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7-9 September 2026, Barcelona

Conference Programme

Disclaimer: The organisers reserve the right to move panels to different times, change the order of speakers within panels, and change venues if necessary. As much notice as possible will be given of any changes.

Venue: University of Barcelona (UB), Faculty of Law, Av. Diagonal, 684, Barcelona

7 September 2026

09:00-09:30 Conference Registration (Lobby)

09:30-10:00 Welcome Address (Aula Magna)

- Andreu Olesti (Dean, School of Law, University of Barcelona)
- José Pintor Aguilar (Director, Casa Asia)
- Björn Ahl (President, European China Law Studies Association)

10:00-10:35 Keynote Speech Susan Trevaskes (Griffith University), chaired by Monika Prusinowska (University of Barcelona)

10:35-10:55 Coffee Break

Parallel sessions:

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10:55–12:30 Panels ONE

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 1: Climate Policy and Environmental Governance	Panel 2: Legal Frameworks for AI	Panel 3: Criminal Law and Penal Governance	Panel 4: Socialist Core Values in Chinese Courts: Law, Ideology, and Adjudication

12:40–14:15 Panels TWO

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 5: China and the International Legal Order	Panel 6: Human Rights Protection and Global Discourses	Panel 7: Courts and Judicial Practice in China (I)	Panel 8: Labor Law and Governance

14:15-15:25 Lunch break

15:25–17:00 Panels THREE

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 9: The State-Society Nexus: Law, Governance, and Social Policy in China	Panel 10: Legal and Economic Issues in International Trade	Panel 11: Environmental and Climate Law	Panel 12: Book Presentation: China's "Autonomous" Cities: The Constitution and Reconstruction of Hong Kong and Macau

18:00–20:00 Welcome Reception: Historic Building of the University of Barcelona (Edifici Històric, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, Claustro)

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09:00–10:20 Panels FOUR

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 13: Legal and Economic Issues in International Trade and Investment	Panel 16: Legal History	Panel 15: Chinese Commercial Law and Practice	Panel 14: Chinese Constitutionalism

10:20-10:40 Coffee break

10:40–12:15 Panels FIVE

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
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Panel 17: AI and Cybersecurity Governance	Panel 18: International Investment Law	Panel 19: Civil Code and Property Law	Panel 20: The Fourth Amendment to China's Criminal Procedure Law: Expectations of Domestic and International Scholars
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12:25–14:00 Panels SIX

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 21: Developments in Corporate Law and ESG Frameworks	Panel 22: Courts and Judicial Practice in China (II)	Panel 24: Gender, Sexuality, and Family Law in China	Panel 27: Frontiers in Chinese Public Law: Theories and Practices

14:00-15:15 Lunch break

15:15–16:50 Panels SEVEN

Room D101	Room D102	Room D103	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 23: Corporate Law and Market Regulation	Panel 25: Digital Economy and Data Governance	Panel 26: Environmental Law and Sustainable Development	Panel 28: Security and Justice in China in 2026

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09:00–10:30 Panels EIGHT

Room D101	Room D102	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 29: Legal Perspectives on Hong Kong and Taiwan	Panel 32: China and Global Economic Governance	Panel 30: Governing Artificial Intelligence through Technical Standards: Legality, Normativity, and Implementation in China

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45–12:15 Panels NINE

Room D101	Room D102	Aula Font i Rius
Panel 33: Competition Law	Panel 34: Digital Law in China	Panel 35: Sino-foreign Legal Exchanges

12:20-12:40 Concluding remarks (Aula Magna)

12:40-14:00 – ECLS General Assembly Meeting (Aula Magna)

Panel 1: Climate Policy and Environmental Governance

Chair: Mar Campins Eritja (University of Barcelona)

- **Hermann Aubié** (University of Eastern Finland) – *Between Policy and Code: Assessing the Deepening Integration of China's Climate and Air Quality Governance*
- **Hao Zhang** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *Divergent Pathways, Shared Instruments: Supply-Chain Climate Governance in the EU and China*
- **Mingqing You** and **Yuwei Zhang** (Zhongnan University of Economics and Law) – *The Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement: Mapping the Knowledge-Belief-Action Dynamics of Informational Climate Governance*
- **Jing Wu** (KU Leuven) – *China's International Climate Obligations in Light of the Evolving Interpretation of the CBDR-RC Principle*
- **Yaxing Xu** (University College Cork) – *China's Strategic Choice in the Stalemated Global Plastics Treaty Negotiations: From Position-Taking to Framework Embedding - A Metabolic Justice Perspective*

Panel 2: Legal Frameworks for AI

Chair: Rogier Creemers (Leiden University)

- **Zhuoming Xu** (Beijing Institute of Technology) – *Navigating the Regulatory Dichotomy: Copyrightability, Platform Liability, and China's Dual-Track Governance of Generative AI*
- **Yujing Lin** (Beijing Normal University) – *Regulating AI Performance Claims in China: A Relational Approach to Advertising Truthfulness*
- **Zhiyun Lin** (University of Bologna) – *The Manipulation Problem in Companion AI: Regulatory Capacity, Emotional Vulnerability, and the Structural Limits of the EU AI Act and China's Generative AI Governance*
- **Xiaoxu Wang** (University of Groningen) – *Applicable Law for Cross-Border Harm Caused by AI-Driven Automated Decision Making: A Comparative Study of Conflict of Laws in China and the European Union*

