Program as at 19 November 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: His Honour Judge Ivan Wong (Hong Kong, China)
Judge Celia Conlan (Australia)
Kenneth Yap (Singapore)

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)
Byron Leong (Australia)

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

10:45-12.00 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)
Engelin Teh SC (Singapore)
Narghis Bundhun (Mauritius)

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)
Prawidha Murti (Indonesia)
Deepak Nagpal KC (England and Wales) 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)
Winnie Chow (Hong Kong, China)
Simon Bruce (England and Wales)

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