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CALL FOR PAPERS

A two full-day conference will be held from 7 to 9 November 2019 hosted by **DILA-KOREA** in Seoul. Scholars and practitioners of international law and policy who are concerned with issues related to Asian state practice in international law will have the opportunity to present, share and debate their research.

The Development of International Law in Asia-Korea (DILA-KOREA) is the academic entity responsible for the administration of *The Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia* (DILA) along with the *Asian Yearbook of International Law* (Asian YbIL) and *Asia Pacific Ocean Law Institutions Alliance* (APOLIA).

The Foundation for the Development of International Law in Asia (DILA) was established in 1989, with a belief that economic and political developments in Asia had reached the stage at which they would welcome and benefit substantially from a mechanism to promote and facilitate exchanges among their international law scholars that had failed to develop during the colonial era.

The Asian Yearbook of International Law (Asian YbIL) was initiated in 1991 by DILA. When it was launched, the Yearbook was the first publication of its kind to address international legal issues as seen primarily from an Asian perspective. Edited by a team of leading international law scholars from across Asia, it has provided a forum especially to discuss the state practice of Asian countries on various international legal topics. In keeping with DILA's commitment to encouraging academic work in international law as well as in disseminating such scholarship, its Governing Board decided to make the *Asian Yearbook of International Law* open access from 2010 (Volume 16) onwards and will be available through Brill's open access format.

Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) is a movement primarily aimed at understanding how international law affects people in the developing world. TWAIL scholarship has shared its concern on issues related to the global South to unravel how the dynamics of international politics and transnational interactions have profoundly impacted and redefined international law.

In that light, it is important to note that customary international law was inherently undemocratic and unjust. The state practice of developing nations, including Asian countries, was absent or at least relatively neglected in the evolution, formation, and function of customary international law.

As such, this conference will be principally concerned with the evaluation and assessment of the past, present, and future state practice of Asian countries in international law from the perspective of TWAIL.

Papers that deal with Asian state practices from the TWAIL perspective will be especially welcome. The conference will be composed of four discussion sessions which include: 1) Ocean and Territory, 2) Human Rights, 3) Trade and Investment, and 4) Environment.

This conference will not only provide a platform for international law scholars to present their work-in-progress, but also provide an opportunity for selected papers to be published in the 2018 edition of the *Asian Yearbook of International Law* (Volume 24). In addition, a limited amount of funding for travel costs and accommodation (ranging from USD\$500 to \$1,500) will be available to assist presenters on the basis of financial need.

Expressions of interest should include:

- A 500-word abstract of the paper to be presented;
- A 350-word brief biography or curriculum vitae;
- An indication as to whether or not participation is contingent on receiving travel funding from the conference organizers.

Please submit your expression of interest by **Monday, 3 December 2018**.

All enquiries about the conference should be addressed to DILA-KOREA at dila-korea.2019@daum.net.

Successful applicants will be informed by **late February 2019** and are required to submit their completed papers by **3 October 2019**. The paper should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words.



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