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**DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE**

I was appointed as the AIIFL Director on 1 July 2015 taking over from Professor Say Goo. AIIFL continues to pursue institutional collaboration in research and related activities on the following areas:

- Competition/Antitrust
- Corporate Law and Governance
- Economic Law and Policy
- Financial Law and Regulation
- Insolvency and Restructuring
- Insurance Law Group
- “One-Belt-One-Road”
- Real Estate Law and Finance
- Taxation

AIIFL established a new Research group “One-Belt-One-Road” led by Professor Say Goo in November 2015, which held its first event in April 2016 namely *The Fourth Cross Strait Financial Law Forum on One Belt One Road and the Opportunities and Challenges for Financial Law*. Most of the speakers came from Mainland China and Taiwan were funded by the China Affairs Office.

An Inaugural Lecture of the AIIFL-Companies Registry Corporate Law and Governance Distinguished Lecture Series was held in February 2016; delivered by Nobel Laureate Professor Eric Maskin of Harvard University. Ms Ada Chung JP, Registrar of the Companies, and Professor Michael Hor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, gave the opening remarks at the Lecture. The Lecture was funded by the Companies Registry, HKSAR. AIIFL also held a wide range of other events including conferences, public lectures and seminars as well as training courses this year, more information can be found in this Report at the “Events” section.

If you would like to know more about AIIFL, please visit [www.AIIFL.com](http://www.AIIFL.com). We look forward to your continued support and would welcome any comments or suggestions regarding the Institute and/or its activities at any time.

Gary Meggitt  
Director  
October 2016
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ACTIVITIES

Training

3-5 June 2016
An Introduction to International Taxation

April-May 2016 and Jun-July 2016
Certificate in Compliance & Risk Management for Private Wealth Management Professionals

16-17 January 2016
Senior Executive Programme Course: Recent Developments in Shipping Law

18 and 25 August 2015
Penetrating into the High Networth Segment and be an Effective Trusted Advisor

Conferences

24-25 June 2016
Integration and Interconnectedness in Global Finance

5-6 May 2016
Conference in Honour of Professor Joseph J. Norton: Innovation in Financial Law and Systems

16-17 April 2016
The Fourth Cross Strait Financial Law Forum: One Belt One Road and the Opportunities and Challenges for Financial Law (第四屆兩岸四地金融法論壇: 一帶一路對金融法帶來的挑戰與機遇)

6 November 2015
Finance in Asia: Regulating Regional Markets

31 October 2015
Renovating the Hong Kong Revenue Regime: The Local, Cross-border and International Contexts

23 October 2015
Unlocking Value in the PRC: Chinese Restructuring and its Cross-Border Implications
Public Lectures and Seminars

14 June 2016
Seminar “Implementation of the Competition Ordinance in Hong Kong”
Rose Webb, Chief Executive Officer, Competition Commission

7 June 2016
TLRP/AIIFL Seminar “Are Trusts Still a Strategic Investment Vehicle for Clients?”
Sarah Hinchliffe, Visiting Professor, College of William and Mary Mason School of Business

2 June 2016
AIIFL, TRS and Asia-Pacific Structured Finance Association (APSA) jointly organized The 14th AIIFL Distinguished Public Lecture “Securitisation and Post-Crisis Financial Regulation”
Professor Steven L Schwarz, Stanley A. Star Professor of Law & Business, Duke University School of Law

29 April 2016
Land Conversations “The Family Home and the Common Intention Constructive Trust”
Professor Michael Lower, Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Studies) and the LLB Programme Director, Faculty of Law, CUHK

15 April 2016
AIIFL and TRS Seminar “Stock Exchange Competition in the PRC”
Professor Jing Leng, Professor of Law, East China University of Political Science and Law

1 April 2016
TLRP/AIIFL and CUHK Faculty of Law’s Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development Seminar “Tax Concessions Granted to Charities – an International Comparison”
Dr Fiona Martin, School of Taxation and Business Law, UNSW, Sydney

31 March 2016
AIIFL and TRS Seminar “The Promise and Perils of Crowdfunding”
Professor John Armour, Hogan Lovells Professor of Law and Finance, University of Oxford

