



**FACULTY OF LAW
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**3RD INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON ASIAN LAWS:
IDENTITY OF ASIAN LAW:
WHAT IS ASIAN ABOUT ASIAN LAWS?**

30 – 31 July 2026

**Faculty of Law, Thammasat University
Bangkok, Thailand**



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About the 3rd International Forum on Asian Laws



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The Oxford Programme in Asian Laws (OPAL) of the University of Oxford and the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University are pleased to hold the third International Forum on Asian Laws to be held on 30-31 July 2026, at the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University. Convened by Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart and Professor Ngoc Son Bui, this in-person conference aims to bring together a diverse group of scholars, researchers and graduate students around the world to Bangkok, Thailand to share their work on a selected theme of Asian laws, to get respectful feedback, and to get to know each other.

The theme for the conference this year is:

Identity of Asian Laws: What is Asian about Asian laws?

The conference features papers that explore distinct features of laws in East, Southeast, South, and Central Asia. Papers identify and explain unique legal ideas, principles, values, doctrines, rules, procedures, and institutions in Asia. Covering three streams:

- Asian identity in traditional/religious law: such as, village law, Confucian law, Buddhist law, Hindu law, and Islamic law.
- Asian identity in private law: such as, contract law, property law, and commercial law.
- Asian identity in public law: such as, constitutional law, administrative law, and criminal law.



TU Law Dean's Welcome

“On behalf of the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to the 3rd International Forum on Asian Laws: Identity of Asian Laws. As Thailand's oldest and largest law school, the Faculty of Law has, for more than a century, been committed to advancing legal scholarship, educating generations of legal professionals, and promoting the rule of law in Thailand and beyond. We are especially proud to co-organise this Forum with the University of Oxford's Oxford Programme in Asian Laws, bringing together distinguished scholars from across the world to explore the distinctive identities, traditions, and future development of Asian legal systems. We hope that this conference will inspire rigorous academic exchange, foster lasting collaborations, and deepen our collective understanding of the rich diversity of Asian laws.”

Supreeya Kaewla-iad
Dean

PROGRAMME



DAY1 30 July 2026

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome speech
Associate Professor Supreeya Kaewla-ia (Dean, Faculty of Law,
Thammasat University) Venue: Moot Court Room

09.15 – 09.45 Introduction
Professor Mindy Chen Wishart (NUS)
Professor Ngoc Son Bui (University of Oxford)
Venue: Moot Court Room

09.45 – 10.45 Keynote speech
Professor Kevin Tan (NUS)
Venue: Moot Court Room

11.00 – 12.15 Session 1 (Panels 1 & 2)

Panel 1: Constitutional Law #1 **Venue: Moot Court Room (Floor 2)**

Moderator: Rawin Leelapatana (Thammasat
University, Thailand)

1. Pui-yin LO (University of Hong Kong, PRC):
Wedded to The Past: Hong Kong's Constitution
as Reflections of Asian Experiences

2. Rizqi Bachtiar (School of Politics and
International Studies, University of Leeds, UK):
Beyond The Executive: Legislative Erosion and
The Legal Architecture of Democratic Decline
in Indonesia

3. Natdanai Nachan (Mae Fah Luang
University, Thailand): To Be Managed: A Story
of The People's Constituent Power in Thailand

Panel 2: Digital Law **Venue: Room 221 (Floor 2)**

Moderator: Mespiti Poolsavasdi (Thammasat
University, Thailand)

1. Amber Darr (Competition Law at the
University of Manchester, UK) and Priyanshi
(University of Sydney Law School, Australia):
Legal Identity Through Coherence: Lessons
from India's Digital Competition Bill

2. Natalia Alenkina (American University of
Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan): Hybrid Legal
Identity in Central Asia: Informal Justice as an
Asian Legal Form

3. Sarun Pimngam (Chulalongkorn University):
The Decisive Oath in Thai Civil Procedure: The
Integration of Western Legal Principles with
Asian Identity and Local Religious Traditions

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13.00 – 14.15 Session 2 (Panels 3 & 4)

Panel 3: Constitutional Law #2

Venue: Moot Court Room (Floor 2)

