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2024 CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop:

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

Program

Date: 20-21 November 2024

Location: Law G02, UNSW Kensington Campus

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 our flagship Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop annually.

About the conference

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, intellectual property 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.



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Program overview

Day 1: Wednesday 20 November 2024	
Time	Session
9.00am–9.30am AEDT	Registration
9.30am–9.40am AEDT	Welcome and Conference Opening
9.40am–11.10am AEDT	Panel 1: Trade, Investment and Global Supply Chains
11.10am–11.30am AEDT	Morning tea
11.30pm–1.00pm AEDT	Panel 2: Global Supply Chains Amid Geopolitical Uncertainties
1.00pm–2.00pm AEDT	Lunch break
2.00pm–3.30pm AEDT	Panel 3: Global Supply Chains from the Perspective of Selected Industries
3.30pm–4.00pm AEDT	Afternoon tea
4.00pm–4.20pm AEDT	Group photo
4.20pm–4.50pm AEDT	CIBEL 10th Anniversary
5.00pm–6.00pm AEDT	Keynote: James Baxter, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the World Trade Organization
6.30pm AEDT	Group dinner (invitation only)
Day 2: Thursday 21 November 2024	
9.30am–11.00am AEDT	Panel 4: Technology, Digital Economy and Global Supply Chains
11.00am–11.20am AEDT	Morning tea
11.20am–12.50pm AEDT	Panel 5: Competition Law and Global Supply Chains
12.50pm–2.00pm AEDT	Lunch break
2.00pm–4.30pm AEDT	Young Scholars Workshop
4.30pm–4.40pm AEDT	Closing Remarks



Full Program

Day 1: Wednesday 20 November 2024

9.30am AEDT	Welcome	CIBEL Directors
9.40am- 11.10am AEDT	Panel 1: Trade, Investment and Global Supply Chains	<p>Ms Charlotte Blundell (Assistant Secretary, Indo-Pacific Economic and Supply Chain Branch, DFAT) & Mr Doug Drummond (Director, Supply Chain Resilience Section, DFAT)</p> <p><i>"The Pursuit of Supply Chain Resilience through the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework"</i></p> <p>Ms Helen Zhi Dent (Partner, China Business Practice KPMG Australia)</p> <p><i>"Three Phases of Chinese Investment in Australia"</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Alexandr Svetlicinii & Assistant Professor Xueji Su (University of Macau)</p> <p><i>"International Trade Governance of Dual-Use Items: Towards a Dualist Plurilateral Solution"</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Jianguo HU (Nankai University)</p> <p><i>"The WTO Regulation of Unilateral Supply Chain Resilience Measures: Enough Policy Space or Not?"</i></p> <p>Chair: Professor Lisa Toohey (LLM Director, Member of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)</p>
11.10am- 11.30pm AEDT		Morning tea
11.30am- 1.00pm AEDT	Panel 2: Global Supply Chains Amid Geopolitical Uncertainties	<p>Mr Patrick Mayoh (CEO, ACBC NSW)</p> <p><i>"Progressing Australia-China Trade and Investment: Opportunities and Challenges"</i></p> <p>Professor Vivienne Bath (The University of Sydney)</p> <p><i>"Critical Minerals, Investment and the Geopolitics of Supply in the Asian Region"</i></p> <p>Mr Carl Hinze (Partner, K&L Gates)</p> <p><i>"Export Controls and Global Supply Chains"</i></p>



Professor Wei Shen (Shanghai JiaoTong University)

"Supply Chain Security Laws in the Context of WTO Rules: Litigability, Legitimacy and Exceptionality"

Chair: Professor Colin Picker (Deputy Vice-Chancellor College of Business and Law & Vice-President, RMIT)

**1.00pm-
2.00pm
AEDT**

Lunch break

**2.00pm-
3.30pm
AEDT**

**Panel 3: Global
Supply Chains from
the Perspective of
Selected Industries**

Professor James Nedumpara (Head of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade)

