



Call for Papers

2020 CIBEL Global Network Virtual Conference and Young Scholars Workshop

The COVID-19 pandemic brings enormous challenges and uncertainties to world economy and global trade. In response, the [Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law \(CIBEL\) Centre](#) at the Faculty of Law, UNSW Sydney ([UNSW Law](#)) will be hosting the CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop as a series of virtual panel sessions from June 2020. The conference is dedicated to research on the urging issues in the international business and economic law field with the theme of “**COVID-19 and international economic law: China and a changing world**”.

About the CIBEL Global Network

Initiated by CIBEL, [the inaugural CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop](#) was held successfully in May 2019 where more than 50 speakers and 150 attendees from all over the globe participated in the event.

The CIBEL Global Network aims to be a prosperous global community of researchers, practitioners, students and other stakeholders working in the CIBEL field. The centre develops, supports and promotes this network by:

- Holding an annual conference and Young Scholars Workshop, with conference awards for young scholars
- Supporting researchers, practitioners, young scholars, students and other stakeholders in this field through possible support such as funding and mentoring opportunities
- Circulating news and opportunities via the CIBEL Global Network (including events, Calls for Papers, grants, funding information and publications in this field)
- Hosting a [CIBEL Global Network webpage](#)
- Organising joint events with members at their partner institutions
- Organising social and networking events for members
- Providing opportunities for network members to contribute to the possible books/journal issues of relevant publications arising from the Annual CIBEL Global Network Conference.

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About the Virtual Conference and Young Scholars Workshop

The virtual conference will be live-streamed and open to registered audiences. Every fortnight from late-June to September 2020, there will be one 1-1.5 hour panel session focusing on a specific CIBEL area and the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Successful applicants will be invited to make contributions to a publication based on their papers presented at the conference and/or workshop.

The Conference welcomes papers presented by scholars, practitioners in private and public sectors and other speakers in the CIBEL field across the globe that discuss urging issues derived from the pandemic from legal and cross-disciplinary perspectives, and from theoretical and empirical studies.

Young scholars, including those who are pursuing their PhD degrees are strongly encouraged to submit their papers to the Young Scholars Workshop, where they will have opportunities to present their work and get constructive feedback from senior researchers. Submissions to Young Scholars Workshop are open to any topic within the [CIBEL research areas](#) and are not limited to the COVID-19 related issues.

Panel Topics

The theme of the 2020 CIBEL Global Network Virtual Conference is “*COVID-19 and international economic law: China and a changing world*”.

The Conference and Young Scholars Workshop will consider abstracts in all disciplines of law, including cross-disciplinary legal studies, which have a significant focus on issues relating to China and international business and economic law that is understood its broad sense. We invite proposals on all aspects of international business and economic law related to China.

The topics of the panels include but are not limited to the following:

- The future of international economic law after COVID-19: China and (de)globalization
- COVID-19: will competition law and policy revert to the status quo?
- COVID-19 and digitalisation of dispute resolution
- How can corporate law help technology under the pandemic?
- Intellectual property and COVID-19
- The global pandemic and investment law

Submission Requirements

Interested applicants shall submit their abstracts via the [online application form](#) by 22 June 2020 for peer review. Abstract should be no more than 500 words. Despite full paper submission is not mandatory, we encourage accepted applicants to submit a full paper between 7,000-12,000 words (include footnotes) before 17 August 2020. We envisage to publish a book and welcome submissions of paper.

Applicants shall indicate if the submission is for the conference or the young scholars workshop and indicate the panel topic* that relates to the submission if applicable.

** We endeavour to fit applicants in the most related panel, however, depends on the number and qualities of all submissions we may have to adjust your submission to other panels.*

Key Dates

- **Monday, 22 June 2020** – Abstract (no more than 500 words) submission due
- **Monday, 29 June 2020** – Notification of abstract acceptance
- **Monday, 17 August 2020** – Full paper (7,000-12,000 words) submission due (optional)

Awards

Eligible applicants will be considered for the following awards, which will be announced on the CIBEL website after the whole event concludes:

- **CIBEL Global Network PhD Scholar Prize** awarded to the best article by a scholar who is pursuing but has not got a PhD degree on 30 September 2020
- **CIBEL Global Network Young Scholar Prize** awarded to the best article by a scholar aged 35 or under on 30 September 2020

The author of an awarded paper, and co-authors if any (all the co-authors need to meet the criteria above), will be entitled to:

- An official award certificate;
- The announcement of the award on the CIBEL website;
- An invitation for an extended and revised version publication in a book or a journal, if a post-publication agreement is available for this conference.

The awards will be conferred to the author(s) of a paper selected by the selection committee of the Conference and Young Scholar Workshop. The decision criterion will consider the paper quality.

Session Schedules and Registration

There are five sessions scheduled on the following dates at this stage:

Date	Panel Topic
Thursday, 25 June 2020	COVID-19: will competition law and policy revert to the status quo?
Thursday, 9 July 2020	The future of international economic law after COVID-19: China and (de)globalization
Thursday, 23 July 2020	How can corporate law help technology under the pandemic?
Thursday, 6 August 2020	The global pandemic and investment law
Thursday, 3 September 2020	COVID-19 and digitalisation of dispute resolution

One Young Scholars Workshop session is scheduled on **Thursday 20 August 2020**. However, depending on the number, topic and qualities of submissions we receive, we may invite young scholars to present at certain conference panel sessions. We will contact successful young scholars individually prior to the panel.

There is no charge for this event, however registration is essential to receive the event link. Participants shall register for each individual session that they would like to attend. Registration link of

each session will be posted on the [Global Network page on the CIBEL website](#) separately. CIBEL will contact successful presenters at least 4 business days in advance for setting up and testing.

Please note that the date of the panels is subject to change. We will contact successful applicants if there are any changes to their session. However, we encourage all applicants to visit the [Global Network page on the CIBEL website](#) regularly for any updates.

About the Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre

CIBEL is the world's leading centre outside of China for the study and teaching of China-related international business and economic law matters, particularly as they relate to the Australia-China trade corridor.

Established in 2015 as a UNSW long-term strategic initiative within UNSW Law, CIBEL entered a key partnership with Herbert Smith Freehills in 2018. CIBEL boasts the largest number of Chinese scholars of international business and economic law in any law school in the world outside China, ably supported by pre-eminent Australian experts. CIBEL researches and teaches in matters directly relevant to the Australia-China international economic law relationship.

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