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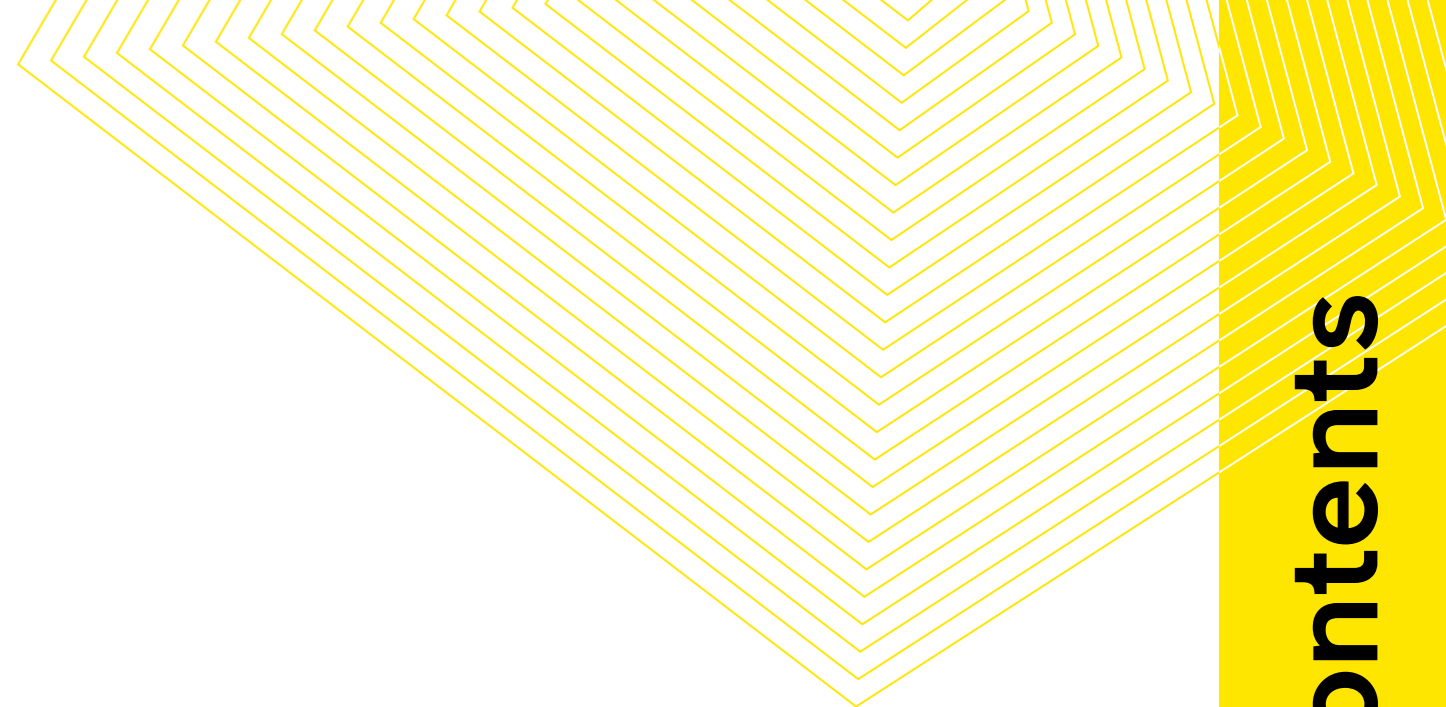


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# Message from the Co-Directors

The words we heard most over 2020 were "what a year". 2020 was full of challenges and changes. CIBEL responded to the unexpected changes to work and life swiftly while accommodating the new working model and picking up technological skills quickly.

This was true of CIBEL and everyone at CIBEL. The first half of 2020 was in turmoil following the restrictions and uncertainty caused by COVID-19. The team promptly shifted its research focus to pandemic-related issues and changed events from face-to-face to virtual with the substantial assistance of our able and flexible administrators.

In June 2020, CIBEL members authored op-ed pieces on the impact of the pandemic on their fields of research. The articles were published on the CIBEL website as blog posts. Many of our members spoke about the impact of the pandemic on their research areas on multiple occasions both locally and internationally. We thank CIBEL members' for their quick response at such a chaotic time.

We would also like to highlight CIBEL's success in hosting virtual events, including the 2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop from June to September, the inaugural JCICEL events

including the workshops in August and the public conference in October. 47 non-CIBEL speakers joined CIBEL events remotely from 13 countries and regions and CIBEL had more than 1,000 registrations for its 2020 events from all over the world. We sincerely thank all the event participants for their support.

In addition to the historic pandemic, the current relationship between Australia and China posed questions surrounding the future of trade between the two countries. CIBEL members were involved in many discussions on this issue in Australia and internationally.

2020 was the third year of CIBEL's partnership with Herbert Smith Freehills. CIBEL is grateful to have the support of the firm and access to resources for research collaboration, event participation and student engagement. We thank the firm for its flexibility in arranging the Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Asia-Pacific Pathway Program for UNSW students and coordinating with the organisation of some of the major CIBEL events in 2020. Our audiences benefit from the views of HSF colleagues as reflected in our research and presentations.

2020 was a tough year. CIBEL members and staff

reacted quickly and turned it into a very fruitful year for members and stakeholders. As directors we are very grateful for the tireless work of all CIBEL members and staff, and the support from our partners, board members, event participants, audiences and the community. CIBEL looks forward to continuing its work in 2021.

Very best wishes.

#### **Professor Heng Wang**

Co-director  
Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre  
UNSW Law

#### **Professor Deborah Healey**

Co-director  
Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre  
UNSW Law



# About CIBEL

A world leading research centre dedicated to China-related international economic and business law issues.

## Our Vision

Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law Centre (CIBEL) was established at UNSW Law (renamed as UNSW Law & Justice from 1 January 2021) in 2015 as a long-term strategic initiative devoted to enhancing the research and teaching on business and economic law issues involving China and Australia. It entered a partnership with the global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills in 2018.

CIBEL contributes to the debate on topical issues in the field of international economic and business law in a post-pandemic world. With the largest number of Chinese scholars of international business and economic law in any law school outside China, CIBEL supports the on-going research of its members and associates and actively engages with academia, government, industry and the public.