"Enforcing Sustainable Supply Chains in Agricultural Products: Issues and Challenges of EU Deforestation Regulation"

Associate Professor Han-Wei Liu (Singapore Management University (SMU)), **Professor Ching-Fu Lin** (Director of the Interdisciplinary Program of Management and Technology at National Tsing Hua University (NTHU))

"Beyond Export Controls: Taiwan's Regulatory Dilemma in the New Tech Order"

Professor Lingli Zheng (Nanjing Normal University)

"The Global Steel Industry Decarbonization: From Regulatory Divergence to Regulatory Convergence"

Professor James Laurenceson (Director, Australia-China Relations Institute, UTS)

"The Primacy of Economic Reality in Global Supply Chains: the Case of Australia's Critical Minerals Sector"

Chair: Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou (Co-Director of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)

**3.30pm-
4.00pm
AEDT**

Afternoon tea

**4.00pm-
4.20pm
AEDT**

Group photo

**4.20pm-
4.50pm
AEDT**

CIBEL 10th Anniversary

Remarks by Colin Picker – CIBEL: Its Foundation



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Remarks by Deborah Healey – CIBEL: A Decade of Achievements		
Remarks by Weihuan Zhou – CIBEL: Vision & Action		
5.00pm-6.00pm AEDT	Keynote	<p>Mr James Baxter (Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Australia to the World Trade Organization)</p> <p><i>"Reliable partners: Strengthening supply chains through new rules in the multilateral trading system"</i></p> <p>Chair: Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou (Co-Director of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)</p>
6.30pm AEDT		Group Dinner (invitation only)
Day 2: Thursday 21 November 2024		
9.30am-11.00am AEDT	Panel 4: Technology, Digital Economy and Global Supply Chains	<p>Mr Simon Lacey (Head, Digital Trade and Geopolitics, World Economic Forum)</p> <p><i>"How Small the Yard, How High the Fence?"</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Xiuyan Fei (East China University of Political Science and Law)</p> <p><i>"Different Models of Regulation on TikTok: Legality and Legitimacy Issues"</i></p> <p>Associate Professor Jeanne Huang (The University of Sydney)</p> <p><i>"The Rise of Data Property Rights in China: How Does It Compare with the EU Data Act and What Does It Mean for Digital Trade with China?"</i></p> <p>Mr Charles Zhan (Partner, Head of International Trade, Moulis Legal)</p> <p><i>"Electric Vehicles: the Newest Toy in Trade Wars or a Further Fissure in Global Supply Chain?"</i></p> <p>Chair: Associate Professor Kun Fan (Member of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)</p>
11.00am-11.20am AEDT		Morning tea
11.20pm-12.50pm AEDT	Panel 5: Competition Law and Global Supply Chains	<p>Associate Professor Kelvin Kwok (The University of Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>"Supermarket Power and Global Supply Chains"</i></p> <p>Professor Alison Jones (King's College London)</p> <p><i>"TBC"</i></p>



Dr Rhonda Smith (University of Melbourne)

"Competition, Global Trade and Supply Chains"

Dr Umair Ghori (Bond University)

"From Commodities to Competitiveness: Export Restrictions as Catalysts for Downstream Supply Chains"

Chair: Professor Deborah Healey (Co-Director of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)

**12.50pm-
2.00pm
AEDT**

Lunch break

**2.00pm-
3.00pm
AEDT**

**Young Scholars
Workshop
Session 1**

Ms Ranchun Wang (PhD Candidate, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

"Enhancing Asia-Pacific Engagement in Global Value Chains under the EU's Sustainable Corporate Governance Regulations"

Dr Natalia Figueiredo (Assistant Professor, Federal University of Sao Paulo)

"Brazil's Regulatory Framework for Critical Minerals: Navigating Geopolitical Neutrality and Strategic Investment"

Dr Xiaomeng Qu (Lecturer, Southwest University of Political Science and Law)