23 March 2016
TLRP/AIIFL Seminar “Transnational Tax Law: Fiction or Reality, Future or Now?”
Professor Miranda Stewart, Director, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, The Australian National University

21 March 2016
AIIFL and CUHK Faculty of Law’s Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development Seminar “The German Law on Conversions – Principles and Experiences after 20 Years”
Professor Dr Ruediger Veil, Alfried Krupp-Chair for Civil Law, German and International Business and Corporate Law, Bucerius Law School, Germany

11 March 2016
AIIFL and TRS Seminar “Getting Back to Basics: What is Financial Regulation Trying Solve For?”
James Shipton, Securities and Futures Commission

22 February 2016
AIIFL-Companies Registry Corporate Law and Governance Distinguished Lecture Series: “Mechanisms for Corporate Decision Making”
Nobel Laureate Professor Eric Maskin, Adams University Professor, Harvard University
25 January 2016
AIIFL and Centre for Chinese Law Seminar “中國農村社區重劃的法律問題和歷程－基於土地政策的研究”
蔡宗翰博士, 北京建築大學 (Dr Zonghan Cai, Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture)

15 January 2016
Land Conversations “Reforming Customary Law applicable to Land”
Professor Michael Palmer, Dean, Shantou University Law School

2 December 2015
TLRP/AIIFL Seminar “The Taxation of Trusts in Hong Kong”
Stefano Mariani, Registered Foreign Lawyer, Deacons, Hong Kong

20 November 2015
Land Conversations “Illegal Structures”
Henry Litton, Honorary Professor, HKU

19 November 2015
AIIFL and Centre for Chinese Law Seminar “Overlapping Jurisdictions and the Resolution of Disputes before Chinese and Foreign Courts”
Professor Vivienne Bath, Director, Centre for Asian and Pacific Law, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney

9 November 2015
AIIFL and TRS Seminar “China’s Shadow Banking Industry and Impact on Capital Markets: Ignoring the Lessons of the Past”
Dr Avnita Lakhani, City University of Hong Kong School of Law

29 October 2015
EAIEL/AIIFL Seminar “An Arbitrator’s Perspective of International Arbitration in Asia”
Professor Leon Trakman, University of New South Wales

28 October 2015
AIIFL and TRS Public Lecture “The Duties of Controlling Shareholders-Complex Relationships, Legal Confusion and New Approaches”
Professor John H Farrar, Emeritus Professor of Law, Bond University

13 October 2015
Professor Dirk Zetzsche, University of Liechtenstein and Professor Douglas W Arner, HKU

8 October 2015
AIIFL and CUHK Faculty of Law’s Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development Seminar “Rethinking Independent Non-Executive Directorships in Hong Kong”
Chee Keong Low, Associate Professor in Corporate Law, CUHK Business School, CUHK

21 September 2015
Professor Jean Jacques du Plessis, Deakin University, Australia
20 August 2015
TLRP/AIIFL Seminar “Tax Hot Topics Affecting Dual Residents”
**Professor Sarah Hinchliffe**, Visiting Professor of Law, College of William and Mary Mason School of Business

10 July 2015
AIIFL and APSA Roundtable Discussion “Should HKEx Allow Weighted Voting Rights?”
**Anthony Neoh, QC, SC; Gerard Fehrenbach**, Acting Secretary General, Asian Corporate Governance Association; **Maurice Ngai**, President of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and **Professor Say Goo**, HKU (Moderator)
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- Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales

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- Institute of European Studies (Macau)
- Peking University
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- National Chengchi University (Taipei)

Europe

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- British Institute of International and Comparative Law (United Kingdom)
- Centre for Commercial Law, University College London (United Kingdom)
- Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London (United Kingdom)
- Global Forum for International Economic Law and Development (United Kingdom)
- Institute of Law, Ethics and Patrimony, University of Paris XI (France)
- Postgraduate Programme in International Business Law, University of Zurich (Switzerland)
- Research Center of Financial Market Law, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

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- Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- CLLC Training Centre Limited
- Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute
- Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong
- Institute for China and Global Development, University of Hong Kong
- Private Wealth Management Association
North America

- Duke University Global Capital Markets Center
- International Law Institute
- Milken Institute
- Pepperdine University School of Law
- SMU Institute of International Banking and Finance
- William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa

International Associations

- Asian Competition Forum
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- International Law Association (London and Hong Kong)
**RESEARCH**

**Competition / Antitrust**

Convenor: Thomas Cheng

Competition law is a relatively new area in Hong Kong. For most of the century-and-a-half history of this bastion of free market economics, the city has done without a competition law. After protracted efforts to lobby the government to introduce competition law and strenuous efforts to hold off resistance from the business community, the Competition Ordinance was adopted on 14 June 2012.

