



Second Annual Conference
16-17 April 2026
Ashurst, Level 8, 39 Martin Place, Sydney

16 April	Draft Program
9.00am	Arrival - Tea and coffee available
9.30am	Welcome by Felicity Healy, Partner, Ashurst Opening remarks by the Honourable AS Bell, Chief Justice of New South Wales, Patron of the Australasian Association of Private International Law
9.45am	Jurisdiction Chair: Jack Wass Richard Garnett (University of Melbourne), <i>Foreign State Immunity and Employment Contracts in Australian Law</i> Vivienne Bath (University of Sydney), <i>The utility and value of exclusive jurisdiction clauses – recent cases</i> Reid Mortensen (University of Southern Queensland), <i>Transfer of Proceedings Across Australian Polities: the federal courts</i> Mary Keyes (Griffith University), <i>Parallel and Related Proceedings in Australian Law</i>
11.30am	Morning Tea
12.00pm	Regional and International Cooperation Chair: Maria Hook Jack Wass (Stout Street Chambers, Wellington), <i>Handbook of Trans-Tasman Proceedings</i> Carolina Fabara (Sun Yat Sen University), <i>Mutual Integration between Regional Studies Law, AI and International Arbitration in a Fragmenting Global Order</i> Havva Nur Celik (Brand Partners, Melbourne), <i>Recognition of Australian judgments in the Czech Republic and reciprocity in the recognition of court decisions between the Czech Republic and common law states</i>

1.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm	<p>Private International Law and Digitalisation Chair: Richard Garnett Sören Segger-Piening (University of Osnabrück), <i>The Private International Law Dimensions of Digitalisation – Europe Rules the Waves?</i> Xin Huang (Durham University), <i>Digital Empires 2.0: What Has Changed in Cross-Border Data Transfer Governance</i></p>
3.45pm	<p>Update on the HCCH Jurisdiction Project Chair: Mary Keyes Brody Warren, Acting Director, Private International Law and International Copyright Law Section, Attorney-General’s Department, Australian Government</p>
4.30pm	Close
6.00pm	Dinner: Mordeo, 52 Martin Place, Sydney
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9.30am	<p>Jurisdiction Chair: Michael Douglas Maria Hook (University of Otago), <i>Jurisdiction over foreign non-parties</i> Lydia Sharpe (Kennedys), <i>Corrosive of comity? The disputed future of quasi-contractual anti-suit injunctions</i> Jemima Roe and Shaun Milligan (Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer), <i>Navigating the “English model” of transnational human rights litigation in an Australasian context</i> Junhyok Jang (Sungkyunkwan University), <i>Rules vs Standards in the Korean Law of Jurisdiction: A Troubled Short History</i></p>
11.30am	Morning Tea

<p>12.00pm</p>	<p>Arbitration Chair: Cara North Ece Selin Yetkin (University of Southampton), <i>Whose Harmonisation? Interrogating the Exclusion of Islamic Law from International Commercial Arbitration</i></p> <p>Sitong Li (Chinese University of Hong Kong), <i>Evaluating China’s Establishment of the Competence-Competence Principles in the Modified Arbitration Act 2026: Through the Lens of a Comparative Study</i></p> <p>Otabek Ismailov (New Uzbekistan University), <i>From Interpretive Fracture to Legitimacy Crisis: The Challenge of State Necessity in Investment Arbitration</i></p>
<p>1.30pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>2.30pm</p>	<p>Applicable Law Chair: Reid Mortensen Winnie Jo-Mei Ma (Bond University), <i>Tesseract: Delimiting Party Autonomy in Choice of Substantive Law in Arbitrations Involving Australia</i></p> <p>Yutong Hou (Chinese University of Hong Kong), <i>Copyright Conflicts: An Empirical Study</i></p> <p>Jie (Jeanne) Huang and Raven Yang (University of Sydney), <i>Conflict of Laws and Digital Product Passports in cross-border Value Chains: Why should the law of the upstream and midstream value chains be considered?</i></p>
<p>4.30pm</p>	<p>Close</p>