## Our Expertise

CIBEL specialises in a broad range of issues in the CIBEL field, including Chinese, Australian and global perspectives on:

- > International Economic Law
- > International and Comparative Law
- > International Investment Law
- > International Trade Law
- > International Dispute Settlement and Commercial Arbitration
- > International Financial and Monetary Law
- > International and Comparative Competition Law
- > Intellectual Property Law
- > Chinese International Business Law
- > Chinese Corporate and Securities Law

## Our People

### CIBEL Team

#### Co-Directors



Professor Heng Wang



Professor Deborah Healey

#### Core Members



Associate Professor Kun Fan



Associate Professor Xiaochuan Weng



Dr Weihuan Zhou



Dr Lu Wang

#### Members



Scientia Professor Ross Buckley



Professor Leon Trakman



Associate Professor Emma Armson



Associate Professor Alexandra George

## CIBEL Fellows

Professor Colin Picker

Professor Wenhua Shan

Professor Lisa Toohey

Professor Hui (Robin) Huang

Associate Professor Huiqin Jiang

## PhD Candidates

**Xue (Sophia) Bai**

*Reform of Chinese State-Owned Enterprises: What China Can Learn from the Practice of Competitive Neutrality in Australia* (Deborah Healey/Heng Wang/Mark Williams)

**Qi (Belle) Guo**

*Continuous Disclosure of Chinese Cross-border Listed Companies in Australia: Delisting Issues and Enhancement Measures* (Marina Nehme/Xiao-chuan Weng)

**Simon Lacey**

*Success and Failure in the Race to Coordinate Domestic Policies, Regulatory Frameworks and Institutions to the Realities of the 21st Century Trading System: Australia and Its Regional Trade Partners* (Heng Wang/Wei-huan Zhou)

**Hui Pang**

*Global Commons in International Investment Law: The Rights and Responsibilities of States and Investors in Renewable Energy Investments* (Xiao-Chuan Weng/Heng Wang/Lucas Lixinski)

**Peicheng (Matthew) Wu**

*Research on Anti-monopoly Regulation of Abuse of Market Dominance in Trade Secret* (Deborah Healey/Xiao-chuan Weng/Alexandra George)

**Shangxuan (Martin) Wu**

*The Status Quo and Prospect of Dual-Class Share Structure in Mainland China: Lessons and Experiences from Practices Under the Common Law System* (Xiao-chuan Weng)

**Zhenyu (Zoe) Xiao**

*The Evolution of Settlement of Investor-State Disputes in China: A Coherent and Conscious Approach?* (Heng Wang/Jonathan Bonnitcha)

**Dan Xie**

*Due Process Defence to Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards under the New York Convention: A Global Perspective in Theory and Practice* (Lucas Lixinski/Leon Trakman/Jeanne Huang)

**Shuo Yang**

*Reforming Corporate Governance Laws of Chinese Non-profit Residential Care Institutions: Theoretical and practical Considerations* (Xiao-chuan Weng/Marina Nehme)

# 2020 at a glance

## Research

- > Significant research outputs published by CIBEL members, including 1 edited book, 11 journal articles and 7 book chapters
- > CIBEL members presented at 27 external academic and industrial events
- > Australian government grant applications submitted
- > 2 non-government grants received
- > Professor Heng Wang named Australia's leader in the research field of International Law by The Australian's Research 2020 magazine

## Engagement

- > 8 virtual events consist of 13 sessions held by CIBEL
- > 55 speakers presented at CIBEL events
- > 1,014 total registrations for 2020 CIBEL events
- > 2 CIBEL Global Network Conference sessions were broadcast on Sky News Ch 604
- > CIBEL welcomed 4 visiting scholars

## Impact

- > CIBEL members appeared in the media 71 times
- > 50 new articles and 6 new blog posts published on the CIBEL website
- > 17 new videos uploaded to the CIBEL website with a total of 501 views
- > A total of 27,909 page views of the CIBEL website from 35 countries and regions, with the home page alone being accessed by 4,109 times
- > 74 tweets with a total impression of 94,400 attracted new followers

- > 44 LinkedIn updates posted with a total of 5,113 organic impression and an average organic engagement rate of 8.0%
- > 130 LinkedIn followers attracted since the creation of the account in mid-May 2020
- > 4 quarterly newsletters were delivered to a readership of 957 people, an increase of 218 subscribers

## Teaching

- > 7 CIBEL courses delivered
- > 182 students enrolled in CIBEL courses
- > 1 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course delivered online
- > 10 PhD candidates were supervised by CIBEL members including 2 joint PhD candidates with Shanghai Jiao Tong University

## Staff and Student

- > CIBEL welcomed UNSW Law's Professor Leon Trakman as a new member and Zhejiang Sci-Tech University's Associate Professor Huiqin Jiang as a new fellow
- > Two UNSW-SJTU Joint PhD candidates finished their studies at CIBEL and returned home
- > One CIBEL student, Xiaomeng (Phyllis) Qu, accomplished her study and received her PhD degree; PhD candidate, Xue (Sophia) Bai, submitted her thesis in 2020



# 2020 highlights

## 2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop

As a result of the travel restrictions, the 2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop were hosted virtually and fortnightly between 25 June and 3 September 2020 on the theme of “COVID-19 and international economic law: China and a changing world”.

There were nine x 90-minute sessions. These included five Conference panels and four Young Scholars Workshop sessions. These involved 45 chairs, speakers and commentators from leading universities and institutes around the world and attracted almost 800 registrants.

The 2020 CIBEL Global Network Young Scholar Prize was awarded to Mr Lance Ang of National Singapore University for his paper “International Commercial Courts and the Interplay Between Realism and Institutionalism – A Look at China and Singapore”.

The 2020 CIBEL Global Network PhD Prize was awarded to Mr Philip Rogers of the University of California, Berkeley for his paper “Power in Moderation: Understanding the Tolerated Circumvention of China’s Foreign Direct Investment Regime”.

A post-event edited book will be published. Nine book chapters from the conference were accepted. It is expected that the edited book will be submitted by the end of 2020.

## Outstanding Research Achievements

CIBEL is delighted to see that Professor Heng Wang was named Australia’s leader in the research field of International Law by The Australian’s Research 2020 magazine in September 2020. Heng had the highest number of citations from papers published in the 20 top journals in this field over the past five years. His journal article titled “China’s Approach to the Belt and Road Initiative: Scope, Character and Sustainability” published in a 2019 issue of the Journal of International Economic Law (JIEL, Oxford University Press) also was ranked as one of the Highly Cited Articles of JIEL. As per Altmetric, the article is ranked 1st among outputs of that time from JIEL, 7th out of totally 289 JIEL outputs, and in the top 5% of all research outputs tracked by Altmetric.

## HSF-CIBEL APAC Pathways Program

The pilot HSF-CIBEL APAC Pathways Program was held in September 2020. Two UNSW Law JD students finished their two-week internships with colleagues in the Beijing and Sydney offices of Herbert Smith Freehills. The program was originally planned for May 2020 and was deferred due to the pandemic. Thanks to Herbert Smith Freehills’ flexibility, one student completed the internship remotely in Sydney and the other worked in the Beijing Office. The students gained valuable work experience and skills from the program as well as broadened their visions in choosing the future career paths.

## JCICEL Workshop and Conference

The Tsinghua-UNSW Joint Research Centre for International Commercial and Economic Law (JCICEL) was established in late 2019 to enhance the collaboration and discussion in International Commercial and Economic Law between UNSW Law and Tsinghua University Law School.

On 12 August 2020 CIBEL hosted a JCICEL workshop via Zoom. CIBEL and Tsinghua University colleagues presented their work in two streams, “Technology, Business and International Economic Law” and “Competition Law and International Economic Law”. Colleagues from key partner Herbert Smith Freehills were invited to participate in the workshop.

The inaugural JCICEL Conference “Law and Technology: International Regulations” was held on 21 September 2020. There were more than 300 registrations for the three sessions. Following the opening remarks of the Deans of UNSW Law and Tsinghua University Law School, two international invited speakers delivered keynotes on the challenges of the WTO Appellate Body and digital currency and Regtech. Nine Scholars from CIBEL and Tsinghua University presented or commented on papers.