The Faculty of Law has been at the forefront in the development of a competition law expertise in Hong Kong. The Faculty began to acquire competence in the area back in 2006, six years before the Ordinance was passed. The Faculty hired its second academic staff member in the area in 2012, and now possesses the broadest competence in the area among the universities in Hong Kong. The Faculty also offers the most number of courses in the area among the universities in Hong Kong. At the moment, it offers one course on U.S. antitrust law, one course on EU competition law, one course on merger review under U.S. and EU law, and one course on the interface between intellectual property and competition law. In addition to the two full-time academic staff, Thomas Cheng (Associate Professor) and Kelvin Kwok (Assistant Professor), the Faculty regularly invites visitors from abroad to help teach these courses. Visitors have included Professor Mark Furse from the University of Glasgow, Professor Andreas Stephan from the University of East Anglia, Professor Joseph Bauer from the University of Notre Dame, Professor Andreas Kellerhals from the University of Zurich, Professor Rudolph Peritz from New York Law School, and Mr Ken Logan, a former partner at the law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.

Apart from offering the most comprehensive curriculum on competition law in Hong Kong, the Faculty, through AIIFL, has been active in research in the field. Members of AIIFL have been awarded two Public Policy Research (PPR) grants and two General Research Fund (GRF) grant in the area of competition law. Under the “Competition and Environmental Sustainability in Hong Kong’s Energy Market” PPR grant, the investigators examined how the introduction of competition in the electricity market in Hong Kong will affect its environmental performance and concluded that the impact could be adverse. There is thus a need for the government to adopt legislation to ensure the environmental performance of the electricity companies. Under the “Conglomerates and Competition Law Enforcement in Hong Kong” PPR grant, the investigator looks at how the newly adopted Competition Ordinance should address the competition problems caused by the domination of the local economy by conglomerates. Under the “Competition Law in Developing Countries” GRF grant, the investigator studies whether mainstream competition law principles need adaptations to take into account the specific circumstances of developing countries. Most recently, Kelvin Kwok (as PI) and Thomas Cheng (as Co-I) have been awarded the GRF grant to embark on the project titled “Buyer Power under Competition Law: A Theoretical Examination and A Case Study of Hong Kong”.

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**Corporate Law and Corporate Governance**

Convenor: Nigel Davis

Corporate Law and Corporate Governance has been one of the founding areas of research since the establishment of AIIFL. Fellows working in this area have contributed a great deal to the teaching of courses and supervision of PhD research in the area. The current on-going research project is [Enhancing Hong Kong’s Future as a Leading International Financial Centre](#).

There have also been significant publications in the area from Fellows in the form of books, journal articles, Halsbury’s Laws of Hong Kong and other government reports (eg History of Companies Incoporation in Hong Kong, CR, July 2013).
Fellows were also involved in the Rewrite of the Companies Ordinance and the reform and development of Corporate Law and Corporate Governance in Hong Kong, and served on the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform, as well as advisory board of other Centres and editorial board or committee of international journals.

AIIFL and the Companies Registry, HKSAR established the “AIIFL-Companies Registry Corporate Law and Governance Distinguished Lecture Series” in 2015. The Inaugural Lecture entitled “Mechanisms for Corporate Decision Making” was delivered by Nobel Laureate Professor Eric Maskin, Adams University Professor, Harvard University, in February 2016.

East Asian International Economic Law and Policy (EAIEL) Programme
Convenor: Professor C.L. Lim

The East Asian International Economic Law and Policy (EAIEL) Programme was founded in 2003 in order to create a world-leading programme, situated in Hong Kong, on international economic law and policy; particularly with respect to developments in China and the East Asian region. China’s accession in 2001 to the World Trade Organization was a major event and provided the impetus for its establishment.