Moderator: Sarah Bishop
(NUS, Singapore)

1. Anna Anu Priya (Jindal Global Law School, India): Discursive Shifts in Indian Constitutional Identity: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Supreme Court Judgments
2. Jakub Babuska (University of Edinburgh, UK): Municipal Constitutionalism in Nepal: Reconciling Federal Design with Plurality of Traditional Justice Systems
3. Prisca Listiningrum (Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia and Australia Catholic University, Australia); Imam Kuswahyono (Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia), Adriaan Bedner (Leiden University, the Netherlands) and Istislam (Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia): One Battle after Another: Climate Discourse in Indonesian Constitutional Practice

Panel 4: Civil and Commercial Law

Venue: Room 221

Moderator: Mespiti Poolsavasdi
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Eriko Taoka (College of Law and Politics, Rikkyo University, Japan): Agent's Duty Not To Appropriate Business Opportunities: Exporting Trustees' Duties to Trust-Like Relations
2. Ajit Kumar Mishra (IRCON International Ltd., India): Commercial Justice Versus Finality: India's Evolving Approach to Recalibrating Curial Remedies for Arbitral Awards – The Boundary Conditions for Award Modification

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14.15 – 15.30 Session 3 (Panels 5 & 6)

Panel 5: Administrative Law

Venue: Moot Court Room (Floor 2)

Moderator: Lasse Schudt
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Nga Thi Vu and Dat T. Bui, (University of Law, Vietnam National University, Vietnam): Administrative Litigation Precedent in The Socialist Judicial Review
2. Yukio Sakurai (Yokohama National University, Japan): Multicultural Coexistence as a Mode of Legal-Administrative Governance: Nationality, Differential Rights, and Migration Policy in Japan

Panel 6: Corporate Law

Venue: Room 221 (Floor 2)

Moderator: Hisashi Harata
(University of Tokyo, Japan)

1. Obbie Afri (Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Károli Gáspár Reformed University Budapest, Hungary): Beyond Shareholder Primacy: How Indonesia's Soe Model Shapes Climate Responsibility in Asian Corporate Law
2. Pantira Boonvacharee and Jason Harris (University of Sydney Law School, Australia): Beyond The Corporate Veil: Separation and Attribution in Thai Corporate Law
3. Jaroslaw Turlukowski (Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, Poland): Property Law in Central Asia: In Search of an Appropriate Model of Ownership Law for State and Municipal Enterprises
4. Jeemin Song (Faculty of Law, Kyonggi University, South Korea): Hybrid Roots, Distinct Duties: The Korean Trajectory of Corporate Director Fiduciary Law

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15.45 – 17.00 Session 4 (Panels 7 & 8)

Panel 7: Beyond formal governance

Venue: Moot Court Room (Floor 2)

Moderator: Lasse Schuldt
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Kapil Sharma (Law NALSAR University of Law, India): Consensus As Law: Lok Adalats as People's Courts and The Identity of Asian Public Law in India
2. Dang Thi Ngoc Huyen (Institute of State and Law, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Vietnam) and Doan Truong Thu (Department of Politics, Communist Review, Vietnam: The Role of Guanxi (Extensive Personal Networks) in Regulatory Capture: A Case Study of Vietnam
3. Shraddha Suman Paikray and Achint Dubey (Centurion University, India): Gram Sabha As a Constitutional Authority: Comparing Village Governance and Asian Indigenous Consent Frameworks in India, Indonesia and The Philippines

Panel 8: Asian Approaches to Care

Venue: Room 221 (Floor 2)

Moderator: Thomas F. McInerney
(Thammasat University)

1. Adam Reekie and Surutchada Reekie (Thammasat University and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand): Navigating Death and Grief: Asian Identity in Thai Succession Law
2. Yukio Sakurai (Yokohama National University, Japan): Reconsidering the Role of Soft Law in an Ageing Society: End-of-Life Medical Decision-Making and The Asian Identity of Law in Japan
3. Derek Chien (College of Law, National Chengchi University, Taiwan): The Relational Power of Law: Education Reform, School Democratization, and the Reconfiguration of Teachers' Professional Responsibility

