

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE POST-PANDEMIC ERA: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE CONFERENCE

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PROGRAMME

30 November 2022, Friday	
Opening Address	
15:00 - 15:10 HKT	<p>Prof Alexander LOKE <i>Director, Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i></p> <p>Prof Jiangyu WANG <i>Director, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i></p> <p>Prof Michael TSIMPLIS <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i></p> <p>Dr Mandy FANG <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i></p>
Panel 1: Climate Change and Energy Transition	
15:10 - 15:30 HKT	Understanding the Heterogeneity of National Responses to the Low-carbon Energy Challenge

	<p>Dr Philip Andrews SPEED <i>National University of Singapore, Energy Studies Institute</i> (HKT +0hr)</p>
15:30 - 16:50 HKT	<p>China's Carbon Neutrality Objective: Legal and Regulatory Arrangements Governing the Network-dependent Energy Industry</p> <p>Dr Hao ZHANG <i>The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law</i> (HKT +0hr)</p>
16:50 - 16:10 HKT	Panel discussion
Panel 2: Climate Change and International Shipping	
16:10 - 16:30 HKT	<p>Institutional obstacles in the decarbonisation of international trade: The case of the IMO</p> <p>Prof Michael TSIMPLIS <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i> (HKT +0hr)</p>
16:30 - 16:50 HKT	<p>Climate change adaptation for ports. A priority issue for developing countries</p> <p>Dr Regina ASARIOTIS <i>United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Division on Technology and Logistics, Policy and Legislation Section</i> local time: 09:30AM- 09:50AM (HKT -6hrs)</p>
16:50 - 16:10 HKT	Panel discussion
16:10 - 16:20 HKT	Break
Panel 3: Climate Change and International Trade	
17:20 - 17:40 HKT	<p>When Decarbonization Meets Industrialization: The First WTO Dispute Between the EU and UK</p> <p>Dr. Meng Mandy FANG <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i> (HKT +0hr)</p>
17:40 - 18:00 HKT	<p>The Regulation of Environmentally Harmful Fossil Fuel Subsidies: From Obscurity to Prominence in the Multilateral Trading System</p> <p>Dr. Henok ASMELASH <i>Assistant Professor, Birmingham University</i> local time: 10:40AM- 11:00PM (HKT -8hrs)</p>
18:00 - 18:20 HKT	Panel discussion

Panel 4: Climate Change and Investment

18:20 - 18:40 HKT	Corporate Climate Disclosure Mandates: Implications for Corporate Governance (and the Planet) Prof. Virginia HARPER HO <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i> (HKT +0hr)
18:40 - 19:00 HKT	Energy Communities as Catalysts of a Just Energy Transition: The Role of Public Private Partnerships Dr. Aikaterini FLOROU <i>University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice</i> local time: 10:40AM- 11:00PM (HKT -8hrs)
19:00 - 19:20 HKT	Panel discussion
Closing Address	
19:20 - 19:30 HKT	Prof. Michael TSIMPLIS <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i> Dr. Meng Mandy FANG <i>City University of Hong Kong, School of Law</i>

Biography

(Order in family name)

Dr Philip ANDREWS-SPEED

Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore

Dr Philip Andrews-Speed is a Senior Principal Fellow at the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore and a Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. He has 40 years in the field of energy and resources, starting his career as a mineral and oil exploration geologist before moving into the field of energy and resource governance. His main research interest has been the political economy of the low-carbon energy transition. China has been a particular focus for his research.

Dr. Henok ASMELASH

Assistant Professor, Birmingham University

Dr Henok Asmelash joined Birmingham Law School in January 2020. Prior to joining the University of Birmingham, he was a Postdoctoral Global Fellow at New York University School of Law and a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law. His main research and teaching interest lie within the broad field of international economic law. Henok holds a PhD in International Law and Economics from Bocconi University (Milan) and LL.M degrees in International Economic Law and Policy from the University of Barcelona and in Business Law from Addis Ababa University. Henok has consulted the World Institute on Development Economics Research and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development on intergovernmental efforts to tackle environmentally harmful fossil fuel subsidies.

Dr Regina ASARIOTIS

Policy and Legislation Section, Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Regina Asariotis is Chief of the Policy and Legislation Section in the Division on Technology and Logistics of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), where her work focuses on transport law and policy (<https://unctad.org/ttl/legal>). This includes work, since 2008, on the [implications of climate change](#) for international maritime transport and trade, with a focus on climate change impacts and adaptation for seaports and other critical transport infrastructure, including in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) (see <http://SIDSport-ClimateAdapt.unctad.org>). Before joining UNCTAD in 2001, Regina was a Senior Lecturer in Maritime Law at the University of Southampton, where she taught international maritime law and international trade law. She holds a German law degree, an LL.M from the University of Southampton and a PhD from the University of Hamburg and is a Barrister (England & Wales) and Attorney at Law (Greece), as well as Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb).