In its initial years under the leadership of Donald Lewis, Mattheo Bushehri and Henry Gao, the EAIEL Programme focused on two principal areas of activity: (i) academic research on WTO and international economic law and policy concerning China and East Asia; and (ii) training programmes on trade law and policy, principally for governments of the Asia Pacific region under the auspices of the WTO’s Regional Trade Policy Programme in the Asia-Pacific.


Today, EAIEL has a track record not only in scholarship and capacity building but also in its outreach and knowledge-exchange programmes as it seeks to bring greater understanding of contemporary issues not only to local professionals and policy-makers, but also to the broader Hong Kong public, visiting scholars and high officials travelling through Hong Kong, as well as visiting students from outside Hong Kong. In this regard, EAIEL hosts lunch and evening talks on the HKU campus, hosts visiting delegations, and engages the global press on developments in China, Hong Kong and the region.

Conscious of the rapid pace of developments, EAIEL’s talks and research initiatives and the work of its fellows in Hong Kong and abroad continue to evolve; not least in light of China’s and Hong Kong’s roles in the international economic field. EAIEL’s Hong Kong-based scholars and foreign fellows currently work on a variety of subjects. These range from research on ASEAN rules of origin and the ASEAN Economic Community to Hong Kong’s engagement of ASEAN, developments in China’s competition law regime, the emergence of mega-regional economic treaties in the Asia-Pacific, China’s investment treaty negotiations, the growth in East Asian arbitration work and regional and global financial arrangements. In addition to its collaboration with other HKU Law Faculty Centres and Programmes, EAIEL has an interdisciplinary mandate and welcomes collaboration with other HKU faculties, centres and institutes.
Financial Law and Regulation
Convenor: Professor Douglas Arner

Financial law and regulation has been one of AIIFL’s core research areas since its establishment and remains one of its flagship areas of activity. Given Hong Kong’s position as one of the leading international financial centres not only in the Asia-Pacific region but globally, financial law and regulation are central areas of interest to researchers, professionals, policymakers and students, reflected not only in the activities of AIIFL and its fellows as well as in the Faculty’s leading LLM in Corporate and Financial Law Programme.

Since its establishment, AIIFL has striven to maintain its research activities at the cutting edge of issues relating to financial law and regulation in Hong Kong, China, the region and globally. These have taken the form of a number of major research projects, significant publications, an ever-increasing list of conferences and visitors as well as policy advice and training.

Major areas of research include:

- Enhancing Hong Kong’s Future as a Leading International Financial Centre
- FinTech and RegTech
- Debt capital markets development
- Financial liberalisation and restructuring in China
- International financial services regulation
- Financial crises and financial institution insolvency

Please visit AIIFL website at www.AIIFL.com for the details of the research areas.
Looking forward, AIIFL will continue to focus on major issues with respect to global financial markets and their regulation as they change and evolve and continue to host major events and visitors as well as supporting policy reform efforts in Hong Kong, China, the region and around the world.

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Insolvency and Restructuring
Convenor: Dr Emily Lee

In support of development of this area, in 2006-2007, HKU awarded AIIFL and the Faculty of Law a Research Assistant Professorship in Insolvency and Restructuring.

*Insolvency Training and Manuals Project* – Philip Smart and Charles D Booth designed the Diploma Course in Insolvency for the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (now the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants). They also served as Co-directors for the course. Roughly 230 students attended the course.

Stephen Briscoe of Briscoe Wong Ferrier has served as a Co-director for the course since 2002-2003 and Bruno Arboit of Zolfo Cooper has also served as a Co-director since 2003-2004.

Publications

*Hong Kong Personal Insolvency Manual (2nd ed.),* was published in 2010, by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Charles D Booth and Edward Tyler

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The Faculty of Law organized two **Professor Philip St. John Smart Memorial Lecture** in 2012 and 2014. The next Memorial Lecture will be held in November 2016.

