

## Call for Papers

# Restructuring & Insolvency Academic Forum (RIAF) 2025

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The Centre for Asian Legal Studies and the EW Barker Centre for Law & Business at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and INSOL International<sup>1</sup> are pleased to co-organise the inaugural Restructuring & Insolvency Academic Forum (RIAF) 2025. The forum will be held in-person on 6-7 November 2025 in Singapore, at the National University of Singapore.

The inaugural RIAF aims to provide a forum for scholars and emerging scholars to present their research to their peers, experienced scholars, and like-minded professionals. The RIAF aspires to promote research in the fields of corporate restructuring, turnaround, and insolvency from a uniquely Asian lens, preferably with special attention on the Southeast Asian region. To that end, we invite submissions for papers in the following areas with a focus on Asia:

- Corporate insolvency and restructuring of business enterprises, including, but not limited to the following:
  - Use of technology to process large numbers of consumer and MSE insolvencies cost effectively;
  - Fairness of deferring the claims of related parties for voting and dividend purposes;
  - Effective ways of encouraging directors to timeously commence restructuring;
- Cooperation and coordination of judicial authorities, governmental authorities and legal practitioners in Asia;
- Development and reforms in emerging markets and developing economies; and
- Non-fiscal impact (particularly relating to social, environmental, and political impact) of restructuring and insolvency.

Research on the aforementioned topics through a comparative lens is highly recommended. We will also consider contribution on other allied topics.

### **Submission Guidelines**

Submissions should be sent to [here](#). All submissions must include the following information:

- Name, affiliation, and contact detail of the corresponding author;
- A short biography of the corresponding author, of no more than 150 words;
- Names and affiliations of any co-authors;
- The abstract of the draft paper, of no more than 500 words.

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<sup>1</sup> INSOL International operates in Singapore as INSOL International (Asia) Ltd. This forum is being organised and managed by INSOL International (Asia) Ltd.

## **Deadlines**

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 2359H (GMT +8) on Wednesday, 30 April 2025. Participants will be notified of the outcome of their submission by 31 May 2025.

Successful participants will be expected to submit their draft conference papers of not more than 5,000 words by 2359H (GMT +8) on Wednesday, 15 October 2025.

## **Funding Opportunities Funding**

Attendance to the conference is free for those presenting papers. However, accommodation and travel expenses will be borne by the participants. INSOL International will offer a limited number of travel grants on a competitive basis of US\$500 to emerging scholars from Asian Development Bank (ADB) C1 – C3 countries<sup>2</sup> and US\$1000 to emerging scholars from ADB CA countries. Instructions on grant applications will be issued to qualifying participants after the qualifying round. If funding from other sources becomes available, successful participants will be advised.

## **Publication and Presentation Opportunities**

The Organising Committee is currently in talks with journals over the possibility of publishing conference papers as part of a special volume. More details on this will be released in mid-2025. The presenter selected for “Best Presentation” by a panel of esteemed experts may be invited to present at an INSOL ERA Annual Workshop.

## **Organising Committee**

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<sup>2</sup> ADB Country Classification 2024. <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/page/615371/adb-classification-dmcs-202403.pdf>