## Grants

In 2020, CIBEL submitted eight Australian government grant applications which are discussed in more detail below.

# Academic Excellence

## Research Achievements

CIBEL values and appreciates its members for their diligent research. CIBEL members may have been recognised by the University and more broadly, the public, in 2020.

As noted previously, In September 2020, Professor Heng Wang was named as Australia's leader in the research field of International Law by The Australian's Research 2020 magazine.

Professor Wang's journal article titled "China's Approach to the Belt and Road Initiative: Scope, Character and Sustainability" was listed as one of the highly cited articles of Journal of International Economic Law (JIEL). The JIEL is published by the Oxford University Press and it is, according to Google Scholar, one of the top three journals in the field of international law. The article was published in a 2019 issue of the JIEL and as per Altmetric, it is ranked 1st among outputs of a similar age from JIEL, 7th out of the total of 289 JIEL outputs scored by Altmetric, and in the top 5% of all the nearly 16 million research outputs tracked by Altmetric. It has been read or downloaded by over 5,600 times via academic websites such as ResearchGate and has been viewed by nearly 4,500 times on the OUP website.

In 2020, Dr Weihuan Zhou was promoted to Associate Professor following his outstanding achievements as a researcher and teacher. He was also elected as a Co-Secretary of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) in an internal meeting in December 2020 after his two years' service as an Executive Council member since 2018.

## Grant Applications

### Government grants

CIBEL members submitted five Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project submissions in February 2020. Whilst unsuccessful overall, two CIBEL applications ranked in the top 10% of unsuccessful proposals, which indicates that they were strong proposals. One of these grants will be further developed and submitted again next year.

In September, CIBEL submitted an application for DFAT's National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (NFACR) Grants on the proposed project "Promoting Australia China Relationships: Maintaining and Expanding Links with Chinese Universities". There was an overwhelming number of applications and only a small number were partially funded but the Foundation recognised in feedback that the CIBEL application was strong.

### Non-government grants

In January 2020, CIBEL's Professor Heng Wang, Professor Deborah Healey, Professor Ross Buckley, UNSW Arts & Social Sciences' Associate Professor Elizabeth Thurbon secured funding of \$10,000 via the SJTU-UNSW Collaborative Research Seed Grant towards their project titled "China's New Approach to Currency: Central Bank Digital Currency as a Game Changer in World Economy?".

Dr Weihuan Zhou has secured an external grant of Institute of European Studies of Macau Grants 2020 for a total of MOP\$60,000 for his project "Between Market Economy and State Capitalism: China's State-Owned Enterprises and the World Trading System" in collaboration with Associate Professor Henry Gao from Singapore Management University. A further MOP\$25,000 will be provided upon publication of the report.

## Welcoming New Member and New Fellow

In April 2020, CIBEL welcomed Professor Leon Trakman as a formal CIBEL member. Professor Trakman has authored over 150 publications, including 11 books in his specialised areas including jurisprudence, international trade and investment law. He has also specialised in comparative law, emphasising common and civil law.

Associate Professor Huiqin Jiang of Zhejiang Sci-Tech University joined CIBEL as a new fellow in August 2020. Associate Professor Jiang is a UNSW Law PhD alumnus who presented at both the 2019 and 2020 CIBEL Global Network Young Scholars Workshops. She was the winner of the 2019 CIBEL Global Network Young Scholar Prize and has had several collaborative projects with CIBEL members.

## Visiting Scholars

In November 2019, CIBEL welcomed Professor Xinya Mao from China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP) as a Visiting Professor to UNSW Law and CIBEL for 6 months. Professor Mao is the director of the Belt and Road Research Centre at CELAP. During her visit, she presented at a CIBEL lunch seminar in February 2020 on the topic of "Belt and Road Initiative and China's Progressive Opening-up Pattern" and submitted a journal paper arising from that session. Professor Mao returned to her home institute in May 2020.

In January 2020, Assistant Professor Maciej Bernatt visited CIBEL for one month to collaborate with Professor Deborah Healey. Assistant Professor Bernatt is Head of the Department of European Economic Law, University of Warsaw, Poland.

Professor Huiping Chen of Xiamen University Law School and Deputy Secretary-General of Chinese Society of International Economic Law made a 12-month visit to CIBEL from January to December 2020 and returned to her home institute. Despite the pandemic posing difficulties with collaboration, Professor Chen worked with Professor Heng Wang and Dr Lu Wang during her visit. She presented virtually at the 2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference Panel on investment law.

Yifang Zhao from China's University of International Business and Economics finished his six months' visit at CIBEL as a visiting student via the UNSW Study Abroad Practicum Program in the first half of 2020.

## Publications

In 2020, CIBEL members published one book, 11 journal articles and 7 book chapters, many of which dealt with emerging and urgent issues surrounding the pandemic.

### Book

1. D Healey, M Jacobs & RL Smith (eds), *Research Handbook on Methods and Models of Competition Law* (Edward Elgar London, November 2020).

### Journal articles

1. K Fan, "Mediation of Investor-State Disputes: A Treaty Survey: Time to Take the Horses to the Trough?", (2020)2 *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, pp.327-342.
2. H Jiang and H Wang, "China's Regulatory Approach to the Sharing Economy: A Perspective on Ride-Hailing", 2020(1) *Journal of Law, Technology & Policy*, pp. 85-108.
3. D Peng, W Zhou & X Tu, "China's Developing Country Status under the WTO: A Critical Analysis from Historical, Practical and Normative Perspectives", (2020)28(1) *Pacific Journal*, pp. 64-75.
4. L Trakman, R Walters & B Zeller, "Trade in Personal Data: Extending International Legal Mechanisms to Facilitate Transnational Trade in Personal Data?", (2020)Vol. 6 *European Data Protection Law Review*, pp. 243-258.
5. L Trakman, R Walters & B Zeller, 'Digital consent and data protection law—Europe and Asia-Pacific experience', (2020)Vol. 29 *Information and Communications Technology Law*, pp. 218-249.
6. H Wang, "Selective Reshaping: China's Paradigm Shift in International Economic Governance", (2020)23(3) *Journal of International Economic Law*, pp. 1-24.
7. W Zhou, "In Defence of the WTO: Why Do We Need A Multilateral Trading System?", (2020)47(1) *Legal Issues of Economic Integration*, pp. 9-42.
8. W Zhou, "WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism without the Appellate Body: Some Observations on the US-China Trade Deal", 2020(9)2 *Journal of International Trade and Arbitration Law*, pp. 443-458.
9. W Zhou & H Gao, "US-China Trade War: A Way Out?", (2020)19(4) *World Trade Review*, pp. 605-617.

10. W Zhou, H Jiang & Q Kong, "Technology Transfer under China's Foreign Investment Regime: Does the WTO Provide a Solution?", (2020) 54(3) *Journal of World Trade*, pp.455-480.
11. W Zhou & M Fang, "Subsidizing Technology Competition: China's Evolving Practices and International Trade Regulation in the Post- Pandemic Era", (2020) *UNSW Law Research Series No. 20-66*.
12. X Weng, "A Vivid Corporate and Securities Law Lesson", Book Review, (2019) 6 (2), *Journal of Asian Law and Society*, pp. 428-34.

