



## ASEAN Environmental and Social Governance Intensive

### All you need to know about ESG in your region



Wednesday  
11 – Thursday 12  
December 2019,  
9am–5pm



Novotel Bangkok  
on Siam Square



**Full price:** AU\$690  
(฿14,000)\*

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Environmental and social governance (ESG) is of increasing importance as we become more aware of the intersection of environmental, human and social rights with business impacts and investors increasingly consider these issues in their investment decisions. ASEAN nations are looking at way to individually meet their transboundary obligations and collectively find solutions to a sustainable future.

The College of Law's ASEAN Environmental and Social Governance Intensive is a practical, two-day intensive program addressing a wide range of ESG topics and looking for practical solutions and shared experience across the region.

Attending the Intensive is a must for anyone practicing in cross-border work as ESG increasingly comes to the forefront in investment decisions, or anyone who is involved or interested in environmental and social developments, as you will learn from and network with experts from across the region.

On the final day there will be a presentation of the Certificate in ASEAN Environmental and Social Governance, awarded by the College of Law.

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# Program

## DAY 1 Wednesday 11 December 2019

8.00am – 8.55am	Registration
9.00am – 9.15am	Welcome and opening remarks
9.15am – 10.30am	<p><b>Introduction to Environmental and Social Governance in ASEAN</b></p> <p>This session will introduce Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) in ASEAN and illustrate its importance to transboundary legal practice. At the end of this session you will understand the importance of ESG, the role of the UNGP, the UN Global Compacts and the Framework Principles on Business and Human Rights, and obligations of business to human rights and to the environment with reference the issues of modern slavery and transboundary obligations.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Matthew Baird</b>, Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law, Thailand</p>
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning networking Break
11am – 12.00pm	<p><b>Key principles of environmental law in ASEAN</b></p> <p>There are a number of key principles and practices of environmental law that underpin ESG, particularly in ASEAN. This session will consider those principles and look particularly at environmental treaties.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Dr Georgina Lloyd Rivera</b>, Centre for Field Studies, Cambodia</p>
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p><b>Protecting ASEAN biodiversity across borders</b></p> <p>This session will examine the relevant laws and application of these laws in selected ASEAN countries and what lawyers need to take into account when advising clients in relation to cross-border activities and the illegal wildlife trade.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Sallie Yang</b>, USAID Wildlife Project, Thailand</p>
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<p><b>Protecting ASEAN Cultural heritage across borders</b></p> <p>The ASEAN region is rich in cultural heritage and history and cultural tourism is an important economic driver in the region. As such, there is a shared commitment to protecting the cultural heritage in the region, and lawyers must be able to advise clients on potential risks in their transboundary activities.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Dr Jonathan Liljeblad</b>, Australian National University</p>
3.00 pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon networking break
3.30pm – 4.30pm	<p><b>Liability of environmental risk and harm</b></p> <p>Environmental and social governance breaches poses potential liability for companies, advisors and directors. Climate change poses a particular risk, as do other activities that cause environmental and social harm. Directors and companies must understand these risks and the strategies they can put in place to minimise harm and mitigate the risk of litigation.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Briony Eales</b>, Consultant to Asian Development Bank, Philippines</p>

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4.30pm - 5.00pm	Day 1 wrap-up and questions
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Networking function

## DAY 2: Thursday 12 December 2019

9.00am - 10.30am	<p><b>Environmental and social safeguards for Major Projects</b></p> <p>This session will examine the role of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) in ASEAN and will provide an overview of national EIA obligation; and transboundary impact and EISA obligations for the Multi-lateral development banks. This will also address OH&amp;S and worker issues, all of which are critical for Major Project investment and delivery.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Matthew Baird</b>, Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law, Thailand</p>
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning networking break
11.00am - 12.30pm	<p><b>Risk management across borders</b></p> <p>Cross-border work involves a multitude of risks for all parties as they navigate differing laws and legal systems. Previous sessions have focused on identifying and exploring various laws and this session will focus on the practical implication on managing ESG risk across borders and steps that lawyers can consider in advising clients to mitigate or avoid such risk.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Raphael Tay</b>, Partner, Lee Hishammuddin Allen &amp; Gledhill, Malaysia</p>
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm - 3.00pm	<p><b>Energy Law in ASEAN</b></p> <p>Energy cooperation, integrated energy and renewable energy are all opportunities for cooperation amongst ASEAN and other international partners, and opportunities for investment. This session will provide an overview of the state of energy law in the region.</p> <p>Presenter: TBC</p>
3.00pm - 3.15pm	Afternoon break
3.15pm - 4.45pm	<p><b>Dispute resolution and grievance redress mechanisms</b></p> <p>Previous sessions have focused on ESG principles and law, risk and mitigation strategies. However, some environmental and social impacts will end in dispute and this sessions will consider the various dispute resolution mechanisms and options to resolve ESG disputes.</p> <p>Presenter: <b>Matthew Baird</b>, Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law, Thailand</p>
4.45pm - 5.15pm	Closing remarks Presentation of Certificates

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