

**Burning Issues in International Family Law
20 February 2024 9.30am-6.00pm**

**Dexus Place, Level 31, Waterfront Place,
1 Eagle Street, Brisbane, Australia**

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Education Program Chairs:

[Jacky Campbell](#) (Australia), [Geoff Wilson](#) (Australia),
[Kai Yun Wong](#) (Singapore)

9.30 - 9.45 Introduction and Welcome

Geoff Wilson (Brisbane, Australia) President Asia Pacific Chapter and
Teong Liang Yap, (Singapore) President Elect LAWASIA

**9.45 - 11.15 Session 1: What is HOT in Marriage and Divorce in Cross Border
Disputes?**

- Recognition of cohabitation unions?
- Recognition of same sex marriages?
- Implications in cross border disputes?

Moderator: Kai Yun Wong (Singapore)

Presenters: Geeta Luthra (India); Justin Dowd (Australia); Billy Ko (Hong
Kong, China); Marlene Moses (Tennessee, USA)

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 - 1.15 Session 2: What is HOT in Parenting Matters in Cross Border Disputes?

- Recognition of shared parenting?
- Acceded to the Hague Convention?
- Implications in cross border disputes?

Moderator: Jacky Campbell (Australia)

Presenters: Steven Yoda (California, USA); Masami Kittaka (Japan); Jason
Tian (China); Rachael Kelsey (Scotland)

1.15 - 2.45 Lunch

2.45 - 4.15 Session 3: What is HOT in Property Division in Cross Border Disputes?

- Definition of matrimonial property, whether including premarital assets, or gifts/ inheritances?
- Any new developments and unique considerations in determining apportionment?
- Recognition of prenuptial agreements and property regimes?
- Implications in cross border disputes?

Moderator: Sandra Verburgt (Netherlands)

Presenters: Inger Blackford (New Zealand); Isabelle Rein-Lescastereyres (France); Damien Greer (Australia); Suzanne Todd (England)

4.15 - 4.30 Closing Remarks: Rachael Kelsey (Scotland) IAFL President

4.30 – 6.00 Networking and Drinks