

## Agenda

### The global pandemic and investment law

## Event details

Date: Thursday, 6 August 2020  
 Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm (AEST)  
 Format: Virtual webinar via Microsoft Teams Live  
 Hosted by: Dr Lu Wang, CIBEL member and lecturer, UNSW Law

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| 4:30pm | <p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p>Dr Lu Wang<br/>Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law</p> <p>Dr Lu Wang joined UNSW Law as a lecturer in August 2018 after completing her PhDs at the University of Liverpool in the UK and Xi'an Jiaotong University in China. The primary area of Lu's research is international and comparative economic law, with a particular focus on international investment law, international arbitration, State-owned enterprises (SOEs) and China's regulations of foreign trade and investment.</p>  |
| 4:40pm | <p><b>Topic: China's State-Owned Enterprises as Targets of the EU FDI Screening Regulation</b></p> <p>Associate Professor Alexandr Svetlicinii<br/>University of Macau</p> <p>Associate Professor Svetlicinii's primary areas of expertise include competition law and international economic law and he has acted as a non-governmental advisor to the International Competition Network and has served as an expert in a number of international projects related to competition law enforcement.</p>   |
| 4:50pm | <p><b>Topic: China's Response to the Potential Impacts of the Global Pandemic on International Investment Law</b></p> <p>Professor Huiping Chen<br/>Xiamen University</p> <p>Huiping Chen is Professor of international law at Xiamen University School of Law. She is also Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre at UNSW Sydney. She is Secretary-General of the Administrative Council of Xiamen Academy of International Law and deputy Secretary-General of the Chinese Society of International Economic Law. Her research fields focus on international investment law</p> |

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|        | <p>and transboundary watercourse law. She has rich publications in both Chinese and English. She was visiting scholar at Leiden University (2000-2001), Fulbright Researcher at Georgetown University (2006-2007) and Freeman Fellow at the University of Illinois (2012-2013).</p>   |
| 5:00pm | <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <p>Dr Mavluda Sattorova<br/>University of Liverpool</p> <p>Dr Sattorova's research primarily focuses on international investment law. Her most recent work examines the impact of investment treaty law on national policy-making and governance. Among other projects, Mavluda has explored an empirically-driven approach to investigating the interaction between investment treaty rules with national law and policy, in particular in developing countries. She works closely with international organisations and government agencies involved in the design and reform of international investment treaties and national investment policies. Dr Sattorova's monograph 'The Impact of Investment Treaty Law on Host States: Enabling Good Governance?' has been published by Hart Publishing in 2018. She is currently a Reader at the School of Law and Social Justice and Director of Liverpool Economic Governance Unit, University of Liverpool.</p>                                 |
| 5:10pm | <p><b>Topic: Investment control in the name of 'national security': is the global pandemic shaping the international economic governance?</b></p> <p>Dr Wei Yin<br/>Southwest University of Political Science and Law</p> <p>Dr Wei Yin is a Lecturer of Southwest University of Political Science and Law, and Research Fellow of China-ASEAN Legal Research Centre. Her primary research area is international economic law and global governance, with a particular focus on investment law, state-owned enterprises, Belt and Road Initiative and sustainable development. She worked as the research intern, research collaborator and advisor of several research institutions and/or think tanks. Wei has published several academic papers in international peer-reviewed journals and invited to present her research at various international conference and seminars. She has also participated as lead researcher in research projects funded by universities, think tanks, and the Education Department.</p> |
| 5:20pm | <p><b>Topic: Global pandemic and the screening of foreign direct investments</b></p> <p>Assistant Professor Zoltan Vig<br/>University of Szeged</p> <p>Zoltán Vig [z'əultan wi:g] obtained his LLM and SJD in International Business Law from Central European University in Budapest. He teaches subjects related to international economic relations at the Faculty of Law, University of Szeged, Hungary and business law at the Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration in Belgrade, Serbia. He worked as a research fellow at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and during his earlier career he conducted research at Max Planck and Asser Institutes, as well as at Humboldt, Hamburg, Emory and Yale Universities. He has published several books and articles in English, Hungarian, Serbia and German languages.</p>  |
| 5:30pm | <p><b>Commentary</b></p> <p>Dr Jonathan Bonnitcha<br/>UNSW Law</p> <p>Dr Bonnitcha is a Senior Lecturer in Law. His primary area of research interest is international economic governance, with a particular interest in investment treaties. Much of his research is inter-disciplinary, drawing on perspectives from the disciplines of economics and political science. Prior to joining UNSW Law, Dr Bonnitcha lived in Myanmar, where he worked as an advisor to the Myanmar Government on investment governance. For several years he also worked for the Australian Attorney General's Department, as a member of the team that</p>   |

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|        | successfully defended a multi-billion dollar challenge to Australia's tobacco plain packaging laws brought under an investment treaty. He has previously held academic positions as a Visiting Fellow at ANU's Crawford School of Public Policy and as ESRC Post-doctoral Fellow at the London School of Economics. |
| 5:40pm | <b>Q&amp;A</b><br><br>Moderator: Dr Lu Wang   |
| 5:58pm | <b>Closing remarks</b>  |