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Navigating the
current
International
Legal Order

7 DECEMBER 2023 (THU)
09:00 – 16:00
Ballroom, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

International Rule of Law is a *sine qua non* of international cooperation and transaction of cross-border business. An effective international legal order promotes assessment and foreseeability of legal consequences of an act or omission, and they are two important elements of the rule of law. The preservation of it is even more important in the current troubled world.

Esteemed stakeholders from the legal, academic and business sectors will be gathered in this Colloquium to discuss what an effective international legal order should encompass and how it is to be maintained and strengthened.

In Panel (I), we examine how the international legal order bridges international business opportunities and how the threats are tackled. In Panel (II), we focus on regional cooperation which supplements and strengthens the international legal order for peaceful coexistence.



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English
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TIME	PROGRAMME
WELCOME MESSAGES	
09:00–09:05	Anthony NEOH SC JP Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law
09:05–09:10	HUANG Jin President, Chinese Society of International Law
OPENING ADDRESSES	
09:10–09:20	LEE Ka-chiu John GBM SBS PDSM PMSM Chief Executive, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China
09:20–09:30	Representative, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
KEYNOTE SPEECHES	
09:30–09:45	MA Xinmin [TBC] Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China
09:45–10:00	Christophe BERNASCONI Secretary General, The Hague Conference on Private International Law
10:00–10:30	BREAK
PANEL (I) INTERNATIONAL TRADE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
10:30–12:00	<p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TSANG On-yip Patrick BBS Chief Executive Officer & Director, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited</p> <p><u>Panellists</u> (listed in alphabetical order)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hans Michael JEBSEN BBS Chairman, Jebsen Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan MUNRO Registered Foreign Lawyer, K&L Gates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anthony NEOH SC JP Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>

12:00–13:30

LUNCHEON

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

13:30–13:45

LAM Ting-kwok Paul SBS SC JP

Secretary for Justice, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

13:45–14:00

Jean-Marc THOUVENIN

Secretary-General, The Hague Academy of International Law

PANEL (II)

HARMONIOUS REGIONAL COOPERATION: RULES OF CONDUCT

14:00–15:30

Moderator

Anthony CARTY

Visiting Professor, Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of Peking University

Panellists (listed in alphabetical order)

Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ

Rector, African Institute of International Law

SUN Jin

Director-General, International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office

WU Shicun

Chairman of the Board of Directors, China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

Q & A

CLOSING REMARKS

15:30–15:50

Teresa CHENG GBM GBS SC JP

Founder Member & Co-Chairman, Asian Academy of International Law

SPEAKERS

(Listed in order of appearance)



Anthony NEOH SC JP

Co-Chairman
Asian Academy of International Law

Dr Anthony Neoh is a senior member of the Hong Kong Bar specialising in international litigation, arbitration and financial regulatory matters. In 1979, he commenced practice at the Hong Kong Bar after serving for 13 years in the Hong Kong Civil Service. From 1991 to 1994, he was a member of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Council and its Listing Committee, and chaired its Disciplinary Committee and Debt Securities Group, and was Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Hong Kong and China Listing Working Group. He was the chief architect of the legal structure for the listing of Chinese enterprises in Hong Kong. He is former Chairman of the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission from 1995 to 1998; during this time, he was the first Asian to be elected Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. From 1999 to 2004, he was Chief Advisor of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, at the personal invitation of former Premier Zhu Rongji. Dr Neoh was appointed as Chairman of the Hong Kong Independent Police Complaints Council from June 2018 to May 2021. He was the Convenor of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) Expert Group on the Finance Academy and now serves as Member of the HKMA Preparatory Committee for the Finance Academy. He is also the Co-Chairman of 2018 B20 Financing Growth and Infrastructure Task Force, and Co-Chairman of The China Securitization Forum.



HUANG Jin

President
Chinese Society of International Law

Professor Huang Jin has got a Doctor of Law degree at Wuhan University and doctorat honoris causa at the Université de Montréal in Canada. He is currently Professor of Law at China University of Political Science and Law; he also serves as Vice President of China Society of Law, President of Chinese Society of International Law, President of China Society of Private International Law, and Vice Chairman of China Foundation for Human Rights Development. He is a member of International Commercial Expert Committee of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, a member of Permanent Court of Arbitration, and Vice President of the World Jurist Association. He was former Vice President of Wuhan University and President of China University of Political Science and Law. In 1995, he was awarded 'Top Ten Outstanding Young Jurists' by the China Society of Law.



