



CCCL Seminar: International Economic Law in the Era of Great Power Rivalry (2 Nov 2022)

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On 2 November 2022, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) of the City University of Hong Kong's School of Law hosted a virtual seminar to assist students in understanding international economic law in the era of great power rivalry. **Prof. Du Ming, Professor of Chinese Law, Durham University** has been invited as our awesome speaker to explain his argument.

The seminar kicked off with a welcoming speech by **Prof. Wang Jianguy**, Director of Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law at the City University of Hong Kong School of Law.

Prof. Du Ming is the Professor and Director of the Centre for Chinese Law and Policy at Durham Law School in the UK. He currently writes on international economic law and China's approach to international law. His most recent works are published or forthcoming in the *European Law Journal*, *Georgetown Journal of International Law*, and *Yearbook of European Law*.

In the academic seminar, his presentation objective is to document some nascent features of international economic law in the era of great power rivalry and speculate on its trajectory. He argued people were witnessing the return of great power rivalry in world politics and are moving to a recent geopolitical and economic order, and probably a new cold war in the future. He explained that this country was a more formidable challenger for the west not only because of a less united west but also a more powerful and less ideologically motivated China now. He believed there were some main factors behind including the power shift in international politics, the rise of the east and the gradual decline of the west, the shift in thinking about economic globalization, China's disruptive development model and China's assertive foreign policy. He argued there was a considerable difference between international relations in the Era of Great Power Rivalry like the securitization of international economic relations. When the countries are transformed from cooperation to weaponized interdependence, their judicialization may also be changed to de-judicialization. In the foreseeable future, he imagined there were few possibilities including China dominance, West dominance, or even multipolar with separate spheres of influence.

Following Prof. Du's thought-provoking speech, we moved on to a discussion conducted primarily by **Prof. Lim Chin Leng**, Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, who presented his insightful views on the topic. The majority of those in attendance took the opportunity to voice their opinions, many of which were thoughtful and innovative. Prof. Wang concluded the seminar with a closing speech in which she thanked the speakers for their valuable contributions and all of the participants for their attendance, which made the seminar a success.



Prof Du Ming, and Prof Lim Chin Leng(from left to right).



Prof. Wang Jiangyu.