### Book Chapters

1. K Fan, "Can You Leave Your Hat On? An Empirical Study of Med-Arb/Arb-Med in China" in C Campbell (ed.) *The Comparative Law Yearbook of International Business Volume 41a*, (Wolters Kluwer, 2020), pp. 129-170.
2. D Healey, "The ambit of competition law: comments on approach" in D Healey, M Jacobs & RL Smith (eds), *Research Handbook on Methods and Models of Competition Law* (Edward Elgar London, 2020), pp. 12-37.
3. D Healey & RL Smith, "Competition law in flux: established and emerging approaches to methodology" in D Healey, M Jacobs & RL Smith (eds), *Research Handbook on Methods and Models of Competition Law* (Edward Elgar London, 2020), pp. 2-11.
4. D Healey & RL Smith, "Unilateral conduct analysis: focus on harm in multiple guises" in D Healey, M Jacobs & RL Smith (eds), *Research Handbook on Methods and Models of Competition Law* (Edward Elgar London, 2020), pp. 204-227.
5. L Trakman, Q Liu & L Chen, "Investor-State Arbitration in China: A Comparative Perspective" in L Chen and A Janssen (eds.) *Dispute Resolution in China, Europe and World* (Springer, 2020), pp. 231-261.
6. H Wang & L Wang, "China's Bilateral Investment Treaties", in J Chaisse, L Choukroune & S Jusoh (eds.) *Handbook of International Investment Law and Policy*, (Springer, 2020), pp. 1-21.
7. B Williams and W Zhou, "If the WTO Were to Break Down Completely, Would We Stoop and Build It Up With Worn-Out Tools", in M Lewis et al. (eds.) *A Post-WTO International Legal Order: Utopian, Dystopian and Other Scenarios* (Springer 2020), pp. 93-112.

# Teaching

## CIBEL Courses

In 2020, CIBEL delivered seven courses to 200 UNSW Law students:

Term	Teacher	Course Code	Course Name	Enrolment
2020 T1	Charlie Weng	LAWS8038/ JURD7438	Chinese Corporate and Securities Law	18
2020 T1	Weihuan Zhou	LAWS3084/JURD7484	International Trade Law: The Law and Policy of the WTO	29
2020 T2	Lu Wang	LAWS3070	International Investment Law & Policy	22
2020 T2	Heng Wang	LAWS8989/JURD7689	World Trade Law: Contemporary Issues and Concerns	37
2020 T3	Lu Wang	LAWS8183/JURD7583	International Commercial Arbitration	22
2020 T3	Weihuan Zhou	LAWS8993/JURD7593	International Business Transactions	37
2020 T3	Heng Wang & Lu Wang	LAWS3157/JURD7657	Chinese Regulation of International Business	35

CIBEL is delighted to collaborate with colleagues from Herbert Smith Freehills in delivering CIBEL courses in the format of guest lectures, student Q&A, and video interviews to diversify the learning experience of the enrolled UNSW Law students. More details will be covered in page 11.

## CPD Course

On 27 March 2020, CIBEL delivered a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course remotely via UNSW EDGE. Three CIBEL members gave lectures on "BRI – What is it, the opportunities and its future" (Professor Heng Wang), "A behind-the-scenes look at Arbitration in China including tips for successful Arbitration" (Associate Professor Kun Fan), and "US-China trade war: legal Issues, challenges and solutions" (Dr Weihuan Zhou).

The course went smoothly with very positive feedback from the UNSW EDGE.



# Engagement

## Key Partnerships

### Herbert Smith Freehills

CIBEL continued to collaborate closely with Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF) in terms of research, events, teaching and student engagement in 2020.

### Research

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, CIBEL provided monthly updates on member's research projects, inviting HSF collaboration. CIBEL also encouraged HSF colleagues to partner on op-ed pieces.

### Events

CIBEL was delighted to have colleagues from HSF sharing their insights and experience from the perspective of legal practitioners at multiple CIBEL events in 2020. CIBEL appreciates HSF's support and looks forward to engaging more with HSF colleagues in future events. 2020 events are listed below.

Term	Event	HSF Colleague
25 June 2020	2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference Panel on "COVID-19: Will competition law and policy revert to the status quo?"	Adelaide Luke, Partner & Head of Competition (Asia), HSF Hong Kong
25 June 2020	2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference Panel on "COVID-19: Will competition law and policy revert to the status quo?"	Frances Xu, Partner, Kewei, HSF Mainland China
3 September 2020	2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference Panel on "COVID-19 and digitalisation of dispute resolution"	Guillermo Garcia-Perrote, Senior Associate, HSF Sydney

As CIBEL's key strategic partner, HSF was given an exclusive invitation to attend the non-public JCICEL workshop on 12 August 2020.

### Teaching

As an ongoing collaboration, Brenda Horrigan, Head of International Arbitration (Australia) at HSF, gave a guest lecture in Dr Weihuan Zhou's elective course International Business Transaction on 22 October 2020.

James Gong (Of Counsel, Mainland China at HSF) and Weina Ye (International Partner, Kewei, Mainland China) participated in Q&As and engaged with students as part of Professor Heng Wang and Dr Lu Wang's CIBEL elective course Chinese Regulation of International Business on 28 October 2020 and 11 November 2020. Moreover, three prior interviews with James Gong, Adelaide Luke (Partner, Head of Competition, Asia) and Karen Ip (Partner, Hong Kong) in 2019 were used as online contents for this course in Term 3 2020.

### Student Engagement

Two UNSW Law students were selected through a competitive application process for a 2-week internship at HSF via the HSF-CIBEL APAC Pathways Program. As previously mentioned, this pilot program was originally scheduled to run in May 2020 but was delayed to 31 August to 11 September due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks to HSF's flexibility in addressing the impact of COVID-19 on travel and working arrangements, one student worked with Monica Sun and Calvin Ho in the Project Team of the HSF Beijing office whilst the other student worked remotely with Toby Anderson in the Energy Team of the Sydney office.

In light of the success of the pilot HSF-CIBEL APAC Pathways Program, CIBEL has proposed further initiatives to further enhance student engagement with HSF in the coming year.

### Tsinghua University

CIBEL collaborates with Tsinghua University Law School through the Tsinghua-UNSW Joint Research Centre for International Commercial and Economic Law (JCICEL).

### JCICEL Workshop

On 12 August CIBEL hosted the inaugural JCICEL workshop via Zoom. At this 2-hour workshop, colleagues from CIBEL and Tsinghua University presented their work in two streams: "Technology, Business and International Economic Law," and "Competition Law and International Economic Law". As the main partner of CIBEL, colleagues from Herbert Smith Freehills were invited to participate. The workshop attracted 39 participants.

Associate Dean International and Acting Head of School Associate Professor Christine Forster welcomed the participants, and the Dean of Tsinghua University Law School Professor Weixing Shen gave the opening remarks.

### JCICEL Conference

The inaugural JCICEL Conference was held on 21 September 2020 under the title "Law and Technology: International Regulations". The 3-session conference had more than 300 registrations.

