

2023 CIBEL Global Network Conference & Young Scholar Workshop: Reshaping the Global Economic Governance: Opportunities and Challenges for the Asia-Pacific Region

China International Business & Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre

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About the CIBEL Global Network

Established in 2015 as a UNSW long-term strategic initiative within UNSW Law & Justice, the China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre is the world's largest centre outside China for the research and teaching of international business and economic law issues focusing on the impact of China domestically, in the Asia Pacific and internationally. The CIBEL Global Network, initiated in 2018, aims to

connect and engage on CIBEL issues with scholars, practitioners, regulators and the public in the Asia Pacific and worldwide. The CIBEL Centre supports and promotes this network by, among other things, holding conference and Young Scholars Workshop annually.

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Conference Theme

Global economic governance typically refers to the institutional, policy and regulatory framework established by governments to facilitate and manage their interaction and engagement in global economic activities. As the world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a pressing need for governments to closely examine not only their own economic systems but also the global economic governance in light of the many new contexts. Numerous challenges lie ahead, including: the further rise of economic nationalism and protectionism, the persistent geopolitical confrontation between the world's superpowers, the ever-greater fragmentation of the international legal order, the lack of progress in reforming key international institutions particularly the World Trade Organization (WTO), and difficulties and uncertainties in the pursuit of the shared goals of sustainability, inclusiveness and digitalisation. To address these challenges, international cooperation and communication is critical, with much of the collective effort increasingly focused on the Asia-Pacific region. Some recent and telling examples include the conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP), the US-led negotiations of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), pioneering plurilateral and bilateral arrangements in the region such as the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement between New Zealand, Chile and Singapore and the Digital and Green Economy Agreements between Australia and Singapore, and the potential expansion of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) in the region and beyond. Understanding these and other significant developments, exploring potential opportunities and challenges, and strategically and actively engaging with the Asia-Pacific region, are thus of critical importance for reshaping global economic governance for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The 2023 CIBEL Global Network Conference & Young Scholars Workshop seek to promote academic and policy debate over the major opportunities for and challenges faced by governments in reshaping their own economic systems, as well as that of the global economic governance collectively, focusing on the role and impact of the Asia-Pacific.

We are particularly interested in submissions which discuss recent developments in policies, strategies and approaches, at both domestic and international levels, to address issues relating to climate change, energy transition and security, supply chain resilience, economic nationalism, industrial policy, subsidies and state-owned enterprises, digital transformation and data regulation and governance, economic coercion and national security. Submissions should clearly identify and discuss the opportunities for governments to build common ground, the challenges they may face in such cooperation and practical solutions. The relevant research areas/expertise might include (but not limited to) international trade law, international investment law, banking and finance law, IP law, environmental law, competition law, and corporate law.

Proposals & Submission

We invite proposals from both established scholars and early career academics. Each proposal should include (1) an abstract of your paper/presentation between 400-600 words; (2) a short bio of the author(s)/presenter(s) up to 100 words; and (3) a list of up to five major publications. Proposals must be

submitted [here](#) by 30 June 2023. Each submission should clearly identify, in the subject of the email, whether the submission is for the Global Network Conference or the Young Scholars Workshop.

The Organising Committee is happy to respond to any general queries but will not comment on proposals prior to submission. We anticipate announcing the results of this call for papers by 11 August 2023.

Papers & Publication

Authors/presenters are expected to submit a full draft paper (up to 10,000 words including footnotes) at least two weeks before the conference/workshop to enable a productive discussion. Publication options will be discussed at the conference, such as a special issue with a leading journal of Oxford University Press or Cambridge University Press.

Key Dates

- Monday 30 June, 5pm – Due date for proposal submission
- Monday 11 August, 5pm – Notification of abstract acceptance
- Monday 25 August, 5pm – Due date for applicants to accept speaking roles
- Monday 6 November, 5pm – Due date for full draft paper submission
- Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 November – Conference and Young Scholar Workshop

Awards

Eligible applicants who have submitted their full papers will be considered for the following awards, which will be announced on the day of the Workshop:

- **CIBEL Global Network Young Scholar Prize** awarded to the best article for applicants aged 35 or under on 20 November 2023.

Organising Committee & Enquiries

The Organising Committee consists of: Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou; Professor Deborah Healey; Scientia Professor Ross Buckley; Professor Colin Picker; Professor Henry Gao; Professor Lisa Toohey, Dr Lu Wang and Dr Sophia Xue Bai.

Please submit any enquiries to cibel@unsw.edu.au.

Registration

Registration is free but essential. We encourage you to [subscribe to CIBEL's newsletter](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to be the first one to know when the Conference is open for registrations. The registration link will be posted on the [Global Network page](#) on the CIBEL website. CIBEL will contact presenters in advance to check on set up and testing.

Contact Us

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