



CCCL Young Scholar Forum: China's Participation In The International Commercial Dispute Resolution Mechanism, Under The Context of The Belt And Road Initiative (29 Dec 2022)

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On 29 December 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 China's participation in the international Commercial Dispute Resolution Mechanism. **Yizhi WANG, a PhD candidate at Queen Mary, University of London** has been invited as our awesome speaker to explain her argument.

The seminar kicked off with a welcoming speech by **Dr. Martin LAI Sin Chit**, Assistant Professor at the City University of Hong Kong School of Law.

Yizhi Wang is now under the supervision of Professors Matthieu Burney and Malik Dahlan. Her PhD research focuses on international dispute resolution and legal globalisation, with a particular interest in china's participation in international rule of law development, under the context of the Belt and Road Initiative. Yizhi received his LLB from the East China University of Political Science and Law, and her LLM degree from Chinese University of Hong Kong. In terms of practical experience, Yizhi has passed the National Judicial Examinations in mainland China and has had several internships in law firms, courts, consulates and arbitration institutions.

In the seminar, she presented her article entitled the same as the seminar title. To begin with, she presented the background and the soft-law framework of BRI. The "Belt and Road" Initiative (BRI) constitutes an assertive strategy that offers a China-driven model of transnational connectivity and partnership. Besides a grand strategy of global economic order, BRI to some extent is on top of that like a moral claim or preaching, which spreads BRI spirit (including the Chinese value) to the rest of the world. Next, she introduced the characteristics of BRI disputes and their possible alternative dispute resolution. In addition, she provided a brief explanation of the rise of international commercial courts in Europe and Asia with various driving forces including not only Brexit, but also Chinese are now providing legal safeguards for BRI implementation. Furthermore, she explained the establishment of China's International Commercial Court (CICC) and some parisons of internationalism among various international courts. To summarize, she argued various challenges of CICC under the BRI context including

insular and conservative, the blank of common-law legal culture and English language historical influence, the less advanced domestic judicial system, and the lack of legislative legitimation.

Following **Yizhi Wang**'s thought-provoking speech, we moved on to a discussion conducted primarily by Dr. **Yueming YAN**, Assistant Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, who presented her 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. **Dr. LAI** 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.