"Data Regulation and Artificial Intelligence: The Practices of the US, the EU, and China"

Commentator: Professor James Nedumpara

Chair: Associate Professor Kun Fan (Member of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)

**3.00pm-
3.30pm
AEDT**

Afternoon tea

**3.30pm-
4.30pm
AEDT**

**Young Scholars
Workshop
Session 2**

Mr Mohd Ziaolhaq Qazi Zada (PhD Candidate, University of Wollongong)

"The Impact of World Trade Organization Agreements on Supply Chains, Food Security, and the Way Forward"

Dr Yuanyuan Zhang (Assistant Professor, Ningxia University)

"Global Supply Chain Disruptions and International Investment Law: The Case of Export Controls"

Dr Tolulope Adekola (Research Fellow, The University of Queensland)



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"Navigating the Disruptions in Global Pharmaceutical Supply Chains: Policy and Regulatory Responses Post-Covid-19"

Commentator: Mr Simon Lacey

Chair: Dr Lu Wang (Member of CIBEL Centre, UNSW Law & Justice)

**4.30pm
AEDT**

**Closing Remarks
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About the Speakers



Professor Deborah Healey

Deborah Healey is a professor at UNSW Law and a co-director of China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre, UNSW Law & Justice. She is also a member of the Centre for Law, Markets and Regulation. Her research and teaching focus on competition law and policy in Australia, China, Hong Kong and the ASEAN nations and she has written widely on them over a long period of time. She is a regular visitor to those jurisdictions to research and teach. Within the area of competition law, she is particularly interested in the role of government in the market, both in Australia and internationally; merger regulation; competition in banking and finance; and the digital economy. Deborah has undertaken substantial research in the development of the Anti-Monopoly Law of China against the background of its political economy and has written widely alone and with Chinese co-authors and in material translated into Chinese. She has consulted with, and completed research projects for, UNCTAD, OECD and ASEAN. She is a Non-Government Adviser to the International Competition Network and a member of the Law Council of Australia Competition Law Committee.



Associate Professor Weihuan Zhou

Weihuan Zhou is Associate Professor and Co-Director of the China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre at the Faculty of Law & Justice, University of New South Wales (UNSW) Sydney. His research explores the most current and controversial issues in the field of international economic law, particularly the nexus between international trade law and China. His work has been cited widely, including in reports of the European Parliament, the Parliament of Australia, US Congressional Research Services and World Economic Forum. He sits on the Executive Council of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), editorial board of the World Trade Review, and the Global Future Council on the Future of Trade and Investment of the World Economic Forum.



Professor Lisa Toohey

Professor Lisa Toohey is an internationally recognised expert in trade law, focussing especially on WTO dispute settlement who rejoined UNSW in February 2024. She was one of CIBEL's original founding members in 2015 and prior to academia practised as a lawyer in Australia and Vietnam. Lisa currently leads two externally funded projects, one on Traceability and Trade in the Asia-Pacific, and the second on Weaponised Trade. She is available for supervision of PhD projects within her areas of expertise.



Ms Charlotte Blundell

Charlotte is a senior officer in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and has been a public servant for over 25 years. She is currently Australia's Deputy Chief Negotiator for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and the Assistant Secretary of the Indo-Pacific Economic, Supply Chain and Investment Branch in DFAT's Trade and Investment Division. Charlotte spent several years as the Head of Australia's Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP). The AIFFP provides loans, grants, guarantees and advisory services across 14 countries to public and private clients for infrastructure development, work. She also led the delivery of Australian vaccines for the Papua New Guinea Treaty Villages in 2021, working with Papua New Guinean authorities, the Australian High Commission, Department of Defence and Queensland Health. Charlotte has

served as an Australian diplomat in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Papua New Guinea. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Management and Development from the Australian National University.