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Insurance Law
Convenor: Gary Meggitt

AIIFL has been assisting the Faculty of Law to promote the Insurance Law course to the local practitioners since 2008. The Insurance Law course is one of the subjects in the LLM (Corporate and
Financial Law) Programme. Professor Robert Merkin, QC, Lloyd’s Professor of Commercial Law at the University of Exeter, started teaching the course in 2008 and Associate Professor Gary Meggitt has been co-teaching the course with Professor Merkin since 2009.

The Insurance Law course covers the most important aspects of insurance law, with particular emphasis on the international practice of insurance law. The course is open to local practitioners for enrolment in May/June each year.

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One-Belt-One-Road
Convener: Professor Say Goo

The Fourth Cross Strait Financial Law Forum: One Belt One Road and the Opportunities and Challenges for Financial Law (第四屆兩岸四地金融法論壇：一帶一路對金融法帶來的挑戰與機遇) held on 16-17 April 2016 at the University of Hong Kong

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Real Estate Law and Finance
Convener: Malcolm Merry

Three Land Conversations were organized in 2015-2016:

- **The Family Home and the Common Intention Constructive Trust** by Professor Michael Lower, Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Studies) and the LLB Programme Director, Faculty of Law, CUHK, 29 April 2016
- **Reforming Customary Law applicable to Land** by Professor Michael Palmer, Dean, Shantou University Law School, 15 January 2016
- **Illegal Structures** by Henry Litton, Honorary Professor, HKU, 20 November 2015

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Taxation Law Research Programme (TLRP)
Convener: Professor Richard Cullen

Overview

The Taxation Law Research Programme (TLRP) was established within the HKU Faculty of Law’s Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) in 2007. The Foundation Members of the TLRP were:

- Professor Andrew Halkyard
- Associate Professor Wilson Chow
- Professor Richard Cullen

It is particularly appropriate that the TLRP has been established within the Faculty of Law and based within AIIFL. It was the late Professor Peter Willoughby who established serious academic tax research in Hong Kong, after he commenced work with the Faculty in 1973. Peter is also remembered as a pioneer of legal education in Hong Kong, and is thought of fondly by both colleagues and students. As the University website notes:

> The Peter Willoughby Memorial Fund was established in 2000 to sponsor a memorial lecture in memory of the late Professor Peter Willoughby and his invaluable contribution to the Faculty of Law and legal education in Hong Kong.
The tradition of academic research with respect to Tax Law has remained especially strong within the Faculty for around four decades. Professor Andrew Halkyard has worked in this field in Hong Kong, initially with Peter Willoughby, since 1985 and was a founding author of the Hong Kong Encyclopaedia of Taxation (a looseleaf 4 volume practitioners’ work, with Wilson Chow and Susan Leung until recently when Wilson and Susan, together with Stefano Mariani, took over completely the work upon Andrew’s full retirement). Andrew and Wilson have been active with AIIFL since its foundation in 1999. Other key contributors over the years have been Michael Olesnicky (now with KPMG) and Jeff VanderWolk (now with the OECD), both of whom have written extensively on Hong Kong Tax Law. Michael was with the Faculty from 1982 to 1988. Jeff was with the Faculty from 1991 to 1994. Since its foundation in 1999, AIIFL has hosted a number of academics working on taxation related issues. Taxation law and policy is one of our five core research areas within AIIFL. As one of the leading commercial, corporate and financial law and policy academic research centres in the region, AIIFL is committed to supporting research in taxation law and policy and providing active support for the development of the TLRP.

Objectives

The TLRP has been established:

- To foster research, including comparative research, on Hong Kong, Mainland, Asian and International Taxation Law and related policy areas.
- To explore the Public Law as well as the Private Law dimensions of Tax Policy and operating taxation systems.
- To establish research collaboration links with other taxation research institutes internationally (International Tax Research Network [sponsored by the OECD], Monash University “Taxation Law and Policy Research Institute” (TLPRI) and the School of Taxation and Business Law at UNSW, being examples) and with Universities with which HKU has strong collaborative links in the taxation field including, the University of Western Australia, The National University of Singapore and Kyushu University in Japan.
- To engage in collaborative research projects with staff in other institutions in Hong Kong (and abroad) and with research-minded persons in the private sector.
- To seek funding, as appropriate, through research grants and other sources, to undertake relevant Tax Law research projects.
- To provide public sector, capacity building consultancy services on Tax Policy development and tax system operation.
- To conduct lectures / workshops / seminars / conferences focusing on Tax Law research.
- To run major Tax Law Conferences in Hong Kong on a regular basis.

