War II and saved thousands of Jews by issuing them visas.
- Wang Chonghui (王寵惠) Prize (international law theories); Wang served as a PCIJ Judge and the ROC Foreign Minister.

The Organizing Committee will cover accommodation for prize winners for two nights. Where a winning paper is co-authored, accommodation will be provided for one presenting author, whose registration fee will also be waived. Regular paper presenters in the Research Forum will be responsible for their travel and accommodation expenses, but their registration fees of USD 300 will be waived. After the Research Forum, revised papers will undergo peer review, and the Yearbook's Editorial Board will make the final publication decisions.

Registration details will be announced by March 2027. Other inquiries may be directed to the Organizing Committee, including Julian Arato, Chun-i Chen, I-Ju Chen, Yvonne Guo, Pasha Hsieh, Neha Jain, Howard Jyun-Syun Li, Ching-Fu Lin, Han-Wei Liu, Mao-wei Lo, Neha Mishra, Thomas Streinz, Hsien-Li Tan, Pei-Lun Tsai, and Dustin Kuan-Hsiung Wang, by email at ila@nccu.edu.tw. Please note that the [International Society of Public Law \(ICON•S\) Annual Conference](#) will be held in Taipei from June 30 to July 2, 2027. We encourage colleagues to participate in both events. ICON•S members attending the Research Forum without presenting a paper will be entitled to the same preferential registration rate as ILA and ASIL members.

The Research Center for International Legal Studies of NCCU, in collaboration with the Chinese (Taiwan) Society of International Law, co-organized the ILA Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in 2011, as well as the biennial ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum from 2013 to 2025. This Research Forum aims to strengthen ILA-ASIL collaboration in promoting international law research related to the Asia-Pacific region.