



INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION
79TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
KYOTO / JAPAN

23–27 August 2020

Call for conference reporters

The [biennial conference](#) of the International Law Association (“ILA”) will be held in Kyoto, Japan, from **23-27 August 2020**. This is the first time in over 50 years that this prestigious international law event will be held in Japan, hosted by the [Japanese Branch of the ILA](#).

The conference organisers are looking to engage a **small group of law students and early career lawyers** to volunteer as **reporters during the conference**.

The ILA is an international non-governmental organisation that was founded in 1873 to study, clarify and develop international law – both public and private – and to further international understanding of international law. The ILA has a membership of around 4,400 across 63 branches around the world, including lawyers in private practice, academia, government and the judiciary.

The conference will bring together leading members of the international legal community to discuss new and important topics of public and private international law under a main theme of “**Bridging for the Future**”.

The four-day event will feature open sessions of the various ILA committees and study groups, at which their work on a variety of cutting-edge topics will be presented and debated. In addition, over twenty expert panels will be organised on contemporary issues such as international ocean governance, protection of marine environment, the Arctic, human movements across borders, climate change law, international criminal justice, international humanitarian law, cybersecurity law, international trade and investment law, international litigation, international insolvency law, family and culture in the conflict of laws and *lex sportiva* in international law.

Eligibility

Reporters must have a **strong academic record** in public or private international law, as well as an **advanced level of English language proficiency**.

Responsibilities

The role of the reporter is to record proceedings during the open sessions of the various ILA committees and study groups (a list of committees and study groups is [here](#) and [here](#)).

Reporters are expected (a) to attend and report on at least two open sessions (2-4 hours each), usually in a team of two reporters, (b) to prepare a high quality written report in close consultation with committee/study group officers, and (c) to submit the report shortly after the conference for publication in the final report of the conference. The organisers will endeavour to assign reporters to committees and study groups according to their academic interests. Further information on the conference is available from the conference website, ila2020kyoto.org.

Benefits

Volunteering to report at the conference offers a range of unique benefits and opportunities for law students and early career lawyers, including:

- a **waiver of registration fees** for the conference (the full rate is ¥121,000, approx. US\$1,100) – registration includes lunch, coffee and certain receptions
- access to all conference sessions (subject to reporting duties)
- **accommodation** for the duration of the conference at the Kyoto International Conference Center, the conference venue, arranged by the organisers – travel and other living costs are at the reporter's own expense
- working alongside **leading academics and practitioners** in public and private international law from around the world
- contributing to the final conference report, a major international law publication.

Application requirements

Interested individuals are asked to submit:

- a copy of their CV and academic transcript in English (or accompanied by an English translation)
- a sample written piece in English (eg, a recent publication)
- a short cover letter in English outlining their relevant achievements and experience, and indicating at least three topics covered by the ILA committees and study groups in which they have the greatest interest.

These documents should be submitted by email to Mr Alexander Kunzelmann, coordinator of reporters, at ILA.Reporters@gmail.com.

The deadline for submission is **Friday, 1 May 2020**.

