

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
LEGAL FRAMEWORKS GOVERNING DIGITAL ASSETS
IN SELECTED REGIONAL JURISDICTIONS

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

14–15 December 2026

Ho Chi Minh City University of Law

MORNING OF 14 DECEMBER 2026

Time	Programme	Venue
08:00–08:30	Registration	Auditorium C302
08:30–09:15	OPENING SESSION	Auditorium C302
09:15–09:30	Group photograph	Auditorium C302

TIME	PROGRAMME
	FRENCH-LANGUAGE TRACK — SESSION 1 IDENTIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS AND ACQUIRING RIGHTS IN DIGITAL ASSETS
	<u>Moderator and General Rapporteur: Prof. Christophe Vernières</u>
09:30–11:30 14 DECEMBER 2026 Auditorium C302	<p>I. Identifying digital assets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does national law, including legislation and case law, define digital assets? If so, please specify the definition. 2. Does national law classify digital assets, for example by distinguishing cryptocurrencies from other types of tokens? If so, please explain the classification. 3. Where national law regulates different types of digital assets, what are the main features of the legal regime applicable to each type? 4. Does the State have a monopoly on issuing digital assets? 5. Is the development of digital assets prohibited or restricted in any sector? 6. How are digital assets characterised within property-law classifications, such as intangible assets or patrimonial rights, and what are the main legal consequences of that characterisation? 7. Are personal and non-personal data regarded as digital assets? 8. Does national law identify digital items that are excluded from the category of digital assets? <p>II. Acquiring ownership of digital assets</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. What legal grounds allow ownership of digital assets to be acquired? 10. Are traditional methods of acquiring ownership suitable for digital assets? 11. Who owns digital assets derived from data generated by artificial intelligence? Who owns aggregated data? 12. How can a person claiming ownership of a digital asset prove that ownership? 13. How is ownership of digital assets made effective against third parties? Can a digital asset arising within a service arrangement based on a contractual network be asserted against a third party outside that network?
11:30	Lunch at Topview, 10th floor

FRENCH-LANGUAGE TRACK — SESSION 2
EXERCISING AND PROTECTING OWNERSHIP OF DIGITAL ASSETS

Moderator and General Rapporteur: Prof. Đỗ Văn Đại

08:30–11:30
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I. Exercising ownership of digital assets

1. What primarily determines how an owner exercises rights in digital assets: general property law or the contract established by the operator of the network issuing the assets?
2. Is any authority empowered to supervise, regulate or license trading platforms for all or certain types of digital assets?
3. May individuals and legal persons freely enter into digital asset transactions, or must they use a designated trading platform?
4. Must digital asset transactions be registered, reported or approved by a competent public authority? Is there a specific tax regime?
5. Do the rules governing transactions distinguish between digital assets issued by domestic entities and those issued by foreign entities?
6. Can the constituent rights of ownership of digital assets be divided, for example through a usufruct?
7. How are digital assets transferred gratuitously, whether inter vivos or by succession on death?
8. Are cryptocurrencies regarded as money? Are they recognised as legal tender?
9. Are digital asset transactions subject to specific anti-money laundering rules?
10. Can digital assets serve as collateral? Are there specific rules governing the creation and enforcement of security interests in digital assets?

II. Protecting ownership of digital assets

11. Are traditional remedies, such as an action for recovery of property, an injunction against infringement or a claim for damages, suitable for protecting ownership of digital assets?
12. How is the owner protected if the access key to an electronic wallet or the private key is lost?
13. Are there specific legal rules applicable to custodians or providers of digital asset storage services?
14. Are issuers of digital assets liable when ownership rights in those assets are infringed?
15. Are there specific rules for determining jurisdiction in disputes concerning the protection of ownership of digital assets?
16. Are there particular features of the enforcement of court judgments, orders or arbitral awards involving digital assets?

