



## **Fourth IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference**

**ONLINE**

**9-12 February 2022**

**Call for Applications**

The *IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Network* is pleased to announce the **Fourth IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia (IPIRA) Conference**, which will be held on **9-12 February 2022**. Due to the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Fourth IPIRA Conference** will again be held entirely **ONLINE**.

The **Fourth 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 **Fourth 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 (see <http://ipresearchersasia.org/annual-conference/>). The international composition of the *Scientific Committee* and the supporting institutions reflects *IPIRA Network*'s mission to promote worldwide interactions between IP and Innovation researchers.

## **Submissions**

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

Please indicate “**Submission to the Fourth 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.

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 **Fourth IPIRA Conference**.

## **Deadlines for Submission and Notification of Acceptance**

The deadline to submit a request to present is **10 December 2021**. *\*Early submissions are strongly encouraged.*

The Organizers will notify accepted participants by **20 December 2021**. Accepted participants will need to confirm their participation no later than **30 December 2021**.

## **Format and Time for Presentations**

The **Fourth 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 **Fourth IPIRA Conference** will feature keynote speakers and plenary panels with senior scholars and officials from international organizations.

### **Conference Schedule**

The first day of the **Fourth IPIRA Conference, Wednesday, 9 February 2022**, 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 **Conference—Thursday, 10 February 2022; Friday, 11 February 2022; and Saturday 12 February 2022**—will be full days starting in the **morning** and continuing until the **evening** (Asia time).

Due to the Online 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 (at large).

### **Virtual Social Events**

Following the **IPIRA Conference** tradition, the **Fourth IPIRA Conference** will feature several social events to allow scholars to “visit” and enjoy the company the 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*, and a *Virtual Farewell Reception*.

### **Non-Presenting Attendees**

The organizers welcome non-presenting attendees to attend the **Fourth 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](mailto:IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com)

### **Cost**

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

### **Technology and Mandatory Registration**

**Zoom** will be the online platform for the **Fourth 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 be given a password to access the relevant sessions.

Attendance will be **strictly** reserved to registered presenters and attendees. Registration will be necessary to receive communications and information, including the 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](mailto:IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com).

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*FOURTH IPIRA CONFERENCE ONLINE!***