

HCCH ROAP WEBINAR

HCCH 2019 Judgments Convention

Bridging Global Justice

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Host

Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH)
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Moderator

Professor Yun ZHAO

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Draft Programme

16:00 – 16:10	Welcome Remarks	by Dr. Christophe BERNASCONI <i>Secretary General of the HCCH</i>
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16:10 – 16:25	Overview of the 2019 Judgments Convention	by Ms. Melissa FORD <i>Secretary, Permanent Bureau of the HCCH</i>
16:25 – 16:45	Major Issues and Key Features of the Judgments Convention and China's Role	by Professor Guojian XU <i>Distinguished Dean & Professor, School of International Law, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law</i>
16:45 – 17:00	The Application of the Judgments Convention in the EU and Poland	by Dr. Jacek KOZIKOWSKI <i>Managing Partner, Kozikowski & Partners sp.k.</i>
17:00 – 17:15	The Importance of the Judgments Convention for Indonesia	by Professor Afifah KUSUMADARA <i>Brawijaya University, Indonesia</i>
17:15 – 17:25	Comments, Q&A Session	
17:25 – 17:30	Concluding Remarks	by Professor Yun ZHAO <i>Representative of the HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)</i>

*If you have any inquiries about the programme, guest speakers or theme content, please kindly send an email to **Mr. Junbo SONG, Legal Officer of the HCCH ROAP: sj@hcch.net**.*

Speaker

Dr. Christophe BERNASCONI *Secretary General, HCCH*



Dr. Christophe BERNASCONI took the office of Secretary General of the HCCH on 1 July 2013. In 2018 and 2023, he was reappointed as Secretary General, with each reappointment being for a period of five years. Dr. Bernasconi had joined the Permanent Bureau (the Secretariat of the HCCH) in September 1997 as Secretary, became First Secretary in May 2000, and Deputy Secretary General in July 2011. He holds a law degree from Fribourg University in Switzerland (*magna cum laude*; bilingual German and French), an LL.M. degree in comparative law from McGill University in Montreal (Canada), and a doctoral degree in Private International Law from Fribourg University (Dr iur. utr.; *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 legal cooperation, to international family and child protection law, as well as commercial and finance law. As Secretary General, he is focusing on the good governance and strategic development of the HCCH, spearheading efforts towards its universality and inclusiveness.

Speaker

Ms. Melissa FORD

Secretary, Permanent Bureau of the HCCH



Ms. Melissa FORD joined the Permanent Bureau in October 2022 as Secretary of the Transnational Litigation and Apostille Division. Melissa has primary responsibility at the Permanent Bureau for the 1961 Apostille Convention, 1965 Service Convention, 1970 Evidence Convention, 2005 Choice of Court Convention and the 2019 Judgments Convention. Melissa also has responsibility for the ongoing work of the Jurisdiction Project.

Prior to joining the Permanent Bureau, Melissa was a Principal Legal Officer in the Australian Government where she was Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Attorney-General's Department. Before taking up that role, Melissa was the Director of the Private International & Commercial Law Section of the Attorney-General's Department. This Section is the National Organ to the HCCH, the Central Authority for the 1965 Service and 1970 Evidence Conventions, and responsible for work relating to the 2005 Choice of Court and 2019 Judgments Conventions. Melissa was a delegate at various HCCH meetings, including the Council on General Affairs and Policy, Special Commissions, and the 2019 Diplomatic Session. Melissa has also worked across a range of policy and legal areas, including Commonwealth criminal law reform and policy, personal property securities, personal insolvency legislative reform and policy, international legal assistance, mutual assistance in criminal matters and international extradition.

Speaker

Professor. Guojian XU

Distinguished Dean & Professor, School of International Law, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law;

Senior Partner, SGLA Law Firm, Shanghai



Professor Xu studied law in China, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Germany, concluding his doctoral studies at the University of Hamburg; he was awarded the title Dr. Juris in 1994.

Professor Xu is an expert in the settlement of international commercial disputes. As counsel and arbitrator, he has participated in the settlement of hundreds of commercial dispute cases. He participated in the 20th Diplomatic Session of the Hague Conference of Private International Law as a member of the Chinese delegation to negotiate and adopt the 2005 Hague Convention on the Agreement on Choice of Courts. Furthermore, he was a delegate of China in four Special Commission meetings in 2016, 2017 and 2018 and the 22nd Diplomatic Session of the Hague Conference of Private International Law in 2019, to draft and adopt the 2019 Hague Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Civil and Commercial Judgments.

Professor Xu is a vice-president of the China Society of Private International Law, a member of the Administrative Review Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government and Distinguished Dean of the School of International Law of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law. He is also an arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission ("CIETAC"), the Shanghai International Arbitration Center ("SHIAC") and the arbitration commissions of cities including Shanghai, Hangzhou and Shenyang. Professor Xu is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, German and English.

Speaker

Dr. Jacek KOZIKOWSKI

Managing Partner, Kozikowski & Partners sp.k.



Jacek Kozikowski, PhD is a managing partner at a law firm Kozikowski & Partners sp.k. specializing in legal services for construction projects in the fields of industrial, infrastructure, and energy. Jacek has extensive experience in managing complex construction processes for both investors and general contractors. Jacek has advised on selecting the appropriate structure for contracting services and contractors for a given project, acquiring necessary administrative permits for investment implementation, and preparing and negotiating contracts with all participants of the construction process including EPC. His practice combines deep legal expertise with practical knowledge of the construction industry, allowing for strategic and business-oriented legal support throughout the entire project lifecycle.

Jacek has participated in numerous international speaking engagements, including conferences and expert panels in Poland, Japan and Hong Kong, where he shared insights on international investment and dispute resolution.

Jacek completed a five-year scholarship program at Nagoya University (名古屋大学) in Japan, where, as part of the Cross-Border Legal Institution Design program, he prepared and successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in the field of international investment law.

Speaker



Professor Afifah KUSUMADARA

Professor, the Faculty of Law, Brawijaya University, Indonesia

Afifah KUSUMADARA is a professor in private international law. She is teaching at the Faculty of Law, Brawijaya University, Indonesia. In addition to private international law, her expertise includes intellectual property law, commercial law, and contract.

She obtained her Doctoral degree from the Faculty of Law, Sydney University and LL.M. degree from the American University, in Washington DC.

She is involved in preparing the Draft Bill of Indonesian Private International Law and works together with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop the Indonesian international civil procedure.

Her research focuses on the development of Indonesian Private International Law. Her most recent publications in 2021 are a book titled 'Indonesian Private International Law' and a book chapter in 'Direct Jurisdiction', under the series of 'Studies in Private International Law in Asia'.

Moderator

Professor Yun ZHAO

Representative, the HCCH Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ROAP)



Professor Yun ZHAO is Representative of Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific of the Hague Conference on Private International Law. He also serves as Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Associate Dean (Mainland Affairs), Faculty of Law at The University of Hong Kong (HKU). He obtained his PhD degree from Erasmus University Rotterdam, LLM degree from Leiden University, and LLM & LLB degrees from China University of Political Science and Law. Professor ZHAO is currently a Standing Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Law, Council Member of Zhuhai International Court of Arbitration, and Chair Professor at Xiamen University. Professor ZHAO is listed as arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He is also a founding Council Member of the Hong Kong Internet Forum, Director of the International Institute of Space Law, a member of the Asia Pacific Law Association and the Beijing International Law Society. He has published widely on various topics including particularly Space Law and Dispute Resolution.