

Program as at 8 August 2025

IAFL Asia Pacific Chapter Meeting

Education Program

The Murray Hotel, Hong Kong, China, 3 – 8 December 2025

Conference Chairs: [Kai Yun Wong](#) (Singapore) and [Corinne Remedios](#) (Hong Kong, China)

Education Program Coordinators: [John Spender](#) (Australia), [Inger Blackford](#) (New Zealand) and [William Sloan](#) (Australia)

Thursday 4 December

8:45–10:00 am **Judges' Session: "The Pace of Change, Is it Revolution or Evolution?"**

Systemic changes in the legal systems in the Asia Pacific region.

Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Mr Justice Johnson Lam, Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal (Hong Kong, China)

Moderator: [Judge Alison Burt](#) (Australia)

Speakers will include: Judge Ivan Wong (Hong Kong, China)

10:00-11:15 am **Same Sex Parenting: "Same Same or Different?"**

The rights and legal responsibilities of same-sex parents

Moderator: [Katharine W Maddox](#) (USA)

Speakers: [Azan Marwah](#) (Hong Kong, China)

[Alexandre Boiché](#) (France)

[Keiko Imazato](#) (Japan)

[Mrinalini Sen](#) (India)

[Richard Roane](#) (USA)

11:15-11:45 am Coffee/tea break

11:45-1:00 pm **Enforcement: "What's Mine is Yours"**

How to enforce financial and property rights across international borders

Moderator: [Steven Yoda](#) (USA)

Speakers: [Jason Tian](#) (China)

[Lisa Wong](#) (Hong Kong, China)

[Francesco Mazzei](#) (Italy)

[Damien Greer](#) (Australia)

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Friday 5 December

8:45-9:00 am The Case for the Day

[Corinne Remedios](#) (Hong Kong, China)

9:00-10:15 am Hague Convention: “Defending an Application for Child Abduction”

To what extent does the child have a say?

Moderator: [Inger Blackford](#) (New Zealand)

Speakers: [Jemma Mackenzie](#) (Australia)

[Patricia Apy](#) (USA)

Justice Bebe Chu *ret’d* (Hong Kong, China)

[Nina Hansen](#) (England and Wales)

10:15-10:45 am Coffee/tea break

10:15-12.00 pm Financial Disputes and 3rd Parties “Are There Three in This Relationship?”

Adjudicating the rights and obligations of third parties in property division

Moderator: [Rita Ku](#) (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers: [Margaret Neal](#) (Australia)

[Oren Weinberg](#) (Canada)

[Daniela Horvitz Lennon](#) (Chile)

[Engelin Teh SC](#) (Singapore)

12:00-1.15 pm Silks Session: “Saying No to the Exercise of Jurisdiction”

When will one forum give way to another?

Moderator: [Anita Chan KC](#) (New Zealand)

Speakers: [David Dura SC](#) (Australia)

[Geeta Luthra Senior Advocate](#) (India)

[Mairead Rattigan SC](#) (Hong Kong, China)

1.15-2.15 pm Lunch

2.15-3.30 pm Marriage Structuring: “Distrusting the Trust”

Will control of a trust make it a marital asset?

Moderator: [Claire Gordon](#) (England and Wales)

Speakers: [Nicholas Lobenthal](#) (USA)

[Dr John Bonello](#) (Malta)

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Prawidha Murti (Indonesia)

Deepak Nagpal KC (Hong Kong, China)

3.30-3.45 pm Coffee/tea break

3.45-5.00 pm In memory of Anne Marie Hutchinson OBE

Ink on the Pre-Nuptial Agreements and Party Invitations

Moderator: Corinne Remedios (Hong Kong, China)

Speakers: Ian Kennedy AM (Australia)

Poonam Mirchandani (Singapore)

Jorge Cestero (USA)

The Hon Mr Justice Coleman (Hong Kong, China)

Anita Chan KC (New Zealand)

Simon Bruce (England and Wales)
