

## Agenda

### Impact of COVID-19 on Dispute Resolution

## Event details

Date: Thursday, 3 September 2020  
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 Hosted by: Associate Professor Kun Fan, CIBEL member, UNSW Law

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4:30pm	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p>Associate Professor Kun Fan Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law</p> <p>Associate Professor 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 Yenching Institute. Kun frequently speaks at conferences and gives lectures and training at renowned institutions and has led and engaged in many research projects. Kun also has extensive experience in ADR practice, acting as counsel, legal expert, secretary for the arbitration tribunal, arbitrator and domain names panellist in a number of international arbitrations and domain name disputes.</p>
4:35pm	<p><b>Topic: COVID-19 and Online Mediation</b></p> <p>Assistant Professor Carrie Shang California State Polytechnic University, Pomona</p> <p>Assistant Professor Carrie Shu Shang is an Assistant Professor of Business Law at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She obtained her J.D. from University of Southern California School of Law, and her B.A./B.S. (with High Honours) from University of California, Berkeley. Before joining Cal Poly, she served as the chief representative of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's Shanghai Office (2017-18). She was a visiting research scholar at UC Berkeley Centre for the Study of Law and Society (2016). She is admitted to the New York (2013) and California Bar (2019), and is qualified to practice law in the People's Republic of China (2014). Her works appear on multiple top tier academic journals such as the Leiden Journal of International Law, Asia Pacific Law Review and the China Quarterly. She is also an Invited Scholar of the American Journal of Business Law Colloquium (2020). She advised cross-border dispute resolution issues and has received multiple research grants for her research from the Research Grant Council (Hong Kong), Ministry of Education of People's Republic of China, and the British Council.</p>

	<p>Dr Wenli Guo Beiming Software Co. Ltd</p> <p>Dr Wenli Guo, Doctor of Laws, the current assistant president, president of Internet Nomocracy Product Institute and general manager of the Legal Department of Beiming Software Co., Ltd. From 2007 to 2018, he served as a judge, research director and member of the judicial committee in Huzhou Intermediate People’s Court. During this period, he was also seconded to the Supreme People’s Court in 2017. His major achievements of projects include Zhejiang Online Dispute Resolution Platform, Yunnan Online Diversified Dispute Resolution Platform.</p>
4:45pm	<p><b>Topic: Impact of COVID-19 on Arbitration</b></p> <p><b>Arbitration in the Pandemic</b> Dr Tietie Zhang University of Sheffield</p> <p>Dr Tietie “Frank” Zhang is a Lecturer in Corporate and Commercial Law at the University of Sheffield School of Law. Dr. Zhang obtained his law degrees from Peking University in China and Cornell University in the United States. At Sheffield, he teaches and researches in areas including international commercial arbitration, international trade law, and the Chinese legal system. Prior to joining academia, he worked in a leading Chinese law firm in Beijing, practicing in the field of commercial dispute resolution.</p> <p><b>Counsel Perspective: Arbitration and Virtual Hearings post-Covid – A New Era?</b> Mr Guillermo Garcia-Perrote Herbert Smith Freehills Sydney</p> <p>Guillermo Garcia-Perrote is an international arbitration specialist based in Sydney, Australia, with deep understanding of infrastructure, construction and energy. He also has experience in other sectors and industries concerning a wide range of trade, commercial and financial activities, including in the TMT, M&amp;A/JV and financial sectors. Guillermo regularly speaks at conferences and seminars, and lectures at universities and master’s programs in relation to both arbitration and construction/infrastructure and energy sectors. He regularly publishes on arbitration-related topics, including on smart legal contracts and the impact of technological developments on dispute resolution.</p> <p><b>Online Dispute Resolution under COVID-19: The Practice of Major Arbitral Institutions in China</b> Mr Yuan Fang Washington University</p> <p>Mr Yuan Fang is currently a JSD Candidate at Washington University School of Law. He earned his Bachelor of Laws as well as the first Master of Laws from Beihang university, and his second LLM from UC Berkeley School of Law. Yuan has published three articles in Chinese journals, and three articles on the websites of Berkeley Technology Law Journal (BTLJ) and Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute. He serves as a Member of the International Advisory Board to The Global Studies Law Review, and a Research Assistant at the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Asia-Pacific Interest Group.</p>
5:15pm	<p><b>Topic: COVID-19 and Digital Courts</b></p> <p><b>COVID-19 and Online Dispute Resolution in a Digital Economy</b> Associate Professor Mimi Zou University of Reading / University of Oxford</p> <p>Dr Mimi Zou is Co-founder of the Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab at the University of Oxford and Associate Professor at Reading Law School. She formerly held the first academic post in Chinese law at Oxford. Dr Zou obtained her DPhil in Law and BCL degrees from Oxford on a Commonwealth Scholarship and a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship. She also graduated with first-class honours degrees in Law, Economics, and</p>

	<p>Social Sciences (University Medal) from the University of Sydney. She has been admitted as a lawyer in New South Wales (Australia) and called to the Bar of England and Wales.</p> <p><b>Experience from Dubai International Financial Centre Courts</b>  Ms Amna Al Owais  Dubai International Financial Centre Courts</p> <p>Amna Al Owais is currently the Chief Registrar of the DIFC Courts and oversees operations and quality management, supervising the Courts' Judicial Officers and Registry personnel, as well as the delivery of a comprehensive suite of court public services. Amna also spearheads special projects across DIFC Courts operations, particularly in the field of technology and innovation, harnessing digital transformation for core courts services, including a major partnership project across blockchain with Smart Dubai and a court tech R&amp;D initiative with Dubai Future Foundation.</p>
5:35pm	<p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Moderator: Associate Professor Kun Fan</p>
5:55pm	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>