In this ascendant age of digital banking and finance, it is ever more vital for regulators, stakeholders and legal experts to continually engage in conversations on the need and content of industry regulation. At the same time, global imperatives of social and environmental sustainability cannot be overlooked and require urgent attention. In view of the latest developments in practice and regulation, the Centre for Commercial Law in Asia (CCLA), Singapore Management University (SMU) and Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre, UNSW Law & Justice will co-organise a one-day conference at the SMU Yong Pung How School of Law (Singapore) and online in the week of 29 August 2022 (confirmed date to be released soon).
Focusing on the theme “Sustainable Banking and Financial Regulation in Asia: Principles, Practice and Innovation”, this Conference will bring together industry stakeholders, regulatory officials and academics to discuss important topics such as the treatment and adoption of digital currencies and assets; financial and prudential regulation of digital banking and assets; and sustainability practices and collaboration in relation to digital finance.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Trends in sustainable banking and its practice
- Financial innovation and regulation
- Green financing, climate change, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Digital finance, decentralized finance and digital platforms
- Competition in finance
- Digital assets and currencies (including stablecoins and central bank digital currencies)
- Technology, including FinTech, RegTech and climate technology
- Data governance

In addition to invited speakers, we also welcome the general submission of papers for this Conference. Selection of submitted papers will be based on fit with the Conference theme and programmatic diversity. All papers will be peer reviewed for an upcoming special issue of the Chinese Journal of Comparative Law (CJCL, Oxford University Press). The paper should be between 8,000-14,000 words (inclusive of footnotes). For CJCL’s style guide and journal instructions, please visit here.

We also warmly welcome expressions of interest from speakers from industry, regulatory officials, and academics to speak at the Conference (without necessarily submitting a paper to the special issue).

For both situations, please submit an abstract (about 300 words).

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- Deadline for abstract submission: **24 June 2022, 12 noon**
- Notification of acceptance: **29 June 2022**
- Deadline for full paper submission (if you intend to submit an article): **17 October 2022**

The participants are generally expected to bear their costs in joining this conference, save that a small allowance may be given to overseas academic speakers who are presenting papers to partially offset their costs of travel to Singapore. Any questions should be sent to cibel@unsw.edu.au.

How to apply

Applicants shall submit their abstracts (about 300 words) here by 24 June 2022 for peer review. Full paper is recommended but not essential and should be submitted by 17 October 2022.

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