As the spring 2023 semester draws to a close, we thank our alumni, students, faculty, and our Hong Kong and wider arbitration community for their continued support of our program.

The spring 2023 semester saw a bustling, exciting Vis East competition where the HKU moot team participated under the mentorship of our alumni Michael Cap and assisted by Dario Palmiotti and KT and our ICC mediation team supported by Prof. Anselmo Reyes and Sala Sihombing. We completed our regular voices from the community series of talks delivered by prominent arbitration practitioners from Hong Kong and beyond. We hosted a number of webinars by overseas practitioners on pertinent issues of arbitration law.

We have deepened our cooperation with Hong Kong’s flagship arbitral institutions – the HKIAC, CIETAC Hong Kong and ICC – through various events and invited lecturers. Finally, we have seen our students go off on the internships and traineeships they have secured for the summer. With that, as we prepare our fall 2023 semester, we wish our students, alumni, faculty and supporters a restful and adventurous summer and we look forward to welcoming everybody back in September!

Please visit our website to learn more.
**RECENT ACTIVITIES**

**Book Launch: Diversity in International Arbitration: Why it Matters and How to Sustain it**

The LLM Program hosted a book launch of “Diversity in International Arbitration” edited by Shahla F. Ali, Professor and Director, LLM Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Filip Balcerzak, Associate Professor (Research), Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland, Giorgio Fabio Colombo, Professor, Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University, Japan and Joshua Karton, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University, Canada.

**Book publication: Comparative and Transnational Dispute Resolution**

This recently published treatise on comparative and transnational dispute resolution features contributions from: Matthew S. Erie, Michael Palmer, Shahla Ali, Michal Alberstein, Lola Akin Ojelabi, Nadja Alexander, Luiji Cominelli, Eleonora Ciscato, Stefania Lattuille, Xianto Wen, Susan Finder, Xin He, Yang Su, Kwai Hang Ng, and Ling Zhou.

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**Conflict of Laws in International Commercial Arbitration**

Judge Min Kyung Kim delivered a talk on conflict of laws in international commercial arbitration.
Designing Interim Measures Arrangement Between Mainland China and Hong Kong, How Does It Work?

Dr Ling Yang, the HKIAC Deputy Secretary-General and the HKIAC Representative of the Shanghai Office delivered a webinar on the interim measures arrangement between Mainland and Hong Kong.

Voices from the Hong Kong Dispute Resolution Community

Throughout the fall semester 2023, we held our flagship talk series, “Voices from Hong Kong Dispute Resolution Community” featuring Mr. Brad Wang, Professor Dr Francis Law, Ms. Heidi Chui, Mr Eric Ng, and Judge Min Kyung Kim, moderated by our director Prof. Shahla Ali, Saniza Othman, Chair of the LLM ADR Alumni Association and by our deputy executive director Olga Boltenko.

On 30 May 2023, our student Prakritee Yonzon delivered a paper on “Reimagining the BRI narratives in South Asia” at the National University of Singapore, where her paper was commented on by the NUS Professor Sornarajah and by a number of academics from around the region. Prakritee drew inspiration for her paper from one of our elective course “BRI Investment Law” taught by our deputy executive director Olga Boltenko and by Prof. Michael Tam.
A Special Conversation with the President of the ICC Court of International Arbitration

In this interview discussion with Claudia Salomon, on her first visit to Hong Kong to celebrate the occasion of the ICC’s centenary, we will explore the ICC’s initiatives in the Asia Pacific, reflections on the ICC’s centenary and diversity achievements, and developments in the use of technology in arbitration.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Selected Books & Articles

Prakritee Yonzon, PhD candidate

Authored a review of C v. D. in Kluwer Arbitration Blog

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Olga Boltenko, Adjunct Associate Professor

Authored an article in the Hong Kong Lawyer “Shareholders’ panacea: overcoming reflective loss through treaty arbitration”.

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Christopher Seppälä

Authored a book review in the Hong Kong Lawyer “The FIDIC Red Book Contract: An International Clause-by-Clause Commentary” by Christopher Seppälä

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Shahla Ali, Professor and Director

Chapter 1: Introduction: Reaching Sustainable Diversity in International Arbitration [read more]

Introduction: Comparative and Transnational Dispute Resolution [read more]

Fluidity of Culture: Convergence and Informed Divergence in Cross Border Arbitration [read more]

Advancing Research and Practice in the Governance of Dispute Resolution Institutions through Inclusive Devolved Reflection [read more]

Weixia Gu, Associate Professor

Deference from the Foreign Enforcement Courts to Decisions of the Courts of the Seat Confirming An Arbitral Award [read more]

China’s Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Securities Judgments against Overseas-listed Chinese Companies [read more]

Ying Xia, Assistant Professor

Quarantined Judicial Expansion: The Environmental Legal Entrepreneurship of Chinese Courts, Procuratorates, and NGOs [read more]

State-sponsored Activism: How China’s Law Reforms Impact NGOs' Legal Practice Journal: Law & Social Inquiry [read more]

HIGHLIGHTS – Successful completion of PhD thesis

Dr. Wilson Karera and Dr. Law Sau Wai completed their PhD in law at HKU. Wilson's thesis examined “Bilateral Investment Treaties and the Right to Regulate the Environment Friends or Foes: A Case Study of Kenya and Indonesia.”

Samuel focused on “Why Even the Wealthy Don’t Sue: Examining the Suitability of Arbitration for Resolving Private Banking Disputes in Hong Kong from the Client’s Perspective.”
HIGHLIGHTS – Student-Staff-Alumni Networking Event

Our LLM program co-hosted a tea gathering with our Alumni Association to celebrate our Faculty, Students and Alumni. It was a festive opportunity to re-connect with old and new friends. Students and Alumni are welcome to join the alumni association by contacting Tammy or Saniza.

HIGHLIGHTS – HKU Vis East Moot Team and its Coach and Supporters

Our HKU VIS East Moot Coach Michael Cap (centre right) and his 2023 team: Kai Tik Au Yeung, Geoffrey Mengzhen Li, Hannah Homma TONG, Echo Nuoxuan CHENG, Michael Yiu Hei SO, Matt Chun Ho KWOK, at Ocean Park Marriott Hotel, Hong Kong – Gala Awards Dinner. Our team advanced victoriously through four intense general rounds and proceeded to the 32 elimination rounds. This marks a notable achievement for the team who were able to showcase their advocacy skills. The team gave way to the National Law School of India, who was later awarded the 1st Runner-up of the competition.

Congratulations to the team and to the coach!

ICC International Mediation Moot

Congratulations to the team which performed well and ranked 10th among 48 teams and received wins for all of its mediation plans and 5 wins and 1 loss for its mediation sessions.

(from left to right)
Chen Yung Mark (BBA&LLB 5)
Yu Sheung Him Ambrose (BBA&LLB 5)
Chan Wing Hei Winsome (BBA&LLB 5)
Ms Sala Sihombing (coach)

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