



First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference

Call for Papers

Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia

31 January - 1 February 2019

The *IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Network* is pleased to announce the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference**, which will be held on **31 January - 1 February 2019** at the **Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia**, in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

The Conference is organized by the **Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia** in collaboration with the **WIPO Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**, the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, **Texas A&M University School of Law**, and the **Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva**.

The scientific organizers of the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** are: **Ida Madieha Abdul Ghani Azmi** (Professor, Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws International Islamic University Malaysia), **Irene Calboli** (Professor, Texas A&M University School of Law; Visiting Professor, Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws International Islamic University Malaysia; Visiting Professor, Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University), **Sherif Saadallah** (Executive Director, WIPO Academy, World Intellectual Property Organization), **Antony Taubman** (Director, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement and Competition Division, World Trade Organization), and **Jacques de Werra** (Professor and Vice-Rector, University of Geneva).

The **IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** is an initiative created to provide a forum for academics and other researchers to present and discuss their papers and works-in-progress with colleagues from other universities, policy makers, and other stakeholders. The **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** is modelled after the “[First IP Researchers Europe Conference](#),” which was held in Geneva on 29 June 2018 at WIPO and was jointly organized by WIPO, WTO, and the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva. In addition, one of the organizers, Professor Irene Calboli, was the organizer of the Conference “*IP Scholars Asia*” in Singapore in 2016, 2017, and 2018 with the support of the WIPO Academy.

Call for Papers

Academics and researchers who are interested in presenting at the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** can submit the request to present by responding to this Call for Papers.

The scientific organizers welcome submissions by senior, mid-career, and junior academics. Submissions from a variety of disciplines, including legal scholars, economists, sociologists, scholars from the humanities, etc., are encouraged. All scholars writing on topics related to IP law-related issues in Asian law, international law, and comparative law are welcome to apply. As its staple feature, the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** aims at gathering academics from Asia, Asia-Pacific, and beyond (including Europe, Africa, North and South America, etc.) and promote discussion and interaction between them during the Conference.

For questions related to the Call for Papers, or the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** in general, email us at IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com

Submissions

Academics and researchers who are interested in presenting at the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** should submit their request by emailing the following information at the address IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com:

- A title and short abstract of the paper or work-in-progress (500 words or less) submitted to present as a Word or PDF attachment
- Their academic affiliation, including a short bio (200 words or less) as Word or PDF attachment. They should include a recent picture as part of their bio.

Please indicate “**First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference**” in the email subject line.

There is no paper publication requirement to present at the Conference. However, the scientific organizers are currently considering the possibility to publish some of the papers in international law journals. More details in this respect will be announced in January 2019 and at the Conference.

Deadlines

The deadline to submit an abstract and a request to present is **15 October 2018**. Late requests will be considered only based on schedule availability.

We will send notifications to accepted applicants **in early November 2018 and no later than 10 November 2018**. Accepted applicants will need to confirm their participation to the Conference no later than **30 November 2018**.

Conference Schedule

The **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** will start on **Thursday, 31 January 2019, at 9 a.m.**, and continue until **6.30 p.m.** A dinner will conclude the first day. The Conference will resume on **Friday, 1 February 2019, at 9 a.m.**, and continue until **6.30 p.m.** (inclusive of tea and lunch breaks). There will be a farewell reception to conclude the Conference.

Each presenter will have 30 minutes for the presentation and comments/questions from the audience. We encourage participants to reserve a considerable amount of time for comments/questions. **All presenters are strongly encouraged to attend the whole Conference (i.e. Thursday and Friday).**

In addition to parallel sessions, the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** will feature keynote speakers and plenary panels with senior scholars, officials from international organizations, and policymakers.

Research and Teaching Methodologies Workshop

The scientific organizers of the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** plan to hold a half-day **Workshop on Research and Teaching Methodologies** for interested participants to the Conference the day after the Conference. The Workshop will take place during the morning of **Saturday, 2 February 2019** (tentatively from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). The Workshop will also discuss publications (books and journal articles) and placement of scholarship in peer reviews and law reviews.

The Workshop will be held in addition to the Conference and will be conducted by the scientific organizers and other senior academics, who will also be participating to the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** during the previous two days.

Specific details on the format and how to sign up to attend the Workshop will be announced in October 2018.

Costs

There will be **no registration fee** or any other costs associated with attending the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** and the **Workshop on Research and Teaching**

Methodologies. In addition, participants will enjoy complimentary refreshments, lunch, and dinner during the two days of the Conference, and refreshments and lunch the day of the Workshop.

However, **all presenters must cover their own 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

Conference presenters and attendees are responsible for arranging their own travel to attend the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** (and the Research and Teaching Methodologies Workshop for those who will attend it).

The organizers will reserve a block of rooms in selected hotels. Those hotels will be announced in November 2018. Participants can book a room with these hotels directly on their own account. We also encourage participants to check for affordable hotel rates and other discounted travel arrangements online.

Limited Financial Assistance

The organizers are working to secure funds to partially assist a limited number of researchers with financial needs to attend the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference**. More details in this respect will be announced in October 2018.

Researchers from developing countries who cannot otherwise secure financial support to attend the Conference can contact us at IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com and submit a request for partial sponsorship to attend the Conference jointly with the submission of their application to present at the Conference, and no later than **15 October 2018**. Each request will be considered individually based on the availability of funds.

However, since we will be able to satisfy only a small number of the requests for financial support, we strongly encourage all applicants to try to seek alternative sources of funding to travel to the Conference.

Non-Presenting Attendees

The organizers welcome non-presenting attendees to attend the **First IP & Innovation Researchers of Asia Conference** on a space-available basis. Email us your request to attend the Conference as a non-presenting attendee at IPResearchersAsia@gmail.com

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUBMISSION TO THE *FIRST IP & INNOVATION RESEARCHERS OF ASIA CONFERENCE* IN KUALA LUMPUR!