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Agenda Day 2: Main Conference

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

07:30 – 15:30

Time	Event	Location
07:30 – 08:00	Registration & Welcome	Reception Desk
08:00 – 08:30	**Opening Keynotes** **Dr. Prabhat Hajela** Provost Hamad Bin Khalifa University **Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan** President of the AsianSIL Professor Department of Law, University of Dhaka **Professor Surya P. Subedi, OBE, KC (Hon)** DPhil & DCL (Oxford) School of Law, University of Leeds Founding Figure of AsianSIL **Dr. Susan L. Karamanian** Dean College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University	Almas Ballroom
08:30 – 09:00	**Main Panel Discussion** **Distinguished Guest Speakers:** Environmental Governance and International Humanitarian Law **Professor Surya P. Subedi. OBE KC** Small States **Dr. Susan L. Karamanian** International Humanitarian Law **Dr. Borhan Uddin Khan** Moderator: **Dr. Khalid Mubarak Al-Kuwari** Chair, 2026 AsianSIL Intersessional Conference Vice President (West Asia) and Member of the Executive Committee of the AsianSIL	
09:00 – 09:30	**Coffee Break**	

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09:30 – 12:00	**Morning Panel Sessions**	
	Theme 1: Environmental Governance and Climate Action *Presentation: 15 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Human Rights and Environmental Protection in the Era of Climate Change: Reimagining Environmental Governance through International Law **Salim Bashir Magashi** Sustainability-Oriented Obligations of Foreign Investors as a Regulatory Feature of a New International Investment Legal Order in the Making: Asian Treaty-Making Approaches and Policy Perspectives **Dr. Karsten Nowrot** Global Shifts in Chinese Foreign Direct Investment: Electric Vehicles and Sustainable Mobility Across Doha, the Middle East, and Europe **Dr. Nancy Carolina Fabara Verdezoto** Climate Mobility, Human Security, and Regional Governance in Coastal South Asia: Evaluating BIMSTEC's Institutional Capacity under the Paris Agreement **Dr. Kovid Kumar, Dr. Deepak Kumar, Randeep Mann**	Lulu
	Theme 2: Humanitarian Law in the Modern Era *Presentation: 15–20 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Bridging the Gaps: The case of a Specialized International Criminal Tribunal for United Nations Peacekeeping Forces **Dr. Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman** The Right to Life in Wars of Aggression: Lex Specialis and Possible Convergence Between the ICJ and the Human Rights Committee **Pouria Askary**	Awbal
	Theme 3: AI and Public International Law *Presentation: 15 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Meezan: A Cultural Alignment Framework for Responsible AI Governance in Arabic Large Language Models **Hassan Tariq** The Adequacy of International Humanitarian Law in the Face of Military Artificial Intelligence: Toward an International Normative Framework for Governance and Accountability from an Asian Perspective **Dr. Ahmad Saadeddine Ichrakieh, Dr. Farah Julie Yassine, Dr. Mohammad Ismail** Can International Law Resist Digital Colonialism and Eco-Colonialism? **Dr. Elena Pribytkova**	Fayruz

Time	Event	Location
09:30 – 12:00	**Theme 4: Small States and Emerging Economies: Asia Diplomacy and Multilateralism** *Presentation: 15 mins; Q&A: remaining time* China's Normative Strategy in Polar Shipping Governance: Interpretive Expansion and the Limits of UNCLOS Article 234 **Dr. Onur Sabri Durak** Special Economic Zones and the Emergence of a New Normative International Economic Order: The Asian Experience and the Future of Global Economic Governance **Dr. Ali Abusedra** The end of Western International Legal Hegemonic Dominance and New Transnational Legal Configurations in Western Asia and Beyond **Dr. David Mednicoff** Peace Mediation "the Asian Way": Relational Governance and the Future of International Dispute Settlement **Dr. Matthias Vanhullebusch**	Juman
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**	
13:30 – 15:00	**Afternoon Panel Sessions** **Main conference papers resume across the same themes**	
	Theme 1: Environmental Governance and Climate Action *Presentation: 15 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Computational Expansion and Climate Obligations: Toward a Coordinated Asian Approach **Claudia Yi Lu** Climate Change, the Right to International Solidarity, and Modern Slavery in Australia **Dr. Mostafa Mahmud Naser and Dr. Jamal Barnes** US-Israel-Iran Escalation and the Limits of Maritime Environmental Law: South Asian Perspectives on Transboundary Harm in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean **Dr. Abhay Singh and Dr. S. Shanthakumar**	Lulu
	Theme 2: Humanitarian Law in the Modern Era *Presentation: 15–30 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Immunity, Criminal Accountability and Sovereign Equality: The Role of Non-International Adjudicating Forum **Pratyay Ghatak and Dr. Anandha Krishna Raj. S**	Awbal

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13:30 – 15:00	**Theme 3: AI and Public International Law** *Presentation: 15 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Digital Military Technologies and Human Rights: Beyond the Human-in-the-Loop Narrative Toward Rights-Based Governance **Buhm-Suk Baek** Methodological Inertia and the Nuremberg Legacy: International Criminal Justice in the Age of AI-Enabled Warfare **Abinishiya Jayakumar** AI Advanced Model Export Controls and the Pursuit of Sovereign AI: Responses from the UK, South Korea, and the Gulf States **Dr. June Park**	Fayruz
	Theme 4: Small States and Emerging Economies: Asia Diplomacy and Multilateralism *Presentation: 15 mins; Q&A: remaining time* Shared Participatory Rights in Intangible Cultural Heritage Governance: A Legal Framework for Qatar and the Gulf **Aisha Essa Al-Kuwari** The Geopolitics of Economic Coercion: Energy Security, International Law and Asia's Response to the Iran-US Conflict **Dr. Ankita Sharma and Dr. Sonia Maan** Friends in New York, Allies in the Hague? Political Affinity and Normative Contestation in International Law **Dr. Kerem Gülay**	Juman
15:00 - 15:30	**Closing Remarks** **Dr. Cheah Wui Ling** Secretary-General of the AsianSIL Associate Professor National University of Singapore	Almas Ballroom