

AWRN Annual Meeting 2026

Theme: *International Economic Law at a Crossroads – What Does Multilateralism Mean for Now and the Future?*

Location: Seoul National University School of Law, Seoul, Korea

Dates: July 9–10, 2026

Pre-Conference: Wednesday, July 8, 2026

- 18:30 – 20:30 | Welcome Dinner (Hoam Faculty House)
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Day 1: Thursday, July 9, 2026

Full-Day Session (Venue: Seoam Hall, 6th floor, Building 17)

- 09:00 – 09:30 | Registration & Welcome Coffee
- 09:30 – 10:00 | Opening Ceremony
 - Opening Remarks: AWRN Chair
 - Welcoming Remarks: Host Institution Representative
- 10:00 – 11:30 | **Plenary Session I: The WTO at a Crossroads** - Assessing MC14 outcomes and the roadmap for dispute settlement reform.
 - **Moderator:** Dukgeun Ahn
 - **Joseph Wira Koesnaidi:** "Transnational Subsidy in the Era of New Industrial Policy - Based on the WTO Dispute between Indonesia and EU (DS616)"
 - **Yuka Fukunaga:** "Unilateral Trade Action and International Law"
 - **Discussant:** Michelle Limenta, Heng Wang

- **11:30 – 11:45** | *Coffee Break*

- **11:45 – 13:15** | **Panel Session II: Regionalism vs. Multilateralism** - The role of CPTPP, RCEP, and IPEF in shaping Asian trade norms.
 - **Moderator: Junji Nakagawa**
 - **Tomohiko Kobayashi:** "Legal Issues Concerning the Faroe Islands' WTO Membership Application: Relationship with WTO, EU, and Danish Law"
 - **TU Xinquan:** "Developing a methodology for defining a good or bad subsidy"
 - **Discussant: Tsai-fang Chen, Rajesh Babu**

- **13:15 – 14:30** | **Networking Lunch** (Seoam Hall)

- **14:30 – 16:00** | **Panel Session III: Economic Security & Trade** - Managing supply chain resilience, export controls, and industrial subsidies.
 - **Moderator: Jaemin Lee**
 - **Yueh-Ping (Alex) Yang:** "Economic Security, Resilient Trade and WTO Law"
 - **Michelle Limenta:** "Critical Minerals Governance Between Nationalism and Liberalism"
 - **Discussant: Joseph Wira Koesnaidi & Dukgeun Ahn**

- **16:00 – 16:15** | *Coffee Break*

- **16:15 – 17:45** | **Panel Session IV: Digital Trade & AI** - Establishing international legal frameworks for the digital economy.
 - **Moderator: Yuka Fukunaga**
 - **Tsai-fang Chen:** "Incumbency Bias in WTO Law: AI and the Entry-Level Worker"
 - **Heng WANG:** "When AI Meets Economic Governance: Rethinking the International Economic Order"
 - **Discussant: Tu Xinquan, Junji Nakagawa**

- **17:55 – 18:35** | **AWRN Business Meeting**

- 19:20 – 21:00 | Conference Dinner (Haibo - Chinese restaurant)
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Day 2: Friday, July 10, 2026

Half-Day Session (Venue: Seoam Hall, 6th floor, Building 17)

- 09:30 – 10:45 | **Panel Session V: Trade, Climate & Energy** - The interface between WTO law and environmental measures (CBAM, Green Subsidies).
 - **Moderator:** Yueh-Ping (Alex) Yang
 - **Jaemin Lee:** "Accommodating Green Subsidies within WTO Rules - Can the Security Exceptions play a role?"
 - **Rajesh Babu:** TBC
 - **Discussant:** Yuka Fukunaga, Tomohiko Kobayashi
- 10:45 – 11:00 | *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 – 11:30 | **Roundtable Discussion: The Future of Multilateralism** - A concluding debate on re-globalization and the role of Asian economies.
- 11:30 – 11:40 | **Closing Remarks**
- 11:40 – 12:30 | **Farewell Luncheon** (Seoam Hall)