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## **2<sup>nd</sup> South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2025**

### ***South Asian FinTech Law Forum, 2025***

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**SOUTH ASIAN  
FINTECH LAW FORUM**  
2025

### **About the Forum**

The *South Asian FinTech Law Forum, 2025* is a flagship international dialogue convened under the *2nd South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2025*, organised by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation*, in Collaboration with the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* and *Center for Financial Inclusion (CFI)*. The Forum explores the evolving intersection of *financial innovation, digital transformation, and legal regulation* across South Asia. With the rapid rise of *digital payments, blockchain technology, peer-to-peer lending, crypto assets, reg-tech and sup-tech solutions*, policymakers are challenged to balance *innovation, consumer protection, and financial stability*. This event provides a transnational platform to discuss *fintech governance, cross-border compliance and the future of digital financial law* in emerging economies. It seeks to bring together *academics, regulators, financial*

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*institutions and technology innovators to deliberate on frameworks that promote responsible innovation, data-driven regulation and inclusive financial ecosystems in the region.*

## **Forum Objectives**

- *Examine evolving fintech and digital finance laws across South Asian jurisdictions.*
- *Analyse the intersection of financial regulation, data protection and technology law.*
- *Discuss policy mechanisms for reg-tech and sup-tech adoption in financial supervision.*
- *Foster dialogue on blockchain governance, AI-driven finance and crypto asset regulation.*
- *Encourage academic, institutional and industry partnerships for regional fintech development.*
- *Contribute to an International Edited Volume capturing comparative insights and regulatory innovations in South Asia.*

## **Forum Date & Format**

- **Dates:** 22nd November, 2025
- **Format:** Virtual Mode

## **Key Themes and Sub-Themes**

*Participants are invited to submit research papers, policy analyses, or case studies addressing the following thematic areas:*

### **1. Legal and Policy Dimensions of Fintech**

- *Fintech laws and financial regulation in South Asia: comparative perspectives.*
- *Balancing innovation and consumer protection under national regulatory frameworks.*
- *Regulatory sandboxes and the evolution of innovation-friendly compliance.*
- *Role of central banks and financial regulators in fostering fintech ecosystems.*
- *Financial inclusion and digital governance through legal innovation.*

### **2. Blockchain, Crypto Assets and Digital Currencies**

- *Legal recognition and taxation of virtual digital assets.*
- *Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): opportunities and regulatory challenges.*

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- *Blockchain applications in banking, insurance, and capital markets.*
- *Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Customer (KYC) norms in blockchain finance.*
- *Cross-border data flows, crypto regulation, and digital sovereignty.*

**3. Reg-Tech, Sup-Tech and Data Governance**

- *Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation in financial supervision.*
- *Legal challenges of algorithmic decision-making in fintech.*
- *Role of Reg-Tech and Sup-Tech tools in promoting transparency and accountability.*
- *Data protection, cybersecurity, and privacy in digital financial systems.*
- *Compliance innovations: from predictive analytics to real-time risk monitoring.*

**4. Inclusive Finance and Consumer Rights**

- *Fintech for financial inclusion: access, equity, and empowerment.*
- *Microfinance, digital lending, and the rise of neo-banking in South Asia.*
- *Gendered dimensions of fintech participation and literacy.*
- *Legal frameworks for consumer grievance redressal and dispute resolution.*
- *Ethical finance and sustainability in digital markets.*

**5. International and Comparative Perspectives**

- *Fintech law reforms in ASEAN, EU, and North America: lessons for South Asia.*
- *Global best practices in digital finance regulation.*
- *Cross-border data sharing, interoperability, and harmonization of fintech policies.*
- *The role of international institutions like IFC, World Bank, and FATF in shaping fintech governance.*
- *Fintech as a driver of sustainable development and financial resilience.*

**Abstract Submission Form:** <https://forms.gle/MJUnwGgjmyPcJeB39>

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## Format and Presentation

The Forum will be conducted *virtually* to allow accessible participation across geographies. Selected authors will present their papers in live sessions before an international audience comprising regulators, legal professionals, fintech entrepreneurs, scholars and policymakers.

## Recognition & Awards

Selected contributors will receive:

- *Publication in the International edited Volume titled, “FinTech Futures in South Asia: Law, Policy and the Digital Transformation” with ISBN.*  
(To be published and distributed across 13 nations, with DoI, international editorial and institutional collaboration.)
- *International Certificate of Presentation*
- *Best Paper Award in FinTech Law and Innovation.*
- *Emerging Researcher Recognition for postgraduate and early-career participants.*
- *Collaborative opportunities with IFC, CFI and allied fintech research initiatives.*

## Call for Papers Timeline

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 16th November, 2025  
(Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Forum themes.)
- **Notification of Abstract Selection:** 18th November, 2025  
(Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** 21st November, 2025  
(Full-length papers should be 3,000–5,000 words and follow the Forum’s *Submission Guidelines*.)
- **Presentation Confirmation by Authors:** 21st November, 2025  
(Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)
- **Date of Forum:** 22nd November, 2025

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## **Submission Guidelines**

### **Categories:**

- Research Article: 3,000 to 5,000 words
- Policy Paper / Legislative Analysis: 3,000 to 4,000 words
- Case Studies / Legal Commentaries: 2,000 to 4,000 words

### **Format and Structure:**

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12pt, Justified Alignment
- **Headings:** 14pt, Centre Alignment
- **Subheadings:** 13pt
- **Footnotes:** 10pt, Left Alignment
- **Citation Style:** Bluebook 21st Edition
- **Spacing:** 1.5
- **Language:** English only

**Abstract:** Each submission must include a concise abstract not exceeding **300 words** summarising the core ideas of the paper with 5 keywords.

### **Originality:**

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
- Plagiarism should not exceed **10%**, and **AI-generated content is not allowed**.

Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.

**Co-Authorship:** Papers may have up to **two authors**.

### **Review Process:**

- A **two-stage internal review** will assess submissions.
- Authors may be required to revise their papers based on feedback regarding content, structure, or formatting.

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- Be published in a globally distributed book titled, "*FinTech Futures in South Asia: Law, Policy and the Digital Transformation*", Co-curated with the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* and *Center for Financial Inclusion (CFI)*.
- Network with *policymakers, regulators and innovators* shaping the digital financial future.
- Gain *international exposure* through a globally distributed publication.
- Build cross-sector collaborations advancing *responsible, inclusive and secure fintech innovation*.

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