Dr Meng Mandy FANG

School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Dr FANG Meng Mandy joined the City University of Hong Kong, School of Law as an Assistant Professor in July 2020. Dr. FANG held post-doctoral fellowships at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and the National University of Singapore. She obtained her PhD from CUHK, her LL.M from University College London, and Bachelor of Management and Bachelor of Laws degrees from Chongqing University. Her research interests focus on the interface between international trade, environmental protection, and energy transition. Her publications appear in journals such as the Virginia Journal of International Law, Leiden Journal of International Law, Journal of World Trade; Journal of World Energy Law & Business; Utilities Policy, and edited books published by Cambridge University Press, among others.

Dr Aikaterini FLOROU

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Dr. Aikaterini Florou is a Lecturer in International Economic Law at the University of Liverpool, the School of Law and Social Justice. She is also affiliated with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of International Investment Law. Aikaterini holds the position of the General Editor of the Journal of World Energy Law and Business, published by Oxford University Press. Previously, she was an Alexander von Humboldt research fellow at the Institute of Law and Economics of the University of Hamburg. Before joining academia, Aikaterini worked for several years as a legal and policy officer at the Energy Directorate of the European Commission advising on International energy and investment law issues, including arbitration. She has also been a consultant with the OECD, the Columbia Centre on Sustainable Investment, and a Tutor at the Hague Academy of International Law, while she has completed legal internships with the WTO team of the European Commission's Legal Service and the Government Legal Department in Greece. Her PhD dissertation, completed summa cum laude in Sciences Po Paris, has been published by Brill under the title: 'Contractual Renegotiations and International Investment Arbitration. A Relational Contract Theory Interpretation of Investment Treaties'. Aikaterini is a member of several fora of International Investment Law and International Energy Law, including the Academic Forum on Investor-State Dispute Settlement and the Association of International Energy Negotiators.

Prof Virginia HARPER HO

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Virginia HARPER HO is a Professor of Law at CityU School of Law. Prior to joining CityU in 2021, she was the Earl B. Shurtz Research Professor, Associate Dean for International & Comparative Law Programs, and founding Director of the Polsinelli Transactional Law Center at the University of Kansas School of Law (USA). Her primary research interests focus on the intersections of corporate law and governance, securities regulation, sustainability and finance from a comparative perspective. Her work has been published by leading law journals, including the American Journal of Comparative Law, the Journal of Corporation Law, and the American Business Law Journal. She has received numerous research and teaching awards, including the Hoerber Award for Excellence in Research from the Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB), as well as the Woodyard International Educator Award and the Docking Young Faculty Scholar Award from the University of Kansas. She is an Associate Editor and Editorial Board member of the American Journal of Comparative Law, a member of the Executive Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL), and a Fellow of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Public Intellectuals Program. She has also served as a Research Fellow of the International Institute of Green Finance (IIGF) at the Central University of Finance and Economics (CUFE) in Beijing and as a visiting scholar at Zhejiang University and Sun Yat-Sen University.

Prof Michael TSIMPLIS

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Michael Tsimplis is a Professor at the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong since 2018. He studied Physics at the National University of Athens (Greece) and obtained PhD in Physical Oceanography at the University of Southampton and an LL.M. Maritime Law from the same university. He worked for the Natural Environment Research Council as a Higher Scientific Officer and then for the University of Southampton in various roles between 1995-2018. He was the Director of the Southampton Institute of Maritime Law between 2014-2017 and the Deputy Director of the Southampton Marine and Maritime Institute (an interdisciplinary institution for the period 2017-2018). He has written extensively in maritime law, oceanography, sea level rise and has served in various positions (see https://www.cityu.edu.hk/slwp/people/people_michael_tsimplis.html). He has recently published the book Environmental Norms in Maritime Law. A detailed list of publications can be found at [https://scholars.cityu.edu.hk/en/persons/mikis-tsimplis\(8418e5ab-a28f-49c6-8cb0-bd62443992e6\)/publications.html?page=0](https://scholars.cityu.edu.hk/en/persons/mikis-tsimplis(8418e5ab-a28f-49c6-8cb0-bd62443992e6)/publications.html?page=0).

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Dr. Hao Zhang is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he currently serves as the Deputy Director of the LLM Programme (Energy and Environmental Law). He specialises in energy and climate law, focusing on the legal and regulatory issues surrounding energy decarbonisation and green economic transition. His recent work includes the investigation of the carbon pricing mechanism and its interaction with the electricity market regulation, renewable energy law, as well as law and energy market reform. He has published widely on these issues in law, energy and environmental studies journals, including *Energy Policy*, *Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Law*, and *Journal of World Energy Law and Business*. Dr Zhang has served as an expert and consultant to international organisations, government agencies, and non-government organisations, such as Energy Charter Secretariat, German Environment Agency and Children's Investment Fund Foundation. He is the associate editor of the journal *Climate Law*.