Mr Doug Drummond

Doug Drummond is the Director of the Supply Chain Resilience section at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As part of this role, Doug works with the Office of Supply Chain Resilience (OSCR) in the Department of Science, Industry and Resources (DISR) to strengthen international cooperation on supply chain policy, including through the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework. Prior to this role, Doug led teams in DFAT responsible for trade negotiations, trade diversification, and international economic analysis.



Ms Helen Zhi Dent

Helen joined KPMG UK in 2004 after obtaining her MBA degree. She was the first full time China Markets employee globally outside of KPMG China firm, focusing on developing opportunities from Chinese investors and businesses for KPMG UK firm. When she left the UK firm as a Director in 2011, KPMG UK China Practice was widely recognised as the No.1 China Practice in the UK in the professional services sector based on the number of clients, size of projects, client relations and market profile.

Helen transferred to Sydney in 2012 and started with no client relationship and market contacts in Australia. Based on her experience and know-how developed in the UK, she quickly became well-known in the NSW market for her professional skills and ability to win clients. Helen was made a Partner at KPMG in 2015. She is the first Mainland Chinese-background Partner in KPMG Australia and the first China Markets Partner within the KPMG global network outside of China firm.

Through her work at KPMG with many Chinese and western clients, Helen has established considerable knowledge, insights and developed a significant client network in the field of Chinese ODI (Overseas Direct Investments). She develops strategy and BD & Marketing plans, leads a team of over 20 Partners and 10 mandarin speaking staff across KPMG Australia firm and revenue has grown by 20-40% each year during 2015-2020. Helen is well-known in the east coast market for her visionary and professional BD skills to delivery results each year and to lay foundations for the near future. She has developed a unique set of skills and know-how to identify gaps between Chinese clients and Western advisors and has become very capable in developing solutions to fill gaps. Helen is respected for her ability to develop a highly competitive team, managing different personalities, ambitions, abilities and weaknesses and to lead them work together for better synergies. Under her leadership, KPMG's China Practice has moved from No. 4 in the marketplace in 2011 in NSW to be widely seen as the leader in the China market.

She is the co-author of KPMG's signature Thought Leadership Demystifying Chinese Investment in Australia which is a joint research with the University of Sydney for the last 10 years over 18 reports. She is the co-author of the New Chinese Australian Entrepreneurs report which is the first of its kind in Australia studying the new generation of Australia-based entrepreneurs with Chinese background. Through these two Thought Leadership pieces and her work at KPMG, Helen is a very confident and engaging public speaker. She is very experienced in presenting at high profile business forums, hosting events and

talking to media including AFR and the Australia, Sky News, ABC News, SBS News, CCTV and many other smaller media.



Associate Professor Alexandr Svetlicinii

Alexandr Svetlicinii is Associate Professor of Global Legal Studies at the University of Macau, where he also serves as Programme Coordinator of the Master of International Business Law in English Language. He holds PhD in Law from the European University Institute and LL.M in International Business Law from the Central European University. Svetlicinii has written extensively in the fields of competition law and international economic law. In addition to his academic work, he serves as Co-Director of the Academic Society for Competition Law, South-East Europe chapter, and as Non-Governmental Advisor to the International Competition Network (working group Mergers).



Assistant Professor Xueji Su

Dr. Xueji Su is a Research Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Macau and licensed lawyer in mainland China. She obtained her PhD from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and worked at City University of Hong Kong. She specialized in international economic law, EU law and interdisciplinary studies of law and global governance. Dr. Su served as visiting fellow/researcher at UNIDROIT, the Hague Academy of International Law, the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law, European University Institute, and the Macao Economic & Trade Office to the EU.



Associate Professor Jianguo Hu

Dr. Jianguo HU is a senior research fellow of Nankai University Institute of Chinese Path to Modernization and an associate professor of Nankai University Law School. Dr. HU worked for Department of Treaty and Law, Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) from 2013-2014 and visited Georgetown University Law Center as a visiting researcher from 2015-2016. His research interests cover WTO dispute settlement, trade remedies, digital trade, trade policy. Recently, Professor HU is devoted to study transnational subsidies, supply chain resiliency, reform of WTO dispute settlement system, e-commerce/ digital trade rules in FTAs.