**Speakers
presenting in
French during
the morning
sessions on 14
and 15
December 2026.**

Romania: Prof. Radu Rizioiu; Cristian Cealera, PhD candidate
Türkiye: Assoc. Prof. Ozgun Celebi
Republic of Korea: Assoc. Prof. D. YOUNG KANG KO; Dr. Danbi LEE and Dr. Danbi Lee
Cambodia: Dr. SEN Sunday and Dr. Hisham Mousar
Belgium: Assoc. Prof. Nicolas Kalokyris
China: Dr. LIN Wei
France: Prof. Luc GRYNBAUM and Prof. Nicolas Binctin
Italy: Elisabetta Stringhi, Lawyer
Canada: Prof. Charlaïne Bouchard
Singapore: Lucas Nicolet, Lawyer
United Arab Emirates: Prof. Mélanie Clément-Fontaine
Japan: Assoc. Prof. Ikida Juda and Prof. Yuki Setoguchi

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Lunch at Topview, 10th floor

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14:00–15:10	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRACK — PANEL 1 DIGITAL ASSETS AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PROPERTY LAW: LEGAL NATURE AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS	
	Moderators (proposed) Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trần Việt Dũng — Vice Rector, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Assoc. Prof. Dr. Archil Chochia — Director, Department of Law, Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), Estonia	
14:00–14:10	Presentation 01	Prof. Dr. Hsing-Hao Wu — Vice President, National University of Kaohsiung, Taiwan
14:10–14:20	Presentation 02 Digital Assets under English Law: Why Classification as Third Thing Solves Nothing	Prof. Kelvin F.K. Low — Faculty of Law; Director, Centre for Private Law, The University of Hong Kong
14:20–14:30	Presentation 03 Who Controls Control? Digital Assets, the Succession of Possession, and the Privatisation of Property's Boundary Work	Prof. Dr. Kasim Balarabe — Professor and Associate Dean, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India
14:30–14:40	Presentation 04 Legal Frameworks Governing Digital Assets in South Korea: Private-Law Status and Regulatory Developments	Prof. Dr. Won Jae Hwang — School of Law, Korea University, Republic of Korea
14:40–14:50	Presentation 05 From Recognition to Ownership of Crypto-Assets: Lessons from the UK and Liechtenstein and Recommendations for Vietnam's Legal Framework	Trần Ngọc Hà, LL.M., PhD candidate — Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Phan Thị Mỹ Hà Cao Thị Như Ý Proposed presenter: Trần Ngọc Hà
14:50–15:10	DISCUSSION	
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15:25–16:30	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRACK — PANEL 2 SHAPING DIGITAL ASSET MARKETS: INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY TRENDS AND POLICY CHOICES FOR VIETNAM	
	<u>Moderators (proposed)</u> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trần Thị Thùy Dương — Vice Dean, Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Prof. Kelvin F.K. Low — Director, Centre for Private Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong	
15:25–15:35	Presentation 06 Regulatory Challenges of Digital Currencies under Thailand’s Dual-Agency Framework	Prof. Dr. Pornchai Wisuttisak — Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
15:35–15:45	Presentation 07 Legal Gaps and Regulatory Challenges in Governing Digital Assets: A Comparative Study of Vietnam and India	Dr. Deeba Khanam — Assistant Professor of Law, Aligarh Muslim University, Malappuram Centre, Kerala, India
15:45–15:55	Presentation 08 Enforcement of Law in Relation to Digital Assets in the European Union (EU): The MiCA Framework and Lessons for Viet Nam	Dr. Đặng Việt Đạt — Academy of Politics Region IV, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics; Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Information on Political Science Nguyen Dang Cam Nhung — LL.M. student, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University
15:55–16:05	Presentation 09 The Legal Framework For Crypto-Asset Service Providers In Vietnam: Insights From The EU And Singapore	Dr. Nguyễn Hồ Bích Hằng — Senior Researcher, School of Law, University of Eastern Finland; Lecturer, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Dr. Trần Ngọc Tuấn — Lecturer, Faculty of Civil Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
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08:30–09:45	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRACK — PANEL 3 DIGITAL ASSETS IN PRIVATE-LAW RELATIONSHIPS: EXPLOITING VALUE, DIVIDING ASSETS AND TRANSFERRING RIGHTS	
