The Development and Regulation of Online Mediation in China and the United States under the COVID-19 Pandemic

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About the Speaker:
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About the Seminar:
The recent COVID-19 crisis has set the stage for a significant increase in the use of online dispute resolution. Under worldwide country lockdown and social distancing orders, behaviours of people have adjusted drastically. Since the pandemic has expanded the uses of online technology in areas such as medicine and distance learning, online dispute resolution has also received unprecedented interest and attention in different jurisdictions. In recent years, there is a trend that online mediation becomes one of the major forms of online dispute resolution mechanisms used by parties to resolve disputes.

With the surge of interests in online mediation across jurisdictions, it is particularly interested in exploring two different development paths of online mediation post-COVID-19 in China and the United States, the world’s two largest economies in detail. In the seminar, the speaker will investigate two different development paths of online mediation in the post-COVID-19 era taken in China and the United States. The seminar is based on a paper co-authored by the speaker with Prof. Carrie Shang and Dr. Wenli Guo.

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