

# Agenda

## Young Scholar Workshop on Arbitration

### Event details

Date: Thursday, 20 August 2020  
 Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm (AEST)  
 Format: Virtual webinar via Microsoft Teams Live  
 Chair: Associate Professor Kun Fan,  
 Member of Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law

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11:30am	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p>Associate Professor Kun Fan          Member, Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law</p> <p>Associate Professor Kun Fan is an award-winning scholar in the area of international arbitration, mediation, comparative legal studies, and cultural study of law. Before joining UNSW in September 2019, she held academic positions at the Faculty of Law, McGill University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She was also a Visiting Scholar of the Harvard Yen-ching Institute.</p>
11:32am	<p><b>Topic: International Commercial Courts and the Interplay Between Realism and Institutionalism – A Look at China and Singapore</b></p> <p>Mr Lance Ang          National University of Singapore</p> <p>Lance Ang is a Research Associate at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and an Associate Editor of the Asian Journal of Comparative Law. Lance graduated with a LL.B. from the National University of Singapore in 2013 where he was placed on the Dean's List and served as an Assistant Editor at the Asian Journal of International Law. He has been awarded the ICGRG Routledge Prize by the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as the Highly Commended Award for his paper titled 'Capitalist Variations in "Say on Pay": A Look at Regulatory Governance in Singapore and Hong Kong' at the Corporate Law Teachers Association Conference 2020, which is the flagship corporate law conference in the Commonwealth. His work has been published in the University of Pennsylvania Asian Law Review and Asian Journal of Comparative Law, and has been invited to present his research at the University of Oxford, University of New South Wales, Monash University, Chinese University of Hong Kong and University of Auckland. He has practised corporate law in the area of mergers &amp; acquisitions and was most recently serving as a legal counsel at an international bank.</p>

11:42am	<p><b>Topic: COVID-19 and The Singapore Convention: Have the Stars Aligned for Investor-State Mediation?</b></p> <p>Dr Mark McLaughlin Singapore Management University / China University of Political Science and Law</p> <p>Mark McLaughlin is the incoming Global Visiting Assistant Professor at Singapore Management University School of Law. His research focuses on dispute resolution, the Belt and Road Initiative, and international economic law. Mark has published articles on the Chinese approach to investor-state arbitration and the interaction between state-owned enterprises and mechanisms of dispute resolution. He holds an LL.B. from the University of Glasgow and a Ph.D. from the China University of Political Science and Law, where he was a lecturer in international investment law. Mark was awarded a Chinese Government Scholarship from 2016-2019.</p>
11:52am	<p><b>Topic: Renewable Energy Investment and Climate Change Mitigation: Is The Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism Ready for Public Interest Litigations?</b></p> <p>Ms Hui Pang UNSW Law</p> <p>Hui is a Scientia PhD Scholar at UNSW Law, and she currently focuses on renewable energy investor-state dispute settlement. Her thesis looks into the rights and responsibilities of the investors and the state in renewable energy investment cases, with particular regards to international environmental obligations. Before joining UNSW, Hui was a Fox Fellow at Yale University for a year, with a research topic on sustainable development in international investment law. Hui graduated with a Master of Laws degree from Fudan University in 2018.</p>
12:02pm	<p><b>Topic: Revisiting Chinese IIAs during the COVID-19 pandemic: Are public policy clauses a sufficient defence for emergency measures?</b></p> <p>Ms Yue Zhao University of Geneva</p> <p>Yue ZHAO is a PhD candidate at Law School, University of Geneva, Switzerland. She conducted research on commercial and investment arbitration under the supervision of Professor Emerita Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler and co-supervision of Professor Jiayou Shi. Her thesis focuses on recognition and enforcement of investment arbitration awards.</p> <p>Yue was a visiting researcher at the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre of Excellence for International Courts (iCourts). She contributed to the fifth volume of the ICCA Reports Series Compendium of Chinese Commercial Arbitration Laws. She also assisted professors in research projects under the auspices of the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement.</p>
12:12am	<p><b>Commentary</b></p> <p>Professor Leon Trakman Member of Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law</p> <p>Professor Trakman is Former Dean of Law at the University of New South Wales, 2002-2007 and currently a UNSW Professor of Law. He holds both Masters' and Doctorate degrees earned at the Harvard Law School. He is author or editor of 9 books, over 40 book chapters and more than 100 articles published in international law journals. His primary areas of research are international dispute resolution, international investment law and contract law. He is an international commercial arbitrator and inter-governmental trade adjudicator, appointed by the US, Canadian and Mexican Governments under the NAFTA.</p>
12:20pm	<p><b>Commentary</b></p> <p>Associate Professor Kun Fan</p>

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12:28pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Moderator: Associate Professor Kun Fan
12:58pm	<b>Closing remarks</b>