Professor Colin Picker

Prior to joining RMIT as the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the College of Business and Law, Professor Colin Picker served as the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business and Law at the University of Wollongong in Australia from 2020-2024, and as Dean of its School of Law from 2017-2020. Previously he was at UNSW Law in Sydney where he was Director (and founder) of the China International Business & Economic Law (CIBEL) initiative as well as Associate Dean (International). Prior to joining UNSW he was the Daniel L. Brenner/UMKC Scholar & Professor of Law at UMKC School of Law in Missouri, USA. He entered academia in 2000, after practicing in the DC law firm Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. He was a founder and the first executive Vice-President of the global organisation the Society of International Economic Law. Professor Picker completed an A.B. from Bowdoin College in Maine, a Juris Doctor from the Yale Law School, and a PhD from UNSW Law ("The Value of Comparative and Legal Cultural Analyses of International Economic Law, "PhD Excellence Award").



Mr Patrick Mayoh

Patrick Mayoh commenced as the Australia China Business Council CEO (NSW) in November 2023. In this role, he has convened a foreign investment roundtable with the head of FIRB, hosted business dinners including with the NSW Premier and Governor, and presented in numerous fora on Australia-China trade and investment issues.

Patrick is a former Australian diplomat with extensive experience working in China. He served in the Australian Foreign Service for a decade, across the North Asia Division, the Free Trade Division, Parliament House, the Australian Embassy in Beijing and the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv.

He holds a Master in Public Policy degree from Harvard University (as a Menzies and Kennedy scholar), and was a Harvard Associate to US Deputy Secretary of State, Wendy Sherman. Patrick has also worked for numerous top-tier law firms in Beijing and Hong Kong, and is a fluent Mandarin speaker.

Outside of work, Patrick is a volunteer surf life saver with Bondi surf club and a surf awareness instructor for Autism Swim (working with autistic children on surf skills). He is a competitive triathlete, having represented Australia at numerous international Ironman competitions including in Germany (European Championship) and Finland (World Championship). He believes that with a good strategy, effective implementation and hard work, anything is possible.

For more on Patrick's professional achievements and volunteer service, please see his LinkedIn profile here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/patrickmayoh/>



Professor Vivienne Bath

Vivienne Bath is Professor of Chinese and International Business Law at Sydney Law School and Associate Director – International of the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney. Her teaching and research interests are in investment law, Chinese law (with a focus on investment, both inbound and outbound, and China's approach to private and public international law), international business and economic law and private international law. She has first class honours in Chinese and in law from the Australian National University, and an LLM from Harvard Law School. She has also studied in China and Germany. She is qualified to practice law in Australia, New York, England and Hong Kong and spent 20 years in legal practice in Hong Kong/China, New York and Sydney, specialising in international commercial law, with a focus on foreign investment and commercial transactions in China and the Asian region. Recent publications include: "Foreign Investment, Investment Treaties and Corruption in China and Hong Kong" Ch 9 in Teramura, Jetin and Nottage (eds), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration*, (Springer, 2024) (with Tianqi Gu); "Carriage of Goods by Sea," in Gulati and John (eds) *The Elgar Companion to UNCITRAL* (Edward Elgar 2023) and 'SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure', in Ralf Michaels, Verónica Ruiz Abou-Nigm and Hans van Loon (eds), *UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the Role of Private International Law, The Private Side of Transforming Our World* (Intersentia 2021), 283-316 and Bath and Moens, *The Law of International Business in Australasia* (2nd Ed, Federation Press 2019).



