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3rd South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2026
2nd South Asian Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence & Law
(SARAIL), 2026

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About the Roundtable

The *2nd South Asian Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence & Law (SARAIL), 2026* is the flagship International AI-law dialogue organised under the *3rd South Asian Global Intellectual Property Summit, 2026* by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation*, in Collaboration with the *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)* and the *United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF)*. Building upon the success of its inaugural 2025 edition, the 2026 Roundtable seeks to create a truly global platform for examining the rapidly evolving relationship between *Artificial Intelligence, law, intellectual property, digital governance, human rights, innovation and development*.

The Roundtable will bring together *legal scholars, policymakers, technology professionals, researchers, economists, entrepreneurs, civil society representatives, students and innovators* from South Asia and across the world.

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The 2026 edition moves beyond the question of *whether AI should be regulated* and focuses on a more consequential question: *How should societies design laws and institutions that enable AI innovation while protecting rights, ensuring accountability and advancing inclusive development?*

A Global Legacy: 2025 Edition



The 2025 edition of the South Asian Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence & Law established the Roundtable as an emerging international platform for dialogue on AI governance and technology law. *235 participants and academic delegations from 67 countries across the world* took part in the prestigious Roundtable, making it a genuinely international dialogue extending well beyond South Asia. The inaugural edition witnessed participation and engagement from *delegations representing a number of nations*, bringing together diverse perspectives on artificial intelligence regulation, intellectual property, digital rights, governance and responsible innovation.

Roundtable Objectives

- *Facilitate a global South Asian dialogue on AI regulation, rights, innovation, and responsible governance.*
- *Examine the evolving intersections of artificial intelligence, law, intellectual property, and emerging technologies.*

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- *Explore comparative South Asian and global approaches to AI governance, accountability, safety, and digital rights.*
- *Build academic, policy, industry, and technology bridges to shape inclusive and future-ready AI governance frameworks.*
- *Contribute to international scholarship and policy discourse by amplifying South Asian and Global South perspectives on AI, law, and governance.*

Roundtable Date & Format

- **Dates:** 12-13th September, 2026
- **Format:** Virtual Mode

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Participants are invited to submit papers engaging with the following thematic tracks:

1. AI Regulation & Emerging Legal Architectures

- *AI legislation and regulatory developments across South Asia*
- *Comparative analysis of emerging national AI laws*
- *EU AI Act and its implications for Global South jurisdictions*
- *OECD AI Principles and international regulatory convergence*
- *UNESCO frameworks and responsible AI governance*
- *Risk-based, rights-based and innovation-based regulatory models*
- *Regulatory sandboxes for artificial intelligence*
- *Soft law, standards and technical regulation*
- *AI regulatory fragmentation and the need for interoperability*
- *Future directions for South Asian AI governance*

2. Generative AI, Copyright & Intellectual Property

- *Copyright protection of AI-generated and AI-assisted works*
- *Copyrightability of AI-generated outputs*
- *Training data, text-and-data mining and copyright*

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- *Generative AI and authorship*
- *AI-assisted inventions and patent law*
- *Patent inventorship and autonomous AI systems*
- *AI and trade secret protection*
- *Dataset ownership and intellectual property*
- *Licensing models for AI training data*
- *AI-generated content, attribution and provenance*
- *Synthetic media and rights of creators*
- *Future of intellectual property in the age of generative AI*

3. AI, Fundamental Rights & Digital Constitutionalism

- *AI and the right to privacy*
- *Algorithmic discrimination and equality*
- *AI and freedom of expression*
- *Automated decision-making and due process*
- *AI and the right to information*
- *Facial recognition and biometric surveillance*
- *Predictive policing and civil liberties*
- *Digital constitutionalism*
- *AI, democracy and electoral processes*
- *Human oversight and meaningful human control*
- *Protecting vulnerable and marginalised communities*

4. AI Liability, Accountability & AI Safety

- *Legal responsibility for AI-generated harm*
- *Developer, deployer and user liability*
- *Product liability and autonomous systems*
- *AI negligence and emerging standards of care*
- *Explainability and transparency obligations*

