

Asian Forum for International Academic Interaction



About:

“Asian Forum for International Academic Interaction” is founded with the objective of academic interaction between International scholars and students across the globe. It aims to host quality discussions on contemporary areas of International Law and fields related to it. We conduct online lectures, conferences, seminars, symposium, and webinars. We have upcoming consolidation of research articles, case comments, and scholarly write-ups.

The forum is an assembly of experts on various subjects of International Law and Relations. We devise topics on theoretical and application basis to give participants a better understanding of the issues discussed. As there are many facets to an issue, we intend to reach and discuss majority of them. The forum also welcomes suggestions and interaction from attendees and members throughout the year. Subjects for the upcoming events can be suggested to the forum through mail.

Participation is open to all students, practicing lawyers, academics, research scholars, and individuals from organisational think tanks.

International Webinar on- “World: Post Covid-19”

Concept Note:

The present webinar is an attempt to bring together the academic experts on wide subjects of International Law to discuss the anticipated changes in the post Covid-19 world.

This webinar is structured to have interactive sessions on particular topics. The webinar shall address the specific areas which are under potential reconsideration in the international community. Moderators shall hold simple yet in-depth panel discussions for better understanding of our student participants.

International Law, Politics and Relations gradually developed over a period of time. Treaty of Versailles can be considered as one such early legal document which aimed at International peace post the First World War. The power centers shifted and the world was virtually forced to align with one of the two power blocks, also realizing the need of International Cooperation to avoid any armed conflict, all while taking care of World’s Human Rights, Socio-political rights, Economic and Cultural Rights. The need for organized international trade and preservation of environment was felt along with other necessities. This gave birth to various International Organisations and treaties inter alia GATT, 1947, New York Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards, TRIPS, Kyoto protocol.

The world at large has seen two major changes in history; one in 1920 and the other in 1945. However, after the collapse of USSR in 1991 and the end of the Cold War era, the World Order changed once again. During this period regionalism was swiftly turning into globalization where countries were realising the economic need, primarily with respect to Opportunity Cost. International Trade has been a consensus point where majority of countries came together moving from intra-regionalism to inter-regionalism and eventually multilateralism. Globalization and protectionism has, however, been a point of interest amongst political theorists and economists since the beginning of this shift.

The current situation of Covid-19 pandemic has presented an unprecedented challenge. No other situation in the past has affected as many countries as Covid-19. Also, the situation so far does not seem to be manmade, thus, the international community cannot *prima facie* hold any country responsible for such devastation of life and livelihood. Amidst all the possibilities, what is certain is that, the World post Covid-19 pandemic will not be the same in many aspects.

This webinar shall discuss such potential changes on economic, polity, policy, and other fronts of International relations. The Q&A round shall welcome participants to ask questions from the panellists. Our next event shall be focused on India with respect to the challenges and prospects post Covid-19. The present webinar shall discuss the following themes with the eminent scholars of particular fields:

Themes and Schedule:

Date: April 29, 2020

Time: 4:15 – 5:30 P.M (IST)

1. Globalization to Nationalism:

In light of already rising right wing populist governments, will the present pandemic open Pandora's Box of possible self-reliance? A debate of multilateralism and regionalism has already been in academic and policy drafter's circle; will debate on protectionism and globalization gain a new evident example post this pandemic? Will multipolarity emerge with China as another power? Did dependency on one or two states for International peace and harmony prove to be a risky bet?

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2. Change in Foreign Policy of and towards China: A Demand of Pandemic?

Will China emerge as a better economic power after the world has dealt with this pandemic? Or can it act against the Communist Party of China, with anti-China sentiments and loss of its soft power on global platform? It is to be seen how countries like The United States, India, and European Nations will react towards China. Also, when the world has transparent boundaries, will the world force China to be transparent as well, at least with respect to Health agencies and media?

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3. Challenges to International Commercial Arbitration:

The pandemic has already shaken the global commercial activities, global stock markets have taken a significant dip and manufacturers have cut on production. What are the challenges that ICA will see in specific? Will the worlds see any change in procedure or conduct of International Commercial Arbitration; is it a time when Online Dispute Resolution could be the preferred mode of ICA? Another pertinent question could be the affect on commercial activity in China and China's effort to make itself an attraction for ICA?

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4. International Organization(s) in Pandemic:

The world has relied on specialized International Organizations, this time, in particular, WHO is under heat; lobbying in TRIPS, WTO has been a researched

subject especially amongst the academic circles of developing countries. Will WHO's legitimacy be under question when this pandemic is over? Will efficacy of World Bank also be tested and can the same help the economies in this situation?

How to participate:

The participation can be confirmed by submitting the Google form and the following nominal registration charges by way of NET banking/ UPI transfer or Paytm.

Indian National Rs. 100 (INR)

SAARC Member Countries \$ 5 (U.S)

Other Foreign Nationals \$ 10 (U.S)

All the participants will be issued with certificate of participation.

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Requirements:

Laptop/ Smart Phone, Internet connection, Zoom App (or other application, as finalised)

Last date of registration is April 26, 2020 11:55 PM.

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