	Moderators (proposed) Dr. Nguyễn Xuân Quang — Dean, Faculty of Civil Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Mr. Trần Kim Chung — Chairman, C.T Group; Honorary Consul of Portugal in Ho Chi Minh City; Vice President, Vietnam–Japan Friendship Association in Ho Chi Minh City	
08:30–08:40	Presentation 10 Mechanism to protect intellectual property rights for digital assets arising from artificial intelligence	Dr. Nguyễn Phương Thảo — Head, Department of Civil Law, Faculty of Civil Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
08:40–08:50	Presentation 11 Carbon Credit Tokenisation and the Challenge of Greenwashing: A Transnational Legal Framework for Investor Protection and Environmental Integrity	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trần Thăng Long — Dean, Faculty of Legal Languages, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Lê Minh Nhật, LL.M., PhD candidate — Lecturer, Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Mr. Đặng Minh Huy — Global Vietnam Lawyers
08:50–09:00	Presentation 12 Digital Asset Transactions Entered into by One Spouse: International Experience and Recommendations for Vietnam	Nguyễn Phương Ân, PhD candidate — Lecturer, Faculty of Civil Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Nguyễn Thái Ngự Chiêu, LL.M. — The Chinese University of Hong Kong; Partner, My Legal Counsel
09:00–09:10	Presentation 13 Digital Assets In Divorce Proceedings: International Perspectives And Implications For Vietnam	Dr. Lê Vĩnh Châu — Vice Dean; Head, Department of Civil Procedure and Marriage and Family Law Dr. Nguyễn Xuân Quang — Dean, Faculty of Civil Law Ngô Khánh Tùng, LL.M. — Lecturer Đào Tấn Anh — Master's student Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
09:10–09:20	Presentation 14 Digital Assets as Inheritable Property: A Private International Law Perspective	Dr. Phan Ngọc Tâm; Phùng Hồng Thanh, LL.M., PhD candidate; Nguyễn Phan Văn Anh, LL.M., PhD candidate — Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
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10:00–11:30	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRACK — PANEL 4 ENFORCEMENT AND DIGITAL ASSET DISPUTE RESOLUTION: CROSS-BORDER CHALLENGES	
	Moderators (proposed) Prof. Dr. Pornchai Wisuttisak — Faculty of Law, Chiang Mai University, Thailand Dr. Nguyễn Thị Lan Hương — Vice Dean, Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Mr. Leif Dustin Schneider – Counsel & General Director, Luther Vietnam Law LL.C; Vice-Chairman of the Legal Sector Committee, European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam.	
10:00–10:10	Presentation 15 Vietnamese Legal Framework For Digital Assets In Anti-Money Laundering: Lessons From The European Union Suggested discussion focus: preventive duties and supervision.	Dr. Nguyễn Huỳnh Bảo Khánh — Lecturer, Faculty of Criminal Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
10:10–10:20	Presentation 16 Control Of Money Laundering Activities Involving Cryptocurrencies – International Law And Recommendations For Vietnam Suggested discussion focus: international cooperation and cross-border financial flows.	Dr. Phạm Hồng Hạnh — Head, Public International Law Division, Faculty of International Law, Hanoi Law University Dr. Hà Thanh Hoà — Lecturer, Hanoi Law University
10:20–10:30	Presentation 17 Jurisdiction And Challenges Of Vietnamese Courts In Resolving Disputes Over Digital Assets, Recommendations For Legal Reform From A French Law Perspective	Phan Nguyễn Bảo Ngọc, LL.M., PhD candidate Dr. Nguyễn Võ Linh Giang Faculty of Civil Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
10:30–10:40	Presentation 18 Cross-Border Intellectual Property Disputes in the Digital Age: Jurisdictional Responses and Lessons for Vietnam	Dr. Hồ Minh Thành; Dr. Nguyễn Thị Thuý Hằng; Dr. Nguyễn Sơn Hà — University of Law, Hue University
10:40–10:50	Presentation 19 Collecting Evidence In The Resolution Of Disputes Regarding Digital Assets Transactions In Commercial Arbitration - International Experiences For Vietnam	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Phan Hoài Nam — Vice Dean, Faculty of International Law Võ Nguyễn Quỳnh Như Nguyễn Lưu Ly Thảo Ho Chi Minh City University of Law