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09.00 – 10.00 Keynote speech
Associate Professor Munin Pongsapan
Faculty of Law, Thammasat University
Venue: Moot Court Room

10.15 – 11.55 Session 5 (Panels 9 & 10)

Panel 9: International law **Venue: Moot Court Room (Floor 2)**

Moderator: Krisdakorn Wongwuthikun
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Lisa Hsin (Surrey Law School, UK): The East Asian Model of ESG Regulation: Indirect Corporate Regulation and Confucian Governance
2. Saheli Chakraborty (The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, India): An Alternative Genealogy of Proportionality in Armed Conflict: Revisitation of the Hindu Law, Gaging Through Mahabharat
3. Forhad Hossain (University of Asia Pacific (UAP), Bangladesh): Reimagining International Criminal Justice from Asia: the International Crimes Tribunal Bangladesh as a Distinctly South Asian Model
4. Gunn Jirayuttipong (UC Berkeley Law School, USA): The Limits of Conditionality: Distinctive Asian Administrative Law in the OECD Accession Process

Panel 10: Land law **Venue: Room 221 (Floor 2)**

Moderator: Adam Reekie
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Huỳnh Trần Mai Bảo, Phạm Nguyễn Gia Bảo and Huỳnh Nhật Minh Tường (Institute of Comparative Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Vietnam): Eastern Leviathans: A Comparative Analysis of State Control of Land Ownership through the Use of Eminent Domain in Vietnam and Singapore
2. Nabilla Desyalika Putri and I Made Ray Devayuda (Faculty of Law, State University of Surabaya, Indonesia) Evolving Recognition: The Changing Landscape of Customary Land Rights in Indonesia (Case Study of Customary Villages in Jembrana, Bali)
3. Dyah Ayu Widowati (Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands): In the Name of Development: National Strategic Projects and the Return of State Authoritarianism in Indonesia
4. Wiriya Kongsiriwong (Thammasat University, Thailand): Agrarian Tradition: The Hidden Influence of Agriculture for Interpretation of Provisions on Immovable Property in Thai Law

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13.00 – 14.15 Session 6 (Panels 11 & 12)

Panel 11: Criminal Justice

Venue: Moot Court Room (Floor 2)

Moderator: Kongsatja Suwanapech
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Nonglak Arnee and Juntratip Sukhum (Phetchabun Rajabhat University Phetchabun and Thaksin University, Thailand): Recklessness Without a Name: Asian Legal Identity, Binary Mens Rea, and the Conceptual Framework of Section 59 of the Thai Penal Code
2. Aswinikumar Bairagi (Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpu, India): Revisiting the Law, Limits and Legacy of Prosecutorial Withdrawal
3. Melvin Loh (Singapore University of Social Sciences, Singapore): What Is “Asian” about Asian Criminal Justice? Compensation, Procedural Legitimacy, and the Case for Safeguarded Restorative Mediation in Singapore

Panel 12: Public Environmental Law

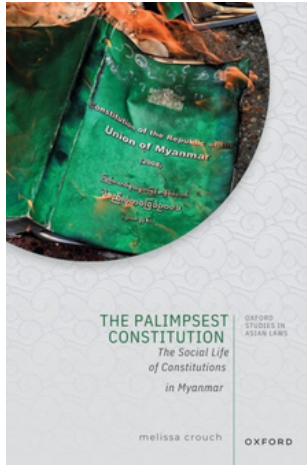
Venue: Room 221 (Floor 2)

Moderator: Krisdakorn Wongwuthikun
(Thammasat University, Thailand)

1. Sweta Kumari, Laldinpui Sailo, and Randeep Mann (Central University of Punjab, India): South Asian Constitutional Identity Through Dharma and Equitable Carbon Governance
2. Tahir Qureshi (Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad Campus, Symbiosis International, India) and Mohammad Owais Farooqui (University of Sharjah, UAE): Water as a Dharma, Ethics and Harmony: Religious Shaping of The Asian Transboundary Rivers Law And Their Modern Resonance
3. Deepak Kumar Chauhan, Suraj Jangid, and Kovid Kumar (Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, India): Progressive Sovereignty in South Asian Public Law: Intergenerational Environmental Accountability in India, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka

