Call for Papers: 5th APILA Conference, Sungkyunkwan University (Seoul, South Korea), 12–13 December 2026

The fifth annual Asian Private International Law Academy (APILA) Conference will take place **in person** at **Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul (South Korea)** on **Saturday 12 (Day 1) and Sunday 13 (Day 2) December 2026**. The APILA Conference will be in the form of two days of roundtable discussions in English. Persons whose abstracts have been selected (see next paragraph) will deliver oral presentations in turn on Days 1 and 2. Each presentation will run for about 15 minutes and be followed by a discussion of about 10 to 15 minutes in which participants will have the opportunity to comment on the presentation. The objective of the APILA Conference is to assist presenters to refine prospective research papers with a view to eventual publication.

Persons who are interested in delivering presentations at the APILA Conference are invited to submit abstracts of their proposals in English. While proposals may be on any topic, they should (1) focus on private international law issues and (2) somehow relate to Asia (broadly defined). Further, while every effort will be made to fit in as many presentations as possible, given the constraints of time, it may not be feasible to accept all proposals. Inevitably, in that case, some selection may be necessary. APILA apologises in advance for this. Everything else being equal, priority will be given to proposals exploring cutting edge questions (albeit not necessarily definitively answering them) in one or more of the following areas: (1) international dispute resolution (especially international arbitration and mediation), (2) data protection and data privacy, (3) competition law (including within digital markets), (4) family law (including succession), (5) intellectual property rights, (6) Islamic private international law, (7) environmental issues (including climate change), (8) business and human rights,

(9) cryptocurrency and the blockchain, (10) sanctions and counter-sanctions, (11) the economic analysis of private international law rules, and (12) artificial intelligence.

Abstracts are to be submitted by email to apilaconference@gmail.com by **Saturday 24 October 2026**. Persons whose abstracts have been accepted will be so informed by **Saturday 31 October 2026**. They are thereafter requested to submit their presentations in PowerPoint format or (if the presentation is in the form of a draft paper) in pdf format by email to apilaconference@gmail.com by **Saturday 21 November 2026**. All PowerPoint presentations and draft papers received will be circulated in advance electronically among APILA Conference participants. Participants will thus be able to read into the topics to be discussed in advance of the APILA Conference. Oral presentations can then focus on succinct statements of key takeaways and more time can be allotted to discussion.

Please note that APILA's available funding is limited. Therefore, in the normal course of events, APILA regrets that it will not be able to provide funding for the travel and accommodation expenses of presenters and attendees.