Mr Carl Hinze

Carl Hinze is a partner in the firm's Corporate Practice. He advises on complex corporate (equity and debt) transactions, commercial matters and disputes. Carl has a particular focus on the energy, infrastructure, technology, healthcare, education, agriculture, financial services, and manufacturing sectors.

Carl is a trusted adviser in managing contract risk, executing mergers and acquisitions, and implementing joint ventures (both incorporated and unincorporated) and complex alliance arrangements. He has advised international and Australian companies as well as founders and investors on many buy-side and sell-side transactions.

He has vast experience advising on Australia's foreign investment regulatory framework, as well as strong skills in transaction structuring, project management and coordination. He is an expert negotiator and regularly advises leaders of public and private companies on governance issues.

Carl has also represented multinational clients in large-scale international commercial arbitrations in mainland China, Hong Kong and Singapore for clients in the energy, manufacturing, resources, construction and engineering sectors.

Carl has a Ph.D in Chinese Studies and speaks, reads and writes Mandarin. He is a leading expert on Chinese business culture and has guest lectured on law and culture at the East China University of Politics and Law, the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, the China European International Business School, the Australia-China Relations Institute, and the University of Queensland.



Professor Wei Shen

Wei SHEN is KoGuan Distinguished Professor of Law at Shanghai Jiao Tong University Law School; PhD (LSE), LLM (Cantab), LLM (Michigan), LLM & LLB (ECUPL). Prior to joining academia, he was a lawyer qualified in New York practising for a decade, mostly in Hong Kong, on foreign direct investment, private equity and mergers and acquisitions. His main research interests include international investment law, financial regulation, corporate governance, and commercial arbitration. He has published around 300 articles in Chinese and English journals, and is the sole author, co-author, editor, translator, and chapter contributor of over sixty books. His article was cited by the Supreme Court of Singapore. He is an arbitrator with London Court of International Arbitration, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Singapore International Arbitration Centre, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (International), Shanghai International Arbitration Centre, Shanghai Arbitration Commission, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Shenzhen International Court of Arbitration, among others.

Professor James Nedumpara



James J. Nedumpara is Professor and the founding Head of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law, a think tank and advisory centre established by India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT). James holds the WTO Chair established by the WTO Chair programme at the IIFT and also serves as a legal advisor to India's trade negotiations. Among other publications, James is the co-author of the International Economic Law: Text, Cases and Materials published by Cambridge University Press, UK (2021).

Professor Ching-Fu Lin



Ching-Fu Lin is Professor of Law and Director of the Interdisciplinary Program of Management and Technology at National Tsing Hua University (NTHU), where he teaches international law and global governance, global health law, artificial intelligence law and policy, and introduction to law and technology. Professor Lin received his LL.M. and S.J.D. from Harvard Law School, with the honor of John Gallup Laylin Memorial Prize and Yong K. Kim Memorial Prize. He also holds a double degree in law (LL.B.) and chemical engineering (B.S.) from National Taiwan University. Professor Lin has served as Visiting Researcher at Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University, Visiting Scholar at Allens Hub for Innovation, Law and Technology, University of New South Wales, Visiting Fellow at Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, and Peter Barton Hutt Student Fellow at Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics. In 2019, Professor Lin was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Food Law and Policy, United States. In 2021, Professor Lin received the 2030 Cross-Generation Young Scholar Fellowship from MOST. Prof. Lin was elected to serve as Vice Chair in 2023 and then as Co-Chair in 2024 of the International Law and Technology Interest Group (ILTechIG) of the American Society of International Law.

Associate Professor Han-Wei Liu



Since July 2023, Dr. Han-Wei Liu has been an Associate Professor of Law at the Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU). His expertise spans financial regulation, law and technology, and international economic law. Dr. Liu earned his Ph.D. from the Geneva Graduate Institute and holds master's degrees from Columbia Law School and Oxford University and an LL.M. and LL.B. from National Chengchi University. Dr. Liu's research has been featured in prestigious law journals and presented at leading universities worldwide. He has advised high-tech firms, think tanks, and international organizations on issues, such as export control, cross-border data flows, and technology transfer. His work has been cited by various national and international bodies, including the World Bank, the Australian Law Reform Commission, Singapore's Personal Data Protection Commission, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Currently, Dr. Liu is the Deputy Director of the Centre for AI & Data Governance (CAIDG) at SMU, Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law's International Law & Technology Interest Group (ILTech IG) and serves as Associate Editor of the Journal of World Trade, among other roles.

