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**Call for Papers – *Asian International Arbitration Journal* (AIAJ):
“Exploring the Future of Ethics in International Arbitration”**

About the AIAJ

The *Asian International Arbitration Journal* (AIAJ), the flagship journal of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre, publishes scholastic writing and thought pieces on issues in international arbitration in the Asia-Pacific region. The AIAJ publishes articles, notes on judgments, awards, legislation updates and book reviews. The AIAJ publishes two issues a year: in March and November.

Published by Kluwer Law International, its editorial policy and content are independently set and maintained by the General Editors, who are Professor Lawrence Boo and Ms Lucy Reed. It is a double-blind peer reviewed journal. The AIAJ is distributed widely, giving authors an excellent platform to reach a large audience.

About the Topic

The year 2024 marked the adoption of two significant instruments in international commercial and investment arbitration. First, the Secretariats of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) have collaborated on a Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Disputes, setting out proposed ethical standards and disclosure obligations of arbitrators in light of perceived or apparent lack of independence and impartiality in investment-state dispute settlement. Secondly, the International Bar Association (IBA) released the 2024 version of the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration, which contains some notable changes and updates from the 2014 version of the Guidelines.

It is clear that the ethical duties and obligations of arbitrators remain at the centre of public discourse considering that the legitimacy of, and users’ trust in, international dispute settlement by way of arbitration, depend on the ethical standards adopted by arbitrators.

The AIAJ is issuing this call for papers for its November 2025 issue which will feature a curated selection of papers on “*Exploring the Future of Ethics in International Arbitration*”.

Possible topics for submission include but are not limited to the following:

- Ethics in the age of practice promotion, engagement and outreach via social media;
- “Double-hatting” in international arbitration;
- Immunity and liability of arbitrators; and
- Standard(s) for successfully challenging and removing an arbitrator in commercial and investment arbitration.

Submission Deadlines

We invite interested contributors to submit an abstract of up to 500 words by **1 February 2025** to publications@siac.org.sg. If selected for publication, authors will be required to submit the first draft of their papers by **1 April 2025**. The final draft of papers shall be submitted by **1 July 2025**.

All papers will be subject to external review on a double-blind basis.

General Submission Guidelines

Manuscripts must be original and must not have been published nor have been submitted for publication elsewhere before; after first publication in the Asian International Arbitration Journal, permission to reproduce the article should be requested at publications@siac.org.sg.

Contributions must be made by individuals, not by a firm or an organisation. Authors may engage the assistance of students and appropriately acknowledge their contributions in a footnote.

Submission of a manuscript or work to the General Editors does not constitute acceptance for publication; author(s) will receive a notification of acceptance or rejection from the SIAC Publications Team following the external review process. As mentioned above, decisions to publish a submission are based on a double-blind peer review process (with the authors and reviewers names anonymised during the review process).

Specific Guidelines

Articles must deal with issues of interest and must demonstrate a high-level of analysis; articles of a purely descriptive nature will not be considered for publication. Articles which involve an update of developments in a country in the region, which may contain more descriptive content, should also address the broader implications and comparative importance of the developments under discussion.

As a guide, articles should not exceed 8,000-10,000 words (including footnotes), however, any departures from this guideline will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the General Editors.

All articles must be submitted via PeerEase the online submission portal of the Journal, which can be accessed [here](#).

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