

Call for Papers

5th Asian Legal History Conference

Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, 31 July and 1 August 2025

Doshisha University, with the support of the Asian Legal History Association, is organizing the Fifth Asian Legal History Conference at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan on 31 July and 1 August 2025. Previous Asian Legal History Conferences have been hosted, organized and supported by the University of Law at Hue University, the Faculty of Law at Thammasat University, the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the National University of Singapore and the Faculty of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The conference aims to bring together a diverse, interdisciplinary group of scholars, researchers and graduate students to share their research findings on topics relating to legal history in Asia. The conference is open to both **scholars anywhere in the world working on Asian legal history**, broadly understood, and **scholars based in Asia working on any legal history-related subjects**.

Submissions on any subject, providing they relate to legal history and fall into at least one of the above specified categories, will be considered. Among other themes, the organizers encourage papers on subjects such as:

- The historical evolution of common law, civil law, and socialist law traditions in Asia;
- The history of law and empire;
- Asian approaches to and influences upon the history of international law;
- Explorations of the transnational connections between the manner in which the law has evolved in different Asian countries, and between Asian countries and other countries;
- The history of law, gender and sexuality;
- Legal pluralism and jurisdictional clashes;
- Customary law and religious law;
- The history of law schools and of the formation of the judiciary and of members of the legal profession.

The conference will be in person. Applicants will be responsible for their own transportation and accommodation costs.

Proposals may be for individual papers or panels. Panel proposals are particularly welcome, as the field of legal history is wide, and while the organizers will endeavor to cluster like papers together, thematic, geographic and temporal diversity of topics inevitably means panels composed of individually-submitted papers will cover only loosely-related subject matters.

Individual paper proposals should include a 200-300 word abstract and the author's contact information. These should be submitted to: reyes.anselmo@gmail.com

Panel proposals should include a 200-300 word description of the panel, 200-300 word abstracts of three to five individual papers, contact information for each person on the panel and contact information for the chairs of the panel.

Applicants should indicate their current and/or former academic affiliations, as well as current professional affiliations, on their applications.

Applications are due by midnight (Japan time) on March 15th, 2025.