In opening remarks, Acting Dean of UNSW Law Professor Andrew Lynch emphasised the long-standing relationship between UNSW Law and Tsinghua University Law School, particularly through CIBEL. Dean of Tsinghua University Law School, Professor Weixing Shen indicated that international collaboration between the two institutions is urgently needed in the field of international commercial law and economic law.

WTO Appellate Body Former Chair and Judge, Professor Yuejiao Zhang of Tsinghua University gave a keynote on the challenges of the WTO Appellate Body, and the Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law at the University of Hong Kong, Professor Douglas Arner, gave a keynote on digital currency and Regtech, respectively.

Five CIBEL members including Associate Professor Alexandra George, Associate Professor Charlie Xiaochuan Weng, Associate Professor Kun Fan, Dr Weihuan Zhou and Dr Lu Wang and CIBEL PhD Candidate Mr Simon Lacey presented at the conference. CIBEL's Co-Director Professor Deborah Healey chaired the first session and welcomed all guests, speakers and audience, while Professor Heng Wang chaired the last session and closed the conference.

Tsinghua University Law School's Associate Professor Shujie Feng, Associate Professor Guobin Cui, Professor Weizuo Chen spoke. The Associate Dean of Tsinghua University Law School, Associate Professor Simin Gao, chaired.

### Other Collaborations

In October 2020, Professor Heng Wang discussed "cross-border investment in a post-COVID world" at the business environment and international investment session of the 2020 Tsinghua World Forum on the Rule of Law.

In November 2020, the collaborative project of Professor Heng Wang and Associate Professor Simin Gao of Tsinghua University Law School, titled "Network Analysis of Central Bank Digital Currency: The Future of International Monetary System", was accepted to present at the Machine Lawyering's 2021 Conference on "Human Sovereignty and Machine Efficiency in the Law", organised by the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in January 2021.

Professor Deborah Healey spoke at a conference held by the Hong Kong Competition Commission in April on COVID and its implications for competition law.

# 2020 CIBEL Global Network

In response to the impact of COVID-19 on businesses and the global economy, CIBEL has brought forward the 2020 Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop with the theme "COVID-19 and international economic law: China and a changing world". The series commenced on 25 June and run as a 90-minute session virtually every fortnight through to 3 September 2020.

There were five sessions for the conference panels and four sessions for the full-day Global Network Young Scholars Workshop on 20 August 2020.

38 non-CIBEL speakers from 13 countries and regions participated in the 2020 Global Network events as presenter, chair, or commentator. There were a total of 780 registrations for the nine sessions.

NAME	POSITION AND AFFILIATION
<b>Conference Speakers</b>	
Jonathan Bonnitcha	Senior Lecturer, UNSW Law
Christopher Chao-Hung Chen	Associate Professor, Singapore Management University
Huiping Chen	Professor, Xiamen University
Guillermo Garcia-Perrote	Senior Associate, HSF Sydney
Wenli Guo	Assistant President, Beiming Software Co. Ltd
Lifei Lin	PhD Candidate, University of Hong Kong
Adelaide Luke	Partner & Head of Competition (Asia), HSF Hong Kong
Charles Ho Wang Mak	PhD Candidate, University of Glasgow
Rob Nicholls	Associate Professor, UNSW Business
Philip Rogers	PhD Candidate, University of California
Mavluda Sattorova	Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool
Carrie Shang	Assistant Professor, California State Polytechnic University
Edith I Tzu Su	Associate Professor, National Chung Hsing University
Alexandr Svetlicinii	Associate Professor, University of Macau
Zoltan Vig	Assistant Professor, University of Szeged
Markus Wagner	Associate Professor, University of Wollongong
Frances Xu	Partner, Kewei, HSF Mainland China
Wei Yin	Lecturer, Southwest University of Political Science and Law
James Zeng	Assistant Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Tietie Zhang	Lecturer, University of Sheffield

NAME	POSITION AND AFFILIATION
<b>Young Scholar Workshop Speakers</b>	
Lance Ang	Research Associate, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, National University of Singapore
Salvatore FP Barilla	PhD Candidate, University of Edinburgh
Apeksha Chauhan	Legal Consultant, Trade and Fiscal Policy Division, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India
Luyao Che	Assistant Professor, China University of Political Science and Law
Belle Qi Guo	PhD Candidate, UNSW Law
Huiqin Jiang	Associate Professor, Zhejiang Sci-Tech University
Sin Chit Lai	SJD Graduate, University of Pennsylvania
Brooke Marshall	Lecturer, UNSW Law
Mark McLaughlin	Global Visiting Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University
Suresh Nanwani	Professor in Practice, Durham University
Roza Nurgozhayeva	Vice President-General Counsel, Nazarbayev University
Kehinde Olaoye	PhD Candidate, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hui Pang	Scientia PhD Scholar, UNSW Law
Swargodeep Sarkar	PhD Candidate, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology
Nicola Strain	Doctoral Research Fellow, PluriCourts Centre, University of Oslo
Peicheng (Matthew) Wu	PhD Candidate, UNSW Law/ Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Shuo Yang	PhD Candidate, UNSW Law
Yue Zhao	PhD Candidate, University of Geneva



## Strengthening Networks in a Broader Region

In 2020, CIBEL was approached by Singapore Management University (SMU) to co-host a webinar with the Centre for Cross-Border Commercial Law in Asia (CEBCLA) at SMU and co-organise a joint conference with CEBCLA in 2021.

CIBEL also was approached by Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA) of the SMU to host a joint webinar on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in 2021.

In 2020, CIBEL agreed to host a joint webinar with SJTU on the CBDC in March 2021.

As always, CIBEL members has been actively engaged in academic and business events to build strong relationships with collaborators in a broader region. Despite the travel restrictions caused by COVID-19, CIBEL members have presented at almost 30 external events organised by academic or industrial institutions from different parts of the world.

Here is a full list of CIBEL members' event participation in 2020.