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14.30 – 15.30 **Book launch**
The Palimpsest Constitution: The Social Life of Constitutions in Myanmar
(Oxford Studies in Asian Laws, Oxford University Press 2025)



Venue: Moot Court Room

Speaker:

Melissa Crouch (University of New South Wales, Australia)

Moderator:

Sarah Bishop (National University of Singapore)

Commentators:

Ngoc Son Bui (University of Oxford)

Rawin Leelapatana (Thammasat University, Thailand)

Khemthong Tonsakulrungruang (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand).



TRANSPORTATION & VENUES

Transportation

The Forum will be held at:

The Faculty of Law, Thammasat University

2 Prachan Road Phra Barom Maha Ratchawang
Phra Nakhon, Bangkok 10200

Google Maps

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/XjwPTrpE7J3pjL4f8>



Transportation

- By Taxi
- By Grab (recommended)
- By MRT (Metro): Take the MRT to Sanam Chai Station, then take a short taxi ride to the campus.



Forum venues

All Forum sessions will be held either in the Moot Court Room or Room 221, both located in the Faculty of Law Building. Please refer to the Programme for the venue of each session. Both rooms are on Floor 2 of the building (Level 1 by international numbering).

Faculty of Law building entrance



Ground Floor (Floor 1)



Room 221 (Floor 2)



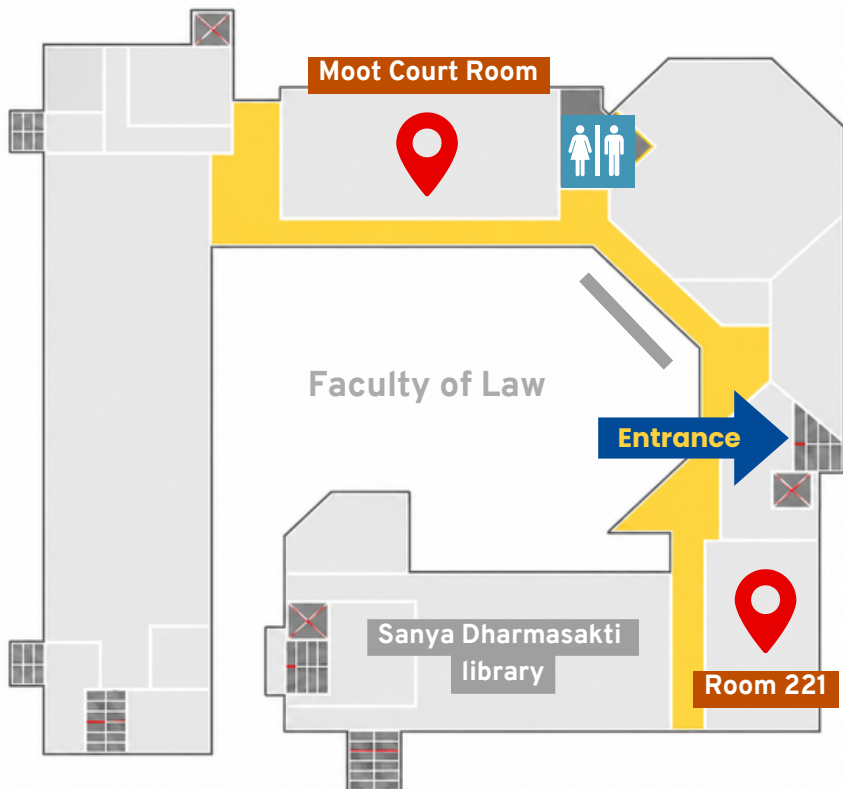
Moot Court Room (Floor 2)

Floor plan



Faculty of Law Building

Floor 2



Parking

There are sufficient parking spaces available on campus. However, if you will be travelling by car, we kindly ask that you contact Miss Pathomporn at <npathomp@tu.ac.th> in advance to ensure a smooth arrival.

Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be available in the hallway between the Moot Court Room and Room 221 throughout the Forum. Please feel free to help yourself at any time.

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Key People

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Contact us

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