22nd ASCOLA Conference

Seoul, 30 June to 2 July 2027

Call for Papers

The Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA) will hold its 22nd Annual Conference from **Wednesday 30 June to Friday 2 July 2027** at Korea University, Seoul.

The conference is organised by Hwang Lee and Jinha Yoon (Korea University) with the support of Yo Sop Choi (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies; external fellow, ICR (Innovation, Competition & Regulation) Law Center, Korea University).

Submission of papers

ASCOLA members are invited to submit proposals no later than **12 January 2027**. Authors will be notified of acceptance by 8 March 2027.

Submissions should be made through the conference website: ascola.korea.ac.kr. The website will open on 1 December 2026. Each member may make **one submission only**. You must indicate, on your submission, the stream to which your submission is directed.

A conference with three streams

To reflect the breadth of ASCOLA scholarship, the conference will feature three distinct submission streams. Please observe the requirements for each stream, especially regarding word count.

- **Stream 1: Academic papers**. Open to all ASCOLA members. Submissions must be unpublished at the time of submission and should be of journal length (maximum 20,000 words).[*]
- **Stream 2: Early career researchers**. Open to PhD candidates and scholars awarded their PhD in 2022 or later. Submissions may be full papers (maximum 20,000 words) or a chapter of a PhD thesis. Thesis chapters should include a contextual introduction so their place within the overall project is clear. Each paper selected will be assigned a dedicated commentator.
- **Stream 3: Early project ideas**. For ASCOLA members developing new research projects. Submissions should consist of a short abstract (maximum 2 pages). Longer abstracts will be considered under Stream 1. Do not send extended abstracts of papers. This stream is for original project ideas at an early stage. Selected contributors will present their projects in progress at the conference.

Review

Each submission will be assessed by two independent reviewers according to pre-set criteria for the relevant stream. Selection will be based solely on merit, following a double-blind review process, meaning that authors and reviewers remain anonymous to one another.

[*] The purpose of the ASCOLA conference is to present new research to receive feedback before papers are accepted for publication in a journal or a book. Authors are therefore strongly encouraged to submit new research. Papers may be self-published on SSRN or similar platforms.

To facilitate this, authors must submit two versions of their paper:

- A full version including author details.
- An anonymised version with all identifying information removed, clearly marked as such.

Only the conference organisers will have access to review scores in order to ensure fairness.

Submission Rules

Each individual may make only one submission. Authors of a jointly authored submission may not also submit a sole-authored paper, and vice versa. Exceptions may be considered if authors contact the organisers in advance.

All submissions must include an anonymized version and comply with the **ASCOLA Transparency and Disclosure Declaration.** https://ascola.org/declaration-of-ethics/ This disclosure should appear in the first footnote of the text.

Authors who wish to be considered for the Best Junior Paper Award (see below) must indicate this at the time of submission.

Final versions of selected Stream 1 and Stream 2 papers must be submitted by 7 June 2027. Stream 3 participants will be asked to provide an updated project abstract before the conference by the same date.

The organisers reserve the right to exclude papers that do not meet the quality standards of the conference.

Membership

Only ASCOLA members may present papers at the conference.

Submissions by members will only be considered if the respective members have paid all outstanding membership fees.

Authors who are not yet members are expected to apply for membership at the latest at the time they make their conference submission. Information about eligibility and how to apply for membership is available here: https://ascola.org/join-ascola/

For co-authored submissions, at least one of the authors must be a member at the time of the submission or be admitted as a member before presenting at the conference.

Publication Opportunities

Upon author agreement, accepted papers will be published on the conference website.

ASCOLA has agreements with the *Journal of Competition Law and Economics* and the *Journal of Antitrust Enforcement* (both published by Oxford University Press). Authors may request ASCOLA to forward reviewer reports to these journals, offering the possibility of an expedited review process. Participation in this mechanism is optional.

Costs and Financial Aid

Speakers and participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. However, ASCOLA will offer a limited number of scholarships, subject to available funds.

Scholarships will be awarded with preference to junior scholars (such as PhD candidates and recent graduates) and scholars from developing countries. Decisions will be made solely by the Scholarship Committee.

Best Junior Paper Award

A **Best Junior Paper Award** will be presented for the most outstanding contribution submitted by authors who are PhD candidates or who obtained their PhD in 2022 or later. Applicants must clearly state their PhD award date in their submission. For co-authored papers, all authors must meet this criterion. The jury's decision is final and cannot be contested. Only authors who have submitted a paper in streams 1 and 2 are eligible for the prize.

About Seoul and Korea University

The ASCOLA 2027 Annual Conference will be held at Korea University in Seoul, marking the first time the conference will take place in Korea.

Founded in 1905, Korea University is one of Korea's leading research universities and its Law School and ICR Law Center have a long history of research in competition law and international academic exchange. The conference will take place at the CJ Law Building and the New Law Building on the university's Anam campus, which is easily accessible from central Seoul.

Seoul is a dynamic city where historic palaces and traditional neighbourhoods blend with a vibrant modern culture. The city offers excellent transportation, dining, and accommodation options for visitors.

More information on travel, hotels, and local arrangements will be provided on the conference website as the event approaches.