1. **D Healey**, "Objectives of Competition Law in Asia", presented at CCP Seminar Series, Centre for Competition Policy, University of East Anglia UK, online, 19 December 2020.
2. **H Wang**, "The Future of Services Trade", a virtual talk at School of Trade Negotiations, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE), online, 11 Dec 2020.
3. **W Zhou**, "Industrial Subsidies, WTO Rules and Future Developments", presented at Impacts of International Trade Regulation on Trade and Industries, Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Centre, online, 7 December 2020.
4. **K Fan**, "What I am Working on with Dr. Kun Fan", presented at Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA)'s video series "What I am Working on", online, 3 December 2020.
5. **H Wang**, "COVID-19 and the World Trade Order: China, the US and Beyond", presented at AWRN 2020 Web Conference, Asia WTO Research Network (AWRN), online, 28 November 2020.
6. **H Wang**, "Uniform Commercial Law and Dispute Settlement Along the Belt and Road", presented at CISG@40: the Application of Uniformed Substantive Rules Conference, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) & Wuhan University, online, 28 November 2020.
7. **K Fan**, "Mediation in China", presented for Japan International Mediation Society, online, 27 November 2020.
8. **K Fan**, "Mixed Mode Dispute Resolution", presented at Fordham Conference on International Arbitration and Mediation, New York Arbitration Week, online, 20 November 2020.
9. **H Wang**, Panellist in SIEL (Society of International Economic Law) Conversation 5: "The Impact of Covid-19 on the Belt and Road Initiative", Society of International Economic Law, online, 19 November 2021.
10. **K Fan**, "Mediation as an ISDS Option", presented at Outstanding Issues of ISDS Reform: Perspectives from Asian-Pacific Stakeholders, American Society of International Law, online, 19 November 2020.
11. **K Fan**, "Beyond Law and Politics: An Empirical Study of Judicial Mediation in China", presented at Harvard Workshop on Comparative Law, online, 16 November 2020.
12. **K Fan**, A Judge of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) Cup, CIETAC, online, 15-20 November 2020.
13. **K Fan**, "Beyond Law and Politics: An Empirical Study of Judicial Mediation in China", presented at Pacific China Law Research Forum, online, 12 November 2020.
14. **K Fan**, Panellist in "Who's Law is it Anyways – What Law Governs an Arbitration Agreement?", at the Fourteenth Annual Generations in Arbitration Conference, Moot Alumni Association (MAA), online, 4 November 2020.
15. **H Wang**, "China and the Future of International Legal Order: The BRI, Trade Tensions and Beyond", presented at World Governance: Legal and Political Perspectives from China, Europe, and Latin America Webinar, Centre of German and European Studies (CDEA), 22 October 2021.
16. **H Wang**, "Cross-border investment in a post-COVID world", presented at 2020 Tsinghua World Forum on the Rule of Law, Tsinghua University, 16 October 2021.
17. **W Zhou**, "S23: The Future of Subsidy Regulation at the WTO", Geneva Trade Week, online, 30 September 2020.
18. **H Wang**, "The Challenges to International Economic Law in the Post-COVID-19 World: A Chinese Perspective", presented at Conference on Global Public-Private Law Approaches to the Covid-19 Pandemic, online, 10 September 2020.
19. **K Fan**, "Challenging a domain name, the identical or confusingly similar requirement", presented at "Challenging a domain name, HKIAC insights part one: The 'identical or confusingly similar' requirement" Webinar, HKIAC, 17 August 2020.
20. **H Wang**, "The Future of International Economic Order in the Post-COVID-19 World", presented at Setting a Research Agenda for International Economic Law Workshop (virtual), Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, 22 July 2020.
21. **H Wang**, "The Implications of Central Bank Digital Currency", presented at Digital Currency and Financial Information Protection Workshop (virtual), Tsinghua University Law School, 26 June 2020.
22. **H Wang**, "The Future Paths of China to International Order", presented at "China's foreign aid during the Covid-19 pandemic" Virtual Conference, University of Edinburgh, 1 June 2020.
23. **K Fan**, "The Impact of Covid-19 on Access to Justice", public lecture at the China Summer Weekly Live, International Association of University Summer Sessions (IAUSS), online, 22 May 2020.
24. **D Healey**, Panellist in "Competition Authorities' Responses to COVID-19 – Experts Panel", presented at Hong Kong Competition Commission Webinar on Competition Authorities' Responses to COVID-19 – Experts Panel, 21 April 2020.
25. **H Wang**, "Will COVID-19 Affect International Trade and Globalization?", presented at The Federalist Society Teleforum Conference: Will COVID-19 Affect International Trade and Globalization?, 2 April 2020.
26. **H Wang**, "Commercial Mediation in China", talk at Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA), 14 February 2020.

# Social Impact

## Performance of CIBEL Media Channels

### CIBEL Website

In 2020, 50 news articles were published on the CIBEL website, in both English and Chinese, covering a wide range of topics from CIBEL member's research output and achievements, to the organisation of CIBEL events. 17 videos were uploaded to the website with more than 500 views. These included recordings of the 2020 CIBEL Global Network events, the 2020 JCICEL Conference and clips of CIBEL members' media appearances.

According to Google Analytics, CIBEL website has gained a total of 27,909 page views from users located in 35 countries and regions. The home page (cibel.unsw.edu.au) alone has been accessed 4,109 times, while the 2020 Global Network Call for Papers has 1,452 views

### Social Media

CIBEL continued to expand its network and engage with internal and external stakeholders via social media. In mid-May 2020, CIBEL created an official LinkedIn account. CIBEL has posted 44 updates with a total of 5,113 organic impressions and an average organic engagement rate of 8.0%. The account attracted 130 followers by the end of 2020.

Twitter remained an important channel for CIBEL to have

its voice heard quickly and broadly. In 2020, 74 tweets were posted with a total impression of 94,400 through CIBEL's Twitter handle. The account attracted 88 new followers, reaching almost 500 followers.

### Electronic Direct Mail (eDM)

eDM has been used as a tool to communicate with CIBEL audiences. As a major regular digital marketing campaign, four issues of the CIBEL quarterly newsletters were delivered to 957 readers, an increase of 218 compared with the figure at the end of the last reporting year. The newsletters were viewed 3,420 times and clicked 367 times.

CIBEL has integrated eDM to increase the reach of CIBEL events. In 2020, CIBEL delivered nine direct invitations to its subscribers. The invitations were collectively opened 9,152 times and clicked 1,113 times.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CIBEL started sending monthly updates to its Advisory Group members and key contacts from June 2020. This helped CIBEL to keep its key stakeholders informed about CIBEL's operation and the progress of CIBEL members' research on a regular basis.

## Media Appearance

In 2020, CIBEL members appeared in the media 71 times, including four live TV interviews, three live radio interviews, 12 op-ed pieces and one blog post. Many of the news reports or interviews were cited by other media outlets.

In May 2020, Dr Weihuan Zhou and Professor Heng Wang appeared in the media 21 times, providing views on the emerging Australia-China trade tension from a legal perspective to media outlets including the ABC, SBS, the Australian Financial Review, The Australian, The Guardian, the Lowy Institute, the Conversation and the South China Morning Post, etc. These CIBEL members have been constantly approached by journalists to comment on the intensifying trade tensions throughout the second half of the year.

Below is a full list of CIBEL members' media appearance in 2020.

