ASIANSIL
ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

كليّة القانون
College of Law
جامعة حمد بن خليفة
HAMAD BIN KHALIFA UNIVERSITY

2026 AsianSIL Intersessional Conference

Is a New Normative International Legal Order in the Making? The Asian Perspective



2026 AsianSIL Intersessional Conference

ASIANSIL
ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

كلية القانون
College of Law
جامعة حمد بن خليفة
HAMAD BIN KHALIFA UNIVERSITY

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 – 08:15	**Opening Keynotes** **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 Honorary Fellow, Exeter College, University of Oxford Barrister, Three Stone Chambers, Lincoln's Inn, London Membre Titulaire, Institut de Droit International, Genève Founding Figure of AsianSIL **Dr. Susan L. Karamanian** Dean College of Law, Hamad Bin Khalifa University	Almas Ballroom
08:15 – 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**	

Time	Event	Location
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

Time	Event	Location
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