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- *Algorithmic audits and accountability mechanisms*
- *AI safety and frontier AI governance*
- *AI incident reporting and risk management*
- *Human-in-the-loop and human-on-the-loop systems*
- *Insurance and compensation for AI-related harms*
- *Cross-border enforcement of AI regulation*

5. AI, Data Governance & Digital Sovereignty

- *Data protection and AI development*
- *AI and data minimisation*
- *Cross-border data flows*
- *Data localisation and digital sovereignty*
- *Public-sector data and AI*
- *Synthetic data and privacy*
- *AI training datasets and consent*
- *Data governance in developing economies*
- *Digital public infrastructure and AI*
- *Sovereign AI and national technological capacity*
- *Regional cooperation on data governance*

6. AI, Labour, Economy & Development

- *Generative AI and the future of work*
- *AI-driven automation and employment*
- *Algorithmic management and workplace rights*
- *AI and labour law*
- *Reskilling and workforce transformation*
- *AI entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems*
- *AI and economic inequality*
- *AI and inclusive development*

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- *AI adoption by developing economies*
- *Intellectual property and AI-driven innovation*
- *AI's impact on South Asian economies*

7. AI in Sectoral Governance

- *AI in healthcare and medical decision-making*
- *AI in education and academic research*
- *AI in financial services and FinTech*
- *AI in banking and credit scoring*
- *AI in courts and justice systems*
- *AI in public administration*
- *AI in agriculture and climate governance*
- *AI in defence and national security*
- *AI in smart cities*
- *AI in scientific research and innovation*

8. AI Agents, Autonomous Systems & The Next Technological Frontier

- *Autonomous AI agents and legal responsibility*
- *Agentic AI and decision-making*
- *AI-to-AI interactions*
- *Autonomous systems and contract formation*
- *AI agents in commerce and financial markets*
- *AI and machine-to-machine governance*
- *Autonomous weapons and international law*
- *Legal personality and AI*
- *AI systems acting on behalf of individuals and institutions*
- *Governance of increasingly autonomous AI ecosystems*

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Format and Presentation

The Roundtable will be conducted *virtually* to allow accessible participation across geographies. Selected authors will present their papers in live sessions before an international audience comprising scholars, professionals, industry leaders and policy experts.

Recognition & Awards

Selected contributors will receive:

- *Publication in the International edited Volume titled, “Governing Artificial Intelligence: Law, Rights & Innovation from South Asia to the World” with ISBN 978-81-998939-9-3. (To be published and distributed across 15 nations, with DoI, international editorial and institutional collaboration.)*
- *International Certificate of Presentation*
- *Emerging Scholar Recognition for early-career researchers and students.*
- *Invitations for future international collaborations, conferences, sustainability initiatives, and research projects.*
- *Selected works will be highlighted through international academic networks and sustainability policy platforms*
- *Opportunities to be featured in international policy briefs and collaborative networks of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF).*

Call for Papers Timeline

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 30th August, 2026**
(Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Conference themes.)
- **Notification of Abstract Selection: 31st August, 2026**
(Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)

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- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: 5th September, 2026**
(Full-length papers should be 3,000–5,000 words and follow the Roundtable's *Submission Guidelines*.)
- **Presentation Confirmation by Authors: 8th September, 2026**
(Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)
- **Date of Roundtable: 12-13th September, 2026**

Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/k3MMqg64j871Sh938>



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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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Why Participate?

- Present ideas at South Asia's most timely platform on AI and Law.
- Present your work to an international audience of scholars, policymakers, engineers, industry leaders and civil society experts.
- Be published in a globally distributed book titled, *"Governing Artificial Intelligence: Law, Rights & Innovation from South Asia to the World"*, Co-curated with the *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)* and the *Internet Governance Forum (IGF)*.
- Engage with OECD, IGF, and global networks.
- Enhance your academic and policy influence through international visibility.
- Build lasting collaborations across law, technology and governance.

Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/k3MMqg64j871Sh938>

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