LEE Ka-chiu John GBM SBS PDSM PMSM

Chief Executive
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Mr John Lee joined the Hong Kong Police Force in 1977 as a Probationary Inspector of Police and was promoted to Deputy Commissioner of Police in 2010. He served in a variety of posts in the Force, including Assistant Commissioner (Crime), Director of Crime and Security and Deputy Commissioner (Management). He holds a Master's degree of Public Policy and Administration from Charles Sturt University in Australia. Mr Lee was appointed Under Secretary for Security in 2012 and Secretary for Security in 2017. During his service in the Security Bureau, he was responsible for the formulation of security policies covering law and order, immigration and customs control, fire and emergency rescue services, correctional services, government flying services and other areas. He also oversaw and coordinated the work of six disciplined services departments and two auxiliary forces under the Bureau. Mr Lee was appointed Chief Secretary for Administration in 2021. Apart from assisting the Chief Executive in policy administration, Mr Lee was also responsible for supervising the work of nine policy bureaux, harmonising the work which straddled across different bureaux and departments, as well as promoting a good relationship between the Executive Authorities and the Legislature. Mr Lee won the Chief Executive Election of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 8 May 2022 and was appointed as the sixth-term Chief Executive by the Central People's Government on 20 May 2022. Mr Lee assumed office on 1 July 2022.



MA Xinmin

Director-General

Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

Ambassador Ma Xinmin took up his duty as the Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in December 2022. Mr Ma was most recently Ambassador of China to Sudan from January 2019 to December 2022. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993 and has extensive experience in different posts including the Department of Treaty and Law of the MFA, the Chinese Embassy in the United States, the Chinese Representative Office of the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, the Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hong Kong and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong. Mr Ma has long been committed to international law and constitutional law affairs. He was deeply involved in the legal arrangement consultations for Hong Kong's return to the motherland and led dozens of delegations to participate in international treaty negotiations and international conferences. He represented China in delivering oral statement at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in the Climate Change Advisory Proceedings, which was China's first appearance before the ITLOS. He is well grounded in profound theories and has rich practical experience in the fields of public international law, the law of the sea, and legal affairs related to Hong Kong and Macao. Mr Ma holds a Master in International Law from China University of Political Science and Law as well as a LL.B. and a LL.M. in Common Law from the University of Hong Kong.



Christophe BERNASCONI

Secretary General

The Hague Conference on Private International Law

Dr Bernasconi took the office of Secretary General of The Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) on 1 July 2013. In 2018, he was reappointed for a further term of five years; in 2023, he was appointed for another five-year term (effective 1 July). Dr Bernasconi had joined the Permanent Bureau (PB) in September 1997 and became Deputy Secretary General in July 2011. He holds a law degree from Fribourg University in Switzerland (*magna cum laude*; bilingual in German and French), an LL.M. degree in Comparative Law from McGill University in Montreal, Canada (concentration on International Commercial Law, with a Master's thesis on oligopolies in unfair competition law), and a doctoral degree in Private International Law from Fribourg University (*summa cum laude*). He has been actively involved in numerous normative projects and non-normative activities of the HCCH, covering the full range of its mandate, from transnational litigation and apostille, to international family and child protection law, as well as commercial, digital and finance law. He also designed and administered the successful electronic Apostille Programme (e-APP). As Secretary General, he is focusing on the good governance and strategic development of the HCCH, spearheading efforts towards its universality and inclusiveness.



LAM Ting-kwok Paul SBS SC JP

Secretary for Justice

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

Before joining the Government, Mr Lam was a Senior Counsel in private practice specialising in general civil and commercial proceedings, and has passed the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Legal Professional Examination. He was the former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association from 2014 to 2017 and the Chairman from 2017 to 2018. He sat as a Deputy Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong for short periods each year since 2015. He was once enlisted in the Panel of Arbitrators of the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration and the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and was once appointed by the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing as professor. Mr Lam held a number of public service positions, such as Chairman of the Consumer Council, Chairman of the Administrative Appeals Board, Chairman of the Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, and Member of Independent Police Complaints Council.



