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8TH ASIAN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW NETWORK (AIELN) CONFERENCE

The New Generation of Economic Agreements in the Asia-Pacific

Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy
of National Taiwan University College of Law

1-2 December 2023
National Taiwan University College of Law

Co-organized by the Asian Center for WTO & International Health Law and Policy (ACWH) of National Taiwan University (NTU) College of Law and the Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) – the Asian Branch of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL).

I. Theme

The co-organizers will hold the 8th AIELN Conference on 1-2 December 2023. The theme of the Conference is “The New Generation of Economic Agreements in the Asia-Pacific.” The conference aims to provide an interdisciplinary forum for academics, private practitioners, and government officials to present works in progress across the spectrum of international economic law issues related to Asia. The tentative schedule for the Conference is as follows:

- Friday, 1 December 2023: Opening Ceremony and Conference Sessions
- Saturday, 2 December 2023: Conference Sessions and Closing Ceremony

II. Submission of Paper Proposals

In recent years, the global community has witnessed a growing number of economic agreements attempting to harmonise trade liberalisation with a broad range of public policies, including public health, climate change, diversity, labor, human right, small and medium enterprises, anti-corruption, etc. What is the current development and practices adopted in the world or in the Asia-Pacific? What is the relationship between these public policy issues and economic activities? Why and how do these public policies enter the field of international economic laws? What is the effect or impact of this development on the economic relationship between the contracting parties or on the pursuit of these policies? Will this development reshape our understanding of international economic laws? These issues all warrant careful consideration and analysis as the new generation of international economic laws develops.

The organizing committee welcomes proposals on the following areas of international economic laws:

1. Trade and public policies (e.g., carbon border tax, fisheries subsidies, TRIPS waiver, food security, trade and public health, trade and sustainability, trade and gender, trade and the indigenous, trade and diversity, trade and labour, trade and human right, and other trade law issues related to various public policies);
2. Investment and public policies (e.g., sustainable investment, green economy, investment and small and medium enterprise, investment and gender, investment and the indigenous, investment and labour, investment and human right, and other investment law issues related to various public policies);
3. Digital economy and public policies (e.g., electronic commerce and cybersecurity, cross-border data transfer and privacy, new technology and human right, new technology and sustainability, new technology and inclusion, and other digital law issues related to various public policies);
4. International finance and public policies (e.g., sustainable finance, supply chain finance, financial inclusion, bailout in the crisis, finance and diversity, and other international financial law issues related to various public policies);
5. Other aspects of Asia-Pacific's development in economic agreements in the new generation.

Paper proposals of no more than 500 words must be submitted by **30 June 2023**, using the following online submission form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSeZnwSPBrK9GfZwDRib75emKnRXtHGmkTpCPOGW8r9Mxi-Q/viewform>

Please also provide a short biography, including recent publications in English.

The organizing committee welcomes proposal submissions from SIEL members, as well as from non-members. Junior faculty members and junior researchers are particularly welcome. The organizing committee will select proposals and announce the results in **August 2023**. Paper presenters are required to submit complete unpublished papers by **15 November 2023**. The footnotes should conform to the US Bluebook format.

III. Other Information

Papers may be selected for publication in the special issue of the *Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy* (AJWH, SSCI-indexed and Scopus). Submissions will undergo peer review, and AJWH's Senior Editorial Committee will make the final publication decision. Articles in AJWH will also be made available on HeinOnline, Westlaw, and SSRN.

Registration details will be announced in November 2023. Inquiries can be directed to the organizing committee (Professors Douglas Arner, Tsai-Fang Chen, Pasha Hsieh, Ching-Wen Hsueh, Jaemin Lee, Tsung-Ling Lee, Bryan Mercurio, Junji Nakagawa, and Yueh-Ping (Alex) Yang) by e-mail at wtoctr@ntu.edu.tw.

The AIELN was established as the first regional branch of the SIEL in 2009. It is an international non-partisan, non-profit, and non-governmental organization with the following objectives: to promote research, education, and practice of international economic law by serving as a center of activities among scholars, practitioners, governments, and international organizations focusing on international economic law in Asia and elsewhere; to foster and encourage Asian perspectives of international economic law; and to promote public awareness of international economic law in Asia.

The ACWH was established in 2003, focusing on promoting studies and education in international economic laws, international health laws, and international dispute resolution. It aims to foster dialogues between academics, practitioners, and policy-makers in Taiwan, the Asian region, and the global community. It regularly publishes two semi-annual international academic journals, the AJWH and the Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal (CAAJ, ESCI-indexed).

With the support of various partners, this AIELN Conference aims to strengthen the SIEL-AIELN-ACWH collaboration on promoting international economic law research related to Asia.