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Freshwater Sustainable Governance and International Law

Asian Perspectives on Transboundary Resources, Hydro-Politics, and Basin Governance

An International Conference on Asian State Practice in International Law

October 5 – 7, 2026

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE



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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 4, 2026 — SUNDAY

TIME	SESSION
18:30 – 20:30	Welcome Reception

OCTOBER 5, 2026 — MONDAY

TIME	SESSION
09:30 – 10:00	Inaugural Session Welcome: Prof. R. Rajesh Babu, Professor and Dean (Ex Edu), IIM Calcutta; Co-Chair, DILA Inaugural Address: Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Director, IIM Calcutta Address: DILA Co-Chair* Address: Prof. Seokwoo Lee, Professor and Dean (Inha University), Editor-in-Chief, <i>Asian Yearbook of International Law</i> and DILA-Korea Chair Vote of Thanks: Prof. Bhaskar Chakraborti, Dean (Academic Program), IIM Calcutta
10:00 – 10:15	Group Photograph
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:30	Panel I — Transboundary Freshwater Governance: Foundations and State Practice Chair: <i>Prof. MP Ram Mohan, IIM Ahmedabad</i> Paper I: <i>Paradoxical Normativism: Internal Freshwater Disputes in India, the "No Significant Harm Principle," and the Case of Mullaperiyar Dam</i> — Prof. Sreejith SG Paper II: <i>Beyond Transboundary Waters: Sri Lanka's State Practice in the Evolution of International Freshwater Governance</i> — Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne Paper III: <i>Governing the Invisible: The Law of Transboundary Aquifers and the Case for Cooperative Groundwater Management in South Asia</i> — Dr. Shikhar Ranjan Paper IV: <i>Beyond Water Sharing: Water Security and International Law in South Asia</i> — Prof. Sujith Koonan
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:45	Panel II — Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Water Justice Chair: <i>Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne, University of Colombo</i> Paper I: <i>The Right to Water in Thailand's New Human Rights Frameworks: Lessons for Transboundary Infrastructure Governance in Asia</i> — Dr. Kittu Jayangakula & Dr. Punyawaj Traijutakarn Paper II: <i>Water in the Crosshairs of War: Reverberating Harm, Legal Indeterminacy, and the Limits of International Humanitarian Law</i> — Prof. Jeong Woo (Jimmy) Kim Paper III: <i>Right to water under the Indian Constitution and Freshwater Governance</i> — Prof. Deva Prasad Paper IV: <i>Ethical Sourcing and Transboundary Water Governance: Mapping Fragmented Policy Interactions in the Mekong Delta</i> — Ms. Arunika Mishra

TIME	SESSION
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 18:00	Panel III — Climate Change and International Water Law Chair: <i>Prof. Sreejith SG, Founding Vice Chancellor, Nirmala Devi University, Sikkim</i> Paper I: <i>Revisiting Transboundary Water Governance from Just Sustainability, Water Justice and Climate Justice: A South Asian Perspective</i> — Dr. Gayathri D. Naik (Online) Paper II: <i>Droughts, Disasters and Disappearing Glaciers: Rethinking International Water Law for Climate</i> — Dr. Mahasweta Sengupta Paper III: <i>After the Advisory Opinion: The ICJ's Climate Ruling and Its Implications for the Ganges Water Treaty</i> — Dr. Nabeela Siddiqui Paper IV: <i>Climate Adaptation in Water Allocation Agreements: An Analysis of the International Legal Framework with a Special Focus on India</i> — Dr. Moumita Mandal (Online)
18:30 – 20:30	Dinner (MDC)

OCTOBER 6, 2026 — TUESDAY

TIME	SESSION
09:00 – 11:00	Panel IV — Dispute Resolution and Arbitration in Transboundary Waters Chair: <i>Dr. Shikhar Ranjan, Asian African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO)</i> Paper I: <i>Right to Water under ICSID Awards</i> — Prof. Pouria Askary Paper II: <i>From Friction to Flow: Resolving Transboundary Water Disputes under International Law</i> — Prof. Shiju V M Paper III: <i>The Indus Waters Treaty: Its Past, Present and Future</i> — Dr. Luther Rangreji Paper IV: <i>Investment Arbitration and Transboundary Environmental Harm: The Institutional Limits of ISDS in Hydropower and Infrastructure Disputes</i> — Prof. Samanvi Narang Paper V: <i>The Legitimacy Cost of Premature Adjudication: Will the Indus Award Go the South China Sea Way?</i> — Prof. R. Rajesh Babu
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:15	Panel V — Universality vs. Regionalism in Water Law Chair: <i>Prof. VK Unni, IIM Calcutta</i> Paper I: <i>Transboundary Freshwater Governance and Universality vs. Regionalism</i> — Prof. Biswanath Gupta Paper II: <i>Fragmented Rivers, Uneven Obligations: Bangladesh's Accession to the 1992 Water Convention and the Limits of Legal Change in the Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna Basin</i> — Dr. Hrishikesh Manu Paper III: <i>Water-Energy-Land Nexus in Data Center Siting: A Regulatory Gap Analysis</i> — Prof. Seokwoo Lee Paper IV: <i>India's Walk-Through the 1997 Watercourses Convention: Identifying Legal Reasons for Non-Ratification</i> — Prof. Shannu Narayan
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch

TIME	SESSION
14:15 – 15:45	Panel VI — Encyclopaedia of Asian State Practice in International Law <i>Chair: Prof. Seokwoo Lee, Editor-in-Chief, Encyclopaedia of Asian State Practice in International Law</i> All participants
15:45 – 16:00	Valedictory
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee Break
16:15 – 17:00	DILA GB Meeting (by invitation)
18:30 – 20:30	Dinner (MDC)

OCTOBER 7, 2026 — WEDNESDAY

TIME	SESSION
07:30 – 12:30	Field Trip/Cultural Immersion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch and Farewell

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LIST OF SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

FROM OUTSIDE INDIA

- Prof. Seokwoo Lee, Former Chairman, DILA; Chairman, DILA-Korea; Professor of International Law, Inha University Law School, South Korea; Co-Editor-in-Chief, Asian Yearbook of International Law
- Prof. Kitti Jayangakula, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University, Thailand
- Dr. Punyawaj Traijutakarn, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University, Thailand
- Prof. Yen-Chiang Chang (Gavin Chang), Co-Chairman, DILA; Professor, Dalian Maritime University, China
- Prof. Jeong Woo (Jimmy) Kim, Assistant Professor, Handong International Law School, South Korea
- Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne, Member, Constitutional Council; Attorney-at-Law and Senior Chair Professor of Public and International Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
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- Dr. Shikar Ranjan, Director, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation (AALCO), New Delhi; Former Secretary-General, Indian Society of International Law
- Prof. Shannu Narayan, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, Kerala
- Dr. Moumita Mondal, Associate Professor, TERI School of Advanced Studies (TERI SAS), New Delhi
- Dr. Luther Rangreji, Professor, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad; former Additional Secretary and Head, Legal and Treaties Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
- Dr. Gayathri D. Naik, Assistant Professor, National Law School of India University (NLSIU); Co-Director, Centre for Environmental Law Education, Research and Advocacy (CEERA)
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