Jean-Marc THOUVENIN

Secretary-General
The Hague Academy of International Law

Professor Thouvenin is Secretary-General of The Hague Academy of International Law since 2017, and Associate Member of the Institut de Droit International since 2019. He teaches at the Université Paris-Nanterre. He is a member of the Board and former Secretary-General of the French Society for International Law and former Director of the Center for International Law of his University. He is a member of the American Society of International Law and International Law Association. He is a member of the editorial board of different law reviews, including *Annuaire Français de Droit International*. Also, as Partner in the Law Firm SYGNA PARTNERS, he has appeared as counsel and advocate in a number of cases before the International Court of Justice, the ITLOS (International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea), the PCA (Permanent Court of Arbitration), the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the European Court of Justice.



Teresa CHENG GBM GBS SC JP

Founder Member and Co-Chairman
Asian Academy of International Law

Teresa Cheng is a Senior Counsel, Chartered Engineer, Chartered Arbitrator and Accredited Mediator, with a distinguished record of public service in the Hong Kong SAR. From January 2018 to June 2022, Ms Cheng was the Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR. Ms Cheng specialises in a wide range of legal areas, including construction, international commercial contracts and investment arbitration, and is an experienced practitioner in international arbitration and mediation. She is frequently engaged as counsel or arbitrator in complex international commercial/investment disputes. She is one of the Founder Members of the Asian Academy of International Law, Past Vice President of the International Council of Commercial Arbitration, Past Vice President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration, and Past Chairperson of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre. In 2008, she became the first Asian woman elected through a global election as President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She served as Deputy Judge/Recorder in the High Court of Hong Kong from 2011 to 2017, and she was also a member of the World Bank's Sanctions Board. Ms Cheng is a Fellow of King's College in London, and she established the International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement Course at the Law School of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and is an Adjunct Professor as well as the Course Director.

PANELLISTS

(Listed in alphabetical order)



Anthony CARTY

Visiting Professor
Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of Peking University

Professor Anthony Carty is Emeritus Professor at the School of Law of Beijing Institute of Technology. He was previously Professor of Law at Tsinghua University, The University of Hong Kong and University of Aberdeen. He was also Visiting Professor at Universities of Paris I and II, Freie Universität Berlin and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. He authored *The Decay of International Law* (1986, reprinted in 2019 with a new introduction) and *Philosophy of International Law* (2007), and also co-edited with Janne Nijman a book titled *Morality and Responsibility of Rulers: European and Chinese Origins of a Rule of Law as Justice for World Order* (2018).



Hans Michael JEBSEN BBS

Chairman
Jebsen Group

Hans Michael Jebsen BBS is the Chairman of Jebsen Group. He is Non-Executive Director at Jebsen & Jessen Group, Jebsen & Jessen Hamburg, and The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd. Dedicated to community work, Mr Jebsen is Chairman of the Hong Kong-Europe Business Council, Chairman of the Corporate Advisory Board of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Business School, a Member of the Board of Trustees of Asia Society Hong Kong, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Cultural Council, Trustee of the World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong, and Co-founder of the Asian Academy of International Law. Mr Jebsen took part in various government advisory councils, including the Advisory Council on the Environment of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR from 2009 to 2012 and the Council for Sustainable Development of the Government of the Hong Kong SAR from 2003 to 2009. He also served as the Municipal Economic Advisor of the People's Government of Jilin City as well as Committee Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Committee of Jilin City from 2005 to 2010. Mr Jebsen has been recognised for his contributions with numerous awards, including the title of Guangzhou Honorary Citizen in 2021, the Kammerherre by H.M. The Queen of Denmark in 2020, Knight 1st Class of the Order of Dannebrog in 2014, and the Blanchette Hooker Rockefeller Award in 2018.