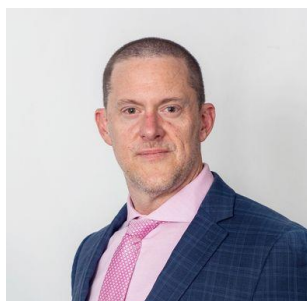


Professor Lingli Zheng

Dr. Lingli Zheng is a Professor at the School of Law, Nanjing Normal University of China. Her research interests focus on the field of International Economic Law and WTO law, with a particular focus on the intersection of International Trade Law and International Environment Law. Dr Zheng has been a Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Law of the University of British Columbia (Dec.2011-Dec.2012), and a Researcher at the Institute for International Research at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, China (Sept. 2010- Jan. 2011). She has published extensively in top journals in her field as well as several books, including "Environment and Trade -- An Interpretation of the Environmental Chapter of the CPTPP and Research on Legal Countermeasures". She is an active member of several prestigious academic societies, including the Chinese Society of International Law (CSIL), the Chinese Society of International Economic Law (CSIEL) & the Chinese Society of WTO Law.

Furthermore, Dr. Zheng has also led numerous research projects, such as "Research on CPTPP Environmental Dispute Settlement Mechanism" (2023-2026) funded by the Humanities and Social Sciences Planning Fund of the Ministry of Education of China, "Analysis on TPP Environment Chapter & Countermeasures of China" (2016-2021) funded by National Planning Office of Philosophy and Social Science of China, and "Policy Hackathon on Model Provisions for Trade in Times of Crisis and Pandemic in Regional and Other Trade Agreements" (2020) by UNESCAP.

Her experiences as a Visiting Scholar at UBC and as a Researcher at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center, her leadership in these projects along with her involvement in various prestigious academic societies in China, highlight her deep expertise and influence in these areas.



Professor James Laurenceson

Professor James Laurenceson is an economist and Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS:ACRI). He has previously held appointments at the University of Queensland and Shandong University. His academic research has been published in leading scholarly journals including Journal of Contemporary China, China Economic Review and Australian Journal of International Affairs.

Professor Laurenceson also provides regular commentary on developments in China's economy and the Australia-China economic and broader relationship. His opinion pieces have appeared in Australian Financial Review, The Australian, South China Morning Post, China Daily, amongst others.



Mr James Baxter

James Baxter was appointed Ambassador, Australian Permanent Mission to the WTO, Geneva, in September 2023.

Prior to taking up his current role, he served as First Assistant Secretary in the Office of Global Trade Negotiations (OTN), in Canberra.

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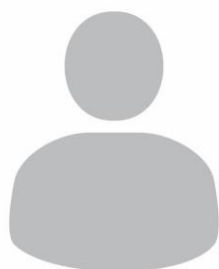
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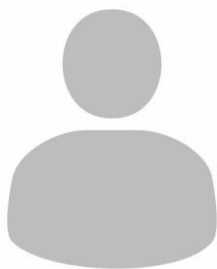


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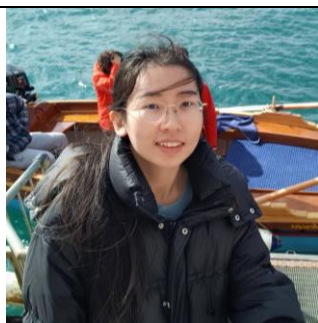
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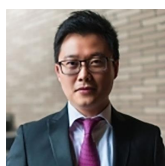
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