1. **W Zhou**, "Australien förlorar mest på bråk med Kina (Australia loses the most in quarrels with China)", interviewed by G Sjöholm, Norra Skåne, 23 December 2020.
2. **W Zhou**, "Out of options, Australia asks WTO to settle China dispute", interviewed by A Tillett, Australian Financial Review, 18 December 2020.
3. **W Zhou & L Toohey**, "Taking China to the World Trade Organisation plants a seed. It won't be a quick or easy win", The Conversation, 17 December 2020.
4. **H Wang**, "Treaties and trade agreements", interviewed by ABC Newcastle Drive, 15 Dec 2020.
5. **W Zhou**, live interview on China-Australia relationship for The World Today, interviewed by S Sara, ABC, 8 December 2020.
6. **W Zhou**, "We need a China circuit breaker", interviewed by A Tillett, Australian Financial Review, 5 December 2020.
7. **H Wang**, "What would happen if China stopped buying Australian iron ore?", interviewed by J Yun, Yahoo Finance, 4 December 2020.
8. **H Wang**, "It's too cruel! Chinese-Australian wine producers lament Beijing's trade tariffs", interviewed by L Chen & W Wang, SBS Mandarin, 2 December 2020.
9. **H Wang**, "WTO能解决澳中之间的贸易争端吗? (Can WTO Solve the Trade Dispute Between Australia and China)", interviewed by W Wang, SBS Mandarin, 2 December 2020.
10. **H Wang**, "Reshaping the future of international economic governance", interviewed by D Lo, UNSW Newsroom, 30 November 2020.
11. **H Wang**, "太狠了, 大家都没得做了! '—澳洲红酒商重击之下艰难求生 (Australian Wine Merchants Try to Survive Under Pressure)", interviewed by L Chen & W Wang, SBS Mandarin, 30 November 2020.
12. **H Wang & W Zhou**, "China-Australia relations: termination of free trade deal ahead of review unlikely despite tensions, experts say", interviewed by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 25 November 2020.
13. **W Zhou**, "Trade tensions: what does China want from Australia?", cited by T Harcourt, Business Think (UNSW Business), 25 November 2020.
14. **H Wang**, "The RCEP deal", TV interview for The Open, Ausbiz TV, 16 November 2020.
15. **H Wang & W Zhou**, "China-Australia relations: 'don't expect RCEP to solve trade dispute'", interviewed by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 16 November 2020.
16. **H Wang**, "【分析】澳中两国贸易救济争议不在RCEP争端解决机制内 (Australia-China trade remedy issues not covered by the RCEP dispute settlement mechanism)", interviewed by J Liu, SBS Mandarin, 16 November 2020.
17. **H Wang**, "What the largest trade deal in history means for Australian businesses", interviewed by E Dudley, Dynamic Business, 16 November 2020.
18. **H Wang**, "Chinese-Australian trade tensions: Experts explain economic and legal impacts", interviewed by E Dudley, Dynamic Business, 9 November 2020.
19. **W Zhou**, "China-Australia relations: coal, cotton curbs could violate trade rules, lawyers say", interviewed by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 20 October 2020.
20. **H Wang**, "China-Australia coal situation", TV interview for ABC News 24, 15 October 2020.
21. **W Zhou**, "美国若退出WTO, 将弊大于利 (Cons overweight pros if the US quits the WTO)", interviewed by L Chen, SBS Mandarin, 22 September 2020.
22. **W Zhou**, "Australia has 'painted itself into a geopolitical corner' with China, but what is Beijing's trade endgame?", interviewed by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 20 September 2020.



23. **W Zhou**, "China's tactic as Australian dispute escalates", interviewed by J Gailberger, News.com.au, 11 September 2020.
24. **W Zhou**, "China expects ag anti-dumping cases played by Beijing's rules", interviewed by A Marshall, Farm Online, 9 September 2020.
25. **H Wang**, "China's yuan gains foothold in iron ore deals, could increase Chinese self-reliance, analysts say", interviewed by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 3 September 2020; cited by Yahoo Finance and Yahoo News.
26. **L Trakman**, "Should you know (or care) how your data is being used before you consent?", interviewed by D Lo, UNSW Newsroom, 27 August 2020.
27. **H Wang**, "【分析】中国对澳洲葡萄酒反倾销调查的三个重点(Three crucial issues in China's antidumping investigation into Australian wine export), interviewed by J Liu, SBS Mandarin, 20 August 2020
28. **W Zhou**, "China considers imposing tariffs on Australian wine", interviewed by R McGuirk, Associated Press, and cited by Washington Post, NY Times, & ABC News, 18 August 2020.
29. **H Wang**, "【分析】可以有效避开地缘政治等变数的中澳贸易之路(The Australia China trade can effectively avoid geopolitics through RCEP)", interviewed by J Liu, SBS Mandarin, 21 July 2020.
30. **K Fan**, "The Impact of COVID-19 on the Administration of Justice", Kluwer Arbitration Blog, 11 July 2020.
31. **H Wang**, "Australia keen on penning RCEP trade pact this year despite disputes with China", cited by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 10 July 2020.
32. **W Zhou**, "How China could unleash \$135 Billion of economic misery on Australia in retaliation for offering sanctuary to thousands from Hong Kong – by slapping huge tariffs on seafood, wine and dairy", interviewed by C Moore, Daily Mail, 10 July 2020.
33. **H Wang**, "Trade expert weighs in on how to repair China tariffs", cited by Lawyers Weekly, 8 July 2020.
34. **H Wang**, "The way forward for Australia-China trade relations", interviewed by R Gray, UNSW Newsroom, 3 July 2020; cited by Shepparton News, Dynamic Business, Global Travel Media on 6 July 2020.
35. **H Wang**, "Australia-China trade and RCEP", interviewed by N Blayney and D Scutt, Ausbiz TV "The Open", 6 July 2020.
36. **H Wang**, "Australia-China Trade", 2SM News, 3 July 2020.
37. **H Wang**, "The way forward for Australia-China trade relations", cited by Mirage News, 3 July 2020.
38. **H Wang**, "望“冷却”澳中贸易紧张局势 新州大学学者提议解决方案(The way forward for Australia-China trade relations)", cited by au123.com, 3 July 2020.
39. **W Zhou**, "中国未向WTO争讼，等于退出了WTO? (Opinion: China and WTO)", interviewed by L Chen, SBS Mandarin, 25 June 2020.
40. **W Zhou**, "Why China believed it had a case to hit Australian barley with tariffs", The Conversation, 22 June 2020.
41. **W Zhou**, "Victoria could be peacemaker in China-Australia relationship: China expert", interviewed by S Ilanbey, The Age, 7 June 2020.
42. **W Zhou & H Gao**, "China and the CPTPP: is it time to rethink Beijing's involvement in the trans-Pacific trade pact?", South China Morning Post, 7 June 2020.
43. **W Zhou**, "Australian government asks China for same reduction in trade barriers as US", interviewed by D Hurst, The Guardian, 29 May 2020.
44. **H Wang**, "China-led RCEP provides starting point for reducing tensions and building new global trade rules", South China Morning Post, 28 May 2020.
45. **W Zhou**, "New Zealand's China dilemma: your money or your scruples", interviewed by K MacNamara, Stuff, 28 May 2020.
46. **W Zhou**, "澳洲若向世贸组织上诉中国对大麦加税‘远水救不了近火’(WTO would be hard to help in the case of Australian barley tariffs)", interviewed by L Chen, SBS Mandarin, 25 May 2020.
47. **W Zhou**, "Beijing accuses America of 'inciting countries to demand compensation'", interviewed by Brinkwire, 25 May 2020.
48. **W Zhou**, "Rethinking economic coercion as Australia-China relations fracture", East Asia Forum, 23 May 2020.
49. **W Zhou**, "How the US-China trade agreement and COVID-19 investigation influenced China's new barley tariffs", UNSW Newsroom, 22 May 2020.
50. **W Zhou**, "Getting back to harvest: The way forward after China's barley tariff", The Interpreter, published by the Lowy Institute, 22 May 2020.
51. **W Zhou**, "Take a calm breath: agriculture minister seeks to cool escalating trade hostilities with China over coal", interviewed by E Visontay, The Guardian, 22 May 2020.
52. **W Zhou**, "After barley, what next? Australian industries exposed if China trade tensions persist", interviewed by E Visontay, The Guardian, 20 May 2020.
53. **W Zhou**, "Australia threatens WTO action as dispute with China deepens", interviewed by H Robertson, AFP, 19 May 2020.
54. **W Zhou**, "China Australia trade tension is not a coincidence", interviewed by J Liu, SBS Mandarin, 19 May 2020.
55. **W Zhou**, "Australia says it doesn't want trade war with China", interviewed by R McGuirk, The Washington Post, 19 May 2020.
56. **W Zhou**, "Australia rules out trade war retaliation with China despite barley tariff escalation", interviewed by S Tan, South China Morning Post, 19 May 2020.
57. **H Wang**, "Australia-China trade stoush over coronavirus inquiry puts exports – and more – at risk", cited by ABC News, 15 May 2020.
58. **W Zhou**, "Trade war fears as China imposes bans and tariffs on Australian exports", interviewed by F Kelly, ABC Breakfast, 13 May 2020.
59. **H Wang**, "Beef industry caught up in emerging trade war with China", interviewed by R Childs, ABC Midday, 13 May 2020.
60. **W Zhou**, "China's fury over steel is behind the barley threat", interviewed by A Grigg and M Smith, Australia Financial Review, 12 May 2020.
61. **W Zhou**, "CBH braces for hit from China's barley tariffs", interviewed by G Korporaal, The Australian, 11 May 2020.
62. **W Zhou**, "China might well refuse to take our barley, and there would be little we could do", The Conversation, 11 May 2020.
63. **H Wang**, "OPINION: How world trade will be affected by COVID-19", UNSW Newsroom, 6 March 2020.
64. **H Wang**, "新冠禁令下为何澳洲高校受挫但房市回暖(Why has the higher education sector been affected more than real properties under restrictions of the COVID-19?)", interviewed by Y Xia, SBS Mandarin, 3 March 2020.
65. **W Zhou**, "Phase One's Dispute Settlement Mechanism a poor alternative to WTO Appellate Body", Hinrich Foundation, 30 January 2020.
66. **H Wang**, "US-China phase one trade deal: what does it mean?", interviewed by B Knight, UNSW Newsroom, 29 January 2020.
67. **W Zhou & H Gao**, "US-China Phase One Deal: A Brief Account", Regulating for Globalization, 22 January 2020.
68. **H Wang**, "经济专家点评中美第一阶段贸易协议(Economic experts comment on the US-China Phase One Trade Agreement)", interviewed by M Li, ABC Chinese, 17 January 2020.
69. **H Wang**, "Trade deal no panacea for rocky U.S. relations with China", interviewed by A Shalal & C Cadell, Reuters, 16 January 2020.
70. **H Wang**, "China hails phase one trade war deal signing, with focus on strategic value over specific details", interviewed by Z Xin, F Bermingham and S Leng, South China Morning Post, 16 January 2020.
71. **H Wang**, "第一阶段贸易协议达成中美双方谁的让步更多?(Who comprises more in the newly reached US-China Phase One Trade Agreement?)", interviewed by W Wang, SBS Mandarin, 16 January 2020.

