



Global Network Conference 2024:

Restoring Global Supply Chains: From Regulatory Divergence to Connectivity and Coherence

China International Business & Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre

Background

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 our flagship Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop annually.

Conference Theme

Disruptions of global supply chains have become a thorny challenge for governments, businesses, and consumers worldwide since the COVID-19 pandemic. While companies, particularly multinational ones, have been redesigning strategies to restructure their international operations and value chains, governments have also adopted policy and regulatory responses. Governments have tended to prefer individual rather than collective responses to these challenges, relying less on multilateral institutions and preferring measures that reflect their own economic and policy needs and preferences. This, in turn, has caused increasing regulatory divergence and tensions fuelled by geopolitical challenges. All these factors potentially disrupt rather than protect global supply chains. This conference will explore these policy and regulatory responses, their implications for domestic and cross-border commercial activities, and ways to improve regulatory connectivity and coherence for more resilient and stable supply chains.

Bringing together researchers, policymakers and business, the objective of the CIBEL Global Network Conference & Young Scholars Workshop in 2024 is to discuss policies and regulatory frameworks developed by governments domestically and internationally, the interaction between regulatory actions and business strategies, the challenges associated with regulatory divergence, the impact on global supply chains, and steps that have been or can be taken to pursue regulatory connectivity and coherence including through bilateral, regional and international cooperation.

The Conference aims to create a platform for discussions across a wide range of fields including international trade law, international investment law, banking & finance law, intellectual property law,

corporate law, competition law, environmental law and dispute resolution, focusing on cutting-edge issues faced by governments and the world economy in restoring efficient and resilient global supply chains.

Event overview

Date	Wednesday & Thursday, 20 & 21 November 2024
Venue	Law G02
Format	Four (4) x 90-minute Panels plus one Young Scholars Workshop (Approx. 2 hours)
Event Lead	Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou

Proposals & Submission

We invite proposals from both established scholars and early career academics. Each proposal should include (1) an abstract of your paper/presentation up to 500 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 22 July 2024. 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 19 August 2024.

Papers & Publication

Authors/presenters are encouraged to submit a full draft paper (up to 8,000 words including footnotes) at least two weeks before the conference/workshop to enable a productive discussion. All submitted papers will be included in the CIBEL Working Paper Series and released on the CIBEL website:

<https://www.cibel.unsw.edu.au/research/CIBEL-working-paper-series>.

Publication options may be discussed at the conference (subject to the number and quality of submissions), such as a special issue with a leading journal of Oxford University Press or Cambridge University Press.

Key Dates

- Monday 20 May, 5pm – Call for paper released
- Monday 22 July, 5pm – Due date for proposal submission
- Monday 19 August, 5pm – Notification of abstract acceptance
- Monday 2 September, 5pm – Due date for applicants to accept speaking roles
- Monday 28 October, 5pm – Due date for full draft paper submission
- Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 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 2024.

Organising Committee & Enquiries

The Organising Committee consists of: Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou, Professor Deborah Healey, Professor Lisa Toohey, Professor Mimi Zou, Associate Professor Kun Fan, 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.

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