TLRP Tax Comments (TCC)

TTC was introduced in early 2016 to provide an online publication platform for stimulating Tax Law & Policy articles and notes. TTC publications are added to on an ad hoc basis, as suitable articles or notes come to hand. (TTC is not designed to operate as a regular journal, with regular issues.) Article and notes will be primarily vetted by staff within the TLRP.

Tax Comment No 1: The Making of Tax Law in China – Does It Comply with Rule of Law Principles by Agnes Lee Sui Ping
Tax Comment No 2: Land Revenue and the Chinese Dream by Richard Cullen
Tax Comment No 3: Real Estate Price Inflation: Lessons from Hong Kong by Richard Cullen

The Third TLRP Post-Doctoral Fellow

Dr Jingyi Wang was appointed as the Third TLRP Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF) in PRC Tax in May 2016. Jingyi earned her PhD from King’s College London. She also holds an LLM from King’s College London and an LLB from the East China University of Political Science and Law. Her PhD
thesis, “Regulating transfer pricing of intangibles - a global challenge and implications for China”, considers the difficulties arising from the regulation of the transfer pricing of intangibles for tax purposes and explores the challenges faced by China, as a developing country, in its attempts to integrate OECD principles and practices into existing administrative structures.

Jingyi’s wide research interests include international tax law, PRC tax law, comparative law and policy, administrative law, company law and commercial law. Her latest article “The Chinese approach to transfer pricing: problems faced and paths to improvement” was published in the British Tax Review in 2016. She also has published articles in the Australian Tax Forum, the International Transfer Pricing Journal, and the Company Lawyer, etc.

The First TLRP PDF was Dr Xu, Yan, now Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The Second TLRP PDF was Dr Doreen Qiu, Dongmei, now Assistant Professor, specializing in Taxation Law and Policy at Xiamen University in China.

More information about the TLRP and the full versions of the Tax Comments are available at: http://www.law.hku.hk/aiifl/taxation-law-research-programme-tlrp/
Reconceptualising Global Finance and its Regulation

The book arose from a conference of the same title held in December 2013 at AIIFL and co-hosted by the University of Edinburgh and the University of New South Wales.

Edited by Ross Buckley, Emilios Avgouleas and Douglas Arner, the book brings together contributions from leading scholars and practitioners around the world, addressing key themes of the global financial system and its regulation. The current global financial system may not withstand the next global financial crisis. In order to promote the resilience and stability of our global financial system against future shocks and crises, a fundamental reconceptualisation of financial regulation is necessary. This reconceptualisation must begin with a deep understanding of how today’s financial markets, regulatory initiatives and laws operate and interact at the global level. This book undertakes a comprehensive analysis of such diverse areas as regulation of financial stability, modes of supply of financial services, market infrastructure, fractional reserve banking, modes of production of global regulatory standards and of the pressing need to reform financial sector ethics and culture. Based on this analysis, Reconceptualising Global Finance and its Regulation proposes realistic reform initiatives, which will be of primary interest to regulatory and banking legal practitioners, policy makers, scholars, research students and think tanks.


Financial Markets in Hong Kong (Second Edition)

Since the publication of the first edition in 2006, financial regulation around the world has changed dramatically as a result of the 2008 global financial crisis. As one of the world’s leading financial centres, international regulatory reforms have had a significant impact on the legal and regulatory system in Hong Kong. This new second edition provides a comprehensive and authoritative single-volume guide to the main areas of financial regulation and financial law in Hong Kong.

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- Comprehensive coverage of post-crisis reforms and their implementation in Hong Kong, including Basel III, the new regulatory system for OTC derivatives, regulation of credit rating agencies, the deposit insurance and the proposed resolution framework, the incoming regulatory framework for insurance, and major developments in securities regulation, company law and listing rules.

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