# Governance

## Steering Committee

CIBEL hosted three Steering Committee meetings in 2020. At the meetings, CIBEL reported the operation and management of CIBEL as well as the research and engagement of CIBEL members.

The steering committee approved the following documents:

- > Strategic Plan 2021-2025
- > Communications Plan
- > Annual Plan 2021
- > Management report 2019; preliminary management report 2020; budget forecast 2021
- > New Herbert Smith Freehills-CIBEL initiatives

### CIBEL Steering Committee Members:

Steering Committee	Position and Organisation
Christine Forster	Associate Dean International, UNSW Law; Associate Professor, UNSW Law
Deborah Healey	Co-Director, CIBEL Centre; Professor, UNSW Law
Heng Wang	Co-Director, CIBEL Centre; Professor, UNSW Law
Ross Buckley	Professor, UNSW Law
Lyria Bennett Moses	Professor, UNSW Law
Shan Pan	Professor, AGSM, UNSW
Elizabeth Poulos	Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills
Warwick Dawson	Director, Knowledge Exchange, Division of Enterprise, UNSW

## Advisory Group

CIBEL's Advisory Group was established in late 2019 in compliance with UNSW's policy. The Group is chaired by Associate Professor Christine Forster, Associate Dean International, UNSW Law. The Group had the first CIBEL Advisory Group meeting in May 2020 and a second meeting in November and discussed a range of matters including the strategic plans, engagement and research focus.

In August 2020, the then Dean of UNSW Law Scientia Professor George Williams AO stepped into a new position of Deputy Vice Chancellor (Planning and Assurance) at UNSW Sydney and hence Professor Andrew Lynch joined the Group in an ex officio capacity as Acting Dean of UNSW Law.

Name	Position and Organisation
Ms Margaret Bowen	A/g General Manager, Government and Partnerships Division, Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)
Ms Michaela Browning	Interim CEO, National Foundation for Australia-China Relations, DFAT and former Australian Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau
Mr Michael Clifton	ACBC NSW President and former Austrade Commissioner; Chief of Staff to Trade Minister
Mr Doug Ferguson	Partner in Charge, Asia & International Markets and NSW Chairman, KPMG Australia
The Hon Robert French AC	Chancellor, UWA and former Chief Justice of Australia
Mr Laurie Pearcey	PVC International, UNSW Sydney; CEO, UNSW Global
Mr Andrew Pike	Executive Partner, East, Herbert Smith Freehills
Professor Andrew Lynch	Acting Dean, UNSW Law

To keep the Advisory Group informed about CIBEL's operation and work, CIBEL sent monthly update to the group members following the first Advisory Group meeting hosted in May 2020.



# Financial Reports

YTD as of April 2021	2020 Dec YTD	2019 Dec YTD
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$	\$
UNSW Strategic Funds (SPF1A) -expired at the end of 2019	-	497,539
UNSW Law Funds (OP001)	1,317,055	-
Herbert Smith Freehills Funds (FC101)	268,121	264,680
Investment Interest Distribution (BE202)	6,723	12,794
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,591,899</b>	<b>775,013</b>
Carryover of funds from previous years	406,787	872,335
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET</b>	<b>1,998,686</b>	<b>1,647,348</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
People costs (non casual)	1,312,867	1,032,165
Research support	26,880	-
<b>Total People Costs</b>	<b>1,339,747</b>	<b>1,032,165</b>
CIBEL seed grants	-	52,953
CIBEL events (keynote, conference, workshops, seminars)	-	40,716
CIBEL roadshow	-	39,272
Travel	582	23,544
Contract and Consulting services	200	4,269
Relocation & Visa Fee	7,840	30,275
Entertainment	-	1,723
Marketing (incl capability statements)	149	1,248
Consumables	591	809
Merchandise & gifts (newly branded)	-	13,070
Tsinghua-UNSW Joint Centre (JCICEL)	1,787 <sup>1</sup>	-
Utilities	-	69
Other expenses	2,839	321
Internal expenses	494	291
<b>Total Non-People Costs</b>	<b>14,482</b>	<b>208,560</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,354,229</b>	<b>1,240,725</b>
<b>Retained Funds Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>644,992</b>	<b>406,787</b>

Note: Unspent UNSW strategic and operational funds cannot be retained.

<sup>1</sup> RA costs related to the Tsinghua-UNSW Centre for Chinese International Economic Law (JCICEL)



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