



*The 5th Asian International Economic Law Network Conference  
(AIELN 2017 Xiamen Conference)*

*“Asian Perspectives on International Economic Law”*

(16-17 June, 2017; Lujiang Harbourview Hotel Xiamen (廈門鷺江賓館))

**Programme**

16 June 2017 (Fri)

8:30 Registration

9:00 Inauguration - Welcome speech by **Zeng Huaqun** (Professor, Xiamen University)

9:05 Welcome speech by **Junji Nakagawa** (Professor, University of Tokyo; Chairman, AIELN Steering Committee)

9:10 Photo session

9:20 Session 1: Asian Perspectives on International Investment Law (1)

Moderator: **Junji Nakagawa**

Presenters:

**Soo-Hyun Lee** (Research Associate, The Asian Institute for Policy Studies), “South Korean Approaches to Investor-State Dispute Settlement”

**Dilini Pathirana** (Lecturer, University of Colombo; Ph.D. candidate, China University of Political Science and Law), “China, Japan, South Korea and the Notion Harmonious Investment Treaties: A Critique”

**Heng Wang** (Associate Professor, University of New South Wales), “The RCEP and China’s Role: An Investment Perspective”

11:00 Coffee break

11:20 Session 2: Chinese Perspectives on International Investment Law (1)

Moderator: **Bryan Mercurio** (Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Presenters:

**Chen Huiping** (Professor, Xiamen University), “The Impact of China’s ‘One Belt One Road’ initiative on China’s Foreign Investment Law and Policy and the Challenges”

**Wei Yin** (Ph.D candidate, Durham University), “China’s Approach to Investment Agreements and Its Interests under International Investment Law”

**Jiao Zhang** (Ph.D candidate, Southwest University of Political Science and Law), “Conflict and Harmonization in International Investment Law: A Case Study on the China-US BIT Negotiations”

13:00 Luncheon

14:00 Session 3: Chinese Perspectives on International Investment Law (2)

Moderator: **Chen Huiping**

Presenters:

**Zhenyu Xiao** (LL.M Student, Southwest University of Political Science and Law), “The Chinese Approach to the Recalibration of International Investment Law”

**Sheng Zhang** (Associate Professor, Xi’an Jiaotong University), “Human Rights in Chinese BITs: A Development Perspective”

**Manjiao Chi** (Professor, Xiamen University), “The Shifting Trade and Investment Treaty-Making Strategy of China: Confronting the Global Rules Competition”

**Xiuli Han** (Professor, Xiamen University), “The Emerging Chinese Paradigms of Foreign Investment Law”

16:00 Coffee break

16:20 Session 4: Asian Approaches to Emerging Issues of International Investment Law

Moderator: **Zeng Huaqun**

Presenters:

**Lu Wang** (Ph.D candidate, University of Liverpool), “State-Owned Enterprises and International Investment Agreements in Asia: Contexts, Challenges and Implications”

**Zheng Lizhen** (Associate Professor, Fujian Normal University), “Rethinking the Role of Labour Provisions under Asian International Investment Regime: A Possible Linkage with FTAAP?”

**Antoine Martin** (Research Associate, Chinese University of Hong Kong), “Fintech as Promising Financial Service Investments: Is the Asia-Pacific Paving the Way?”

**Qiushi Qu** (Ph.D candidate, Xiamen University), “Multi-national Enterprises’ Misconduct Regulations in International Investment Law”

18:30 Conference dinner

17 June 2017 (Sat)

9:00 Session 5: Indian Perspectives on International Investment Law

Moderator: **Bryan Mercurio** (Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Presenters:

**A. Sarabanan** (Ph.D candidate, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur) and **S.R. Subramanian** (Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur), “Essential Security Exceptions under the Indian Model Bilateral Investment Treaty of 2015”

**Prabash Ranjan** (Assistant Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi), “Investor-State Dispute Settlement Provisions in BITs of South Asian Countries – Very Much a Rule-Taker!”

**Xiaolu Ni** (Ph.D candidate, Xiamen University), “The Return of Local Remedies Rule in Investor-State Dispute Settlement Mechanism: Focusing on the Indian New Model BIT”

10:40 Coffee break

11:00 Session 6: Asian Perspectives on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (1)

Moderator: **Heng Wang**

Presenters:

**Relja Radović** (Ph.D candidate, University of Luxemburg), “A New Perception of Consent to Arbitrate in Investment Treaty Arbitration and the Asian Perspective”

**Alejandro Garcia Jimenez** (Ph.D candidate, University of International Business and Economics), “On the Settlement of Investment Disputes between China and Latin America”

**Tianshu Zhang** (Associate, Zhong Lun Law Firm), “The Role of Non-disputing Party’s Statement in Investment Arbitration: Observation on China’s Statements and Its Effect in the Saga of Sanum v. Laos”

13:00 Luncheon

14:00 Session 7: Asian Perspectives on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (2)

Moderator: **Chen Huiping**

Presenters:

**Céline Lévesque** (Dean, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section), “Will Asia Breathe Life into a Multilateral Investment Court?”

**Fulvio M. Palombino** (Professor, University of Napoli Federico II, Department of Law), “The Asian Approach to Fair and Equitable Treatment: Does Arbitral Case Law Matter?”

**Hent Kalmo** (Ph.D candidate, Université Paris X-Nanterre), “Proportionality in Investment Arbitration: A Western-centric Took or a Gateways to Asian Values?”

15:40 Coffee break

16:00 Session 8: Asian Perspectives on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (3)

Moderator: **Junji Nakagawa**

Presenters:

**Bryan Mercurio** (Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong), “Why Carving-out Specific sectors from Investor-State Dispute Settlement is Unnecessary and Unwise”

**Anran Zhang** (Ph.D candidate, Leiden University), “Piercing the Corporate Veil in Investor-State Arbitration”

**G. Matteo Vaccaro-Incisa** (Professor-Researcher, IESEG School of Management), “Investment Treaties Trend Setting: The Case of China and Asian Practice on Objective Criteria and *ratione legis* Condition in the Definition of Investment”

17:40 Conference closing

Closing speech by **Zeng Huaqun**

17:45 Closing speech by **Junji Nakagawa**

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