Susan MUNRO

Registered Foreign Lawyer
K&L Gates

Susan Munro has represented clients in connection with matters relating to investments, commercial contracts, regulatory compliance, investigations, and disputes in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and more broadly the Asian region for more than 25 years. From 1997 until 2001, she practised as a barrister in Hong Kong. From 2001 to 2010, she was based in Shanghai with a US law firm, where she worked on disputes, investments and US Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice and internal investigations in the pharmaceutical, medical devices, alternative energy, financial services, and other industries. From 2010 to 2020, she was based in Beijing, where she headed up the office of a US law firm and represented Chinese State-owned enterprises, financial institutions, US listed companies, and a large global investment fund in relation to investments, international regulatory compliance, cybersecurity and data privacy, investigations, and cross-border disputes.



Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ

Rector
African Institute of International Law

Justice Fatsah Ougurgouz is an independent international arbitrator and Rector of the African Institute of International Law (Arusha, Tanzania); he is an Associate of the Institut de Droit International. He served as Judge and Vice-President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, chaired the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi established by the United Nations Human Rights Council, and was Secretary of the International Court of Justice. He holds a Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva) and taught public international law at various universities. Justice Ougurgouz is notably Member of the International Commercial Expert Committee of the China International Commercial Court of the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China (Beijing), the Expert Committee of the Xiamen International Commercial Tribunal, and the Consultative Committee of Beihai Asia International Arbitration Centre (Singapore). He is also Member of the panel of arbitrators of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (also known as South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission), South China International Arbitration Center (HK) (SCIAHK) and Energy Disputes Arbitration Centre (EDAC in Ankara).



SUN Jin

Director-General
International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office

Dr Sun Jin obtained a Bachelor of Laws from the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University in 1993, and then a Master of Laws (Private International Law) and a Doctoral degree (on-the-job) from the same institute. Dr Sun obtained a Master of Laws (International and Comparative Law) from the University of Melbourne in 2008.

Dr Sun has served in different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (MFA) since 1996, including the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Treaty and Law, the Special Representative on Climate Change Negotiation Deputy of the MFA, and the Deputy Director-General at the Department of International Cooperation at the International Cooperation Bureau of the Supreme People's Court (temporary position). Over the years, Dr Sun has led Chinese delegations to participate in numerous bilateral and multilateral treaty negotiations and international conferences. Since February 2023, Dr Sun has been appointed as Director-General of the International Organization for Mediation Preparatory Office.

Dr Sun obtained the National Lawyer's Qualification in 1994, and became an arbitrator of the 6th Beijing International Arbitration Center in 2017. In addition to serving as an adjunct professor at the Law School of Wuhan University, Dr Sun has also been a governing council member of the Institute of International Law of Wuhan University since 2018. Dr Sun has published a lot of books and articles over the years, including 'The Hague Judgments Convention and How We Negotiated It' and 'On Building China's Comprehensive Investment Treaty Framework'.



TSANG On-yip Patrick BBS

Chief Executive Officer & Director
Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited

Mr Patrick Tsang is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited, the flagship private investment holding company of the Cheng family in Hong Kong. Besides, Mr Tsang is Vice-Chairman and Executive Director of i-CABLE Communications Limited; he is also Executive Director of Melbourne Enterprises Limited and UMP Healthcare Holdings Limited, and Non-Executive Director of Giordano International Limited and SJM Holdings Limited, all of which are listed public companies in Hong Kong. He has over 25 years of experience in international capital markets, and was previously Managing Director, Head of Asia Fixed Income Capital Markets at Hong Kong Branch of Deutsche Bank AG, where he worked from 2003 to 2012. Mr Tsang obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Columbia College of Columbia University in the City of New York.



WU Shicun

Chairman of the Board of Directors
China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea

Dr Wu Shicun is Chairman of the board of directors of the China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea, Chairman of Huayang Center for Maritime Cooperation and Ocean Governance, and Founding President and Chairman of the academic committee of China's National Institute for South China Sea Studies. He also serves as Chairman of the advisory board of Institute for China-America Studies, Member of Academic Committee of Center for International Security and Strategy at Tsinghua University, Adjunct Professor of Nanjing University, and Chair Professor of Xiamen University. Dr Wu has a Ph.D. in history. His research interests cover the South China Sea issue, maritime delimitation, maritime economy, international relations and regional security. Dr Wu has published widely in academic journals on South China Sea, regional security issues, international relations and the development of Hainan Free Trade Port.