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10:50–11:00	Presentation 20 Application of the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation to Resolve Digital Asset Disputes: International Practices and Recommendations for Vietnam	Dr. Mạc Thị Hoài Thương — Principal Lecturer; Deputy Head, Department of Public International Law, Faculty of International Law, Hanoi Law University
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14:00–15:30	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRACK — PANEL 5 DIGITAL CURRENCIES AND THE FUTURE OF PAYMENTS: FINANCIAL INNOVATION, LEGAL LIMITS AND RISK GOVERNANCE	
	<u>Moderators (proposed)</u> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trần Thăng Long — Dean, Faculty of Legal Languages, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Mr. Phan Đức Trung — Chairman, Vietnam Blockchain and Digital Assets Association (VBA)	
14:00–14:12	Presentation 21 Experiences in Adjusting the Legal Frameworks of Selected Countries on Central Bank Digital Currencies and Lessons for Vietnam	Dr. Phan Đăng Hải — Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, Banking Academy of Vietnam
14:12–14:24	Presentation 22 Central Bank Digital Currencies and Conflict of Laws	Prof. Dai Yokomizo — Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University, Japan
14:24–14:36	Presentation 23 The Legal Architecture of AI Assisted Prudential Supervision for Stablecoin Legal Lessons from the EU for Vietnam	Dr. Nguyễn Hữu Phúc — Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Economics, The University of Danang Trần Thị Thuận Giang, LL.M., PhD candidate — Lecturer, Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
14:36–14:48	Presentation 24 Regulating crypto-to-fiat conversion in Vietnam: Comparative lessons from several Asian jurisdictions	Dr. Phạm Minh Thy Vân — Head, Economic Law Division, Faculty of Law, University of Economics, The University of Danang
14:48–15:00	Presentation 25 Cryptocurrency Payments and the Performance of Obligations through Smart Contracts: The Canadian Experience	Prof. Charlaïne Bouchard — Faculty of Law, Université Laval, Canada; Holder of the Research Chair on Smart Contracts and Blockchain, Chambre des notaires du Québec
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15:45–17:00	ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRACK — PANEL 6 DEVELOPING VIETNAM'S DIGITAL ASSET MARKET: INSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE	
	<u>Moderators (proposed)</u> Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyễn Hữu Huân — Vice Chairman, Executive Authority of the Vietnam International Financial Centre in Ho Chi Minh City Assoc. Prof. Dr. Phan Hoài Nam — Vice Dean, Faculty of International Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law	
15:45–15:57	Presentation 26 Institutional Compatibility In Designing A Regulatory Sandbox For Digital Assets: Comparative Lessons From Singapore, Dubai, And Hong Kong For Vietnam'S International Financial Center	Dr. Tạ Đình Tuyên — Deputy Editor-in-Chief, People's Court Journal Dr. Phạm Thị Hồng Tâm — Lecturer, Faculty of Civil Law, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law
15:57–16:09	Presentation 27 Regulatory Sandboxes for Digital Assets in Vietnam's International Financial Centre: Lessons from Singapore and Implications for Vietnam	Lê Hồng Phúc, JD — Lecturer, Phenikaa University Hà Thị Nguyệt Thu, PhD — Lecturer, Phenikaa University Đỗ Thị Hằng, LL.M. — Visiting Lecturer, Phenikaa University Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Anh — Legal Manager, VNPost Logistics
16:09–16:21	Presentation 28 Refining the Legal Framework for Crypto-Asset Risk Governance: Lessons from South Korea	Dr. Nguyễn Hương Ly — Senior Lecturer, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law Lại Quang Dũng; Trần Bảo Khánh; Lương Thuỳ Anh; Lê Thị Kim
16:21–16:33	Presentation 29 Developing Digital Asset Markets in International Financial Centres: Insights from Legal Practice	Lucas Nicolet-Serra — Lawyer, K&L Gates
16:33–16:45	Presentation 30 Foreign Investment in Vietnam's Digital Asset Market: Market Access, Investment Structuring & Legal Certainty	Mr. Leif Dustin Schneider – Counsel & General Director, Luther Vietnam Law LL.C; Vice-Chairman of the Legal Sector Committee, European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam.
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17:00	FAREWELL RECEPTION	Auditorium A1002