Panel 3: Criminal Law and Penal Governance

Chair: Víctor Gómez Martín (University of Barcelona)

- **Michelle Miao** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *The Politics of Error*
- **Shuyu Chu** (NYU School of Law) – *Anti-Corruption as Disciplinary Infrastructure in China*
- **Yulun Wu** (University of Cologne) – *The Paradox of Leniency in Chinese Misdemeanor Governance: Legal Rights and Penal Power*

- **Jianing Geng** (China University of Political Science and Law) – *Corporate Inherent Criminal Liability in China*
- **Adrián Agenjo Aguado** (University of Barcelona) – *Neutral Conduct in Chinese, Spanish and German Criminal Law: Common General-Part Structures*

Panel 4: Socialist Core Values in Chinese Courts: Law, Ideology, and Adjudication

Chair: Zhu Guobin (City University of Hong Kong)

- **Hannah Klöber** and **Daniel Sprick** (University of Cologne) – *Double Penumbra: Socialist Core Values and the Layered Indeterminacy of Chinese Law*
- **Björn Ahl** (University of Cologne), **Zihao Sun** (East China University of Political Science and Law) – *How the Supreme People's Court Implements Socialist Core Values throughout the Chinese Judiciary*
- **Anna Maria Rizzo** (University of Silesia in Katowice) – *Enshrining Equality: Core Socialist Values, Gender Equality, and Law*
- **Fan Yang** (University of Cologne) – *The Operationalization of Xiao / Filial Piety in Chinese Court Judgments*
- **Zezi Chen** (University of Cologne) – *The New Chunqiu Adjudication: The Judicialization of Socialist Core Values in China*

Panel 5: China and the International Legal Order

Chair: Larry Catá Backer (Pennsylvania State University)

- **Samuli Seppänen** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *Chinese Legal Ideology versus Global Illiberalism*
- **Enrico Toti** (Roma Tre Law School) – *China in the International Legal Order. Formal Convergence and Substantive Divergence?*
- **Mauro Barelli** (City St George's, University of London) – *China, Mediation and International Security*
- **Marta Ferdebar** (Yenching Academy of Peking University) – *China's Legal Positioning on Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Through UN General Assembly First Committee Voting*

Panel 6: Human Rights Protection and Global Discourses

Chair: Jaume Saura Estapà (University of Barcelona)

- **Kathrin Rau** (University of Cologne) – *Rethinking Human Rights? China's Approach and the Transformation of International Human Rights Discourse*
- **David Garciandia Igal** (University of Oxford) – *The EU's Influence on Human Rights Law in China*

- **Eva Pils** (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg) – *Towards an Ethics of Resistance to Autocracy: Lessons from China*

Panel 7: Courts and Judicial Practice in China (I)

Chair: Shi Zehua (Wuhan University)

- **Benjamin Liebman** (Columbia Law School) – *The Rise and Fall of Judicial Transparency in China*
- **Xiqiao Yu** (Zhongnan University of Economics and Law) – *The Use of Classical Allusions in Chinese Judicial Decisions: Empirical Patterns, Judicial Challenges, and Normative Framework*
- **Li Jiang** (Minzu University of China) – *From "Delocalization" to "Rebalancing": The Path of Court Budget Reform*
- **Zihan Chen** (Beijing Institute of Technology) – *Legal Defense of Consensus on the Sociability of Judicial Algorithmic Decision-Making: An Observation Based on the Construction of Internet Court*
- **Zelin Su** (Sun Yat-sen University) – *How Accountability Pressure Shapes Judicial Reasoning: An Empirical Study of Blockchain Evidence*

Panel 8: Labor Law and Governance

Chair: Knut Benjamin Pissler (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law)

- **Xiaoxi Wu** (University of Zurich) – *Embedded Party Organizations and Labor Compliance in China's Tech Firms*
- **Piotr Grzebyk** (University of Warsaw) – *Regulating Workplace Artificial Intelligence in China: Authoritarian Legality Between Economic Efficiency and Social Stability*
- **Haoying Zheng** (Hitotsubashi Institute for Advanced Study) – *Ghost Work in the AI Economy: Legal Invisibility of Data Annotation Workers in China*
- **Danyang Guo** (Shenzhen University) – *Decent Work in Chinese Electronic Workplace: Establishing Workers' Data Rights Across the Employment Lifecycle*

Panel 9: The State-Society Nexus: Law, Governance, and Social Policy in China

Chair: Sarah Biddulph (University of Melbourne)

- **Jiajun Luo** (University of Warwick) – *State-Orchestrated Legal Empowerment: Access, Containment, and State Capacity in China*
- **Susan Trevaskes** (Griffith University) – *Moving the Fengqiao Experience within a Rule of Law Framework: The Legal Institutionalisation of Grassroots Dispute Resolution in Xi-era China*

- **Wei Cui** (University of British Columbia) and **Yuqiao Zhang** (China University of Political Science and Law) – *Reforming Social Pension Insurance to Reduce Inequality*
- **Shao Chengyu** (Renmin University) – *Beyond "State-Centralism": The Social Representative Role of Prosecutorial Organs in China's Administrative Public Interest Litigation-A Sino-German Comparative Examination.*

Panel 10: Legal and Economic Issues in International Trade

Chair: Xavier Fernández Pons (University of Barcelona)

- **Yaoyuan Zhang** (Wuhan University) – *Regulations of Regulatory Trade Agreements*
- **Matthias C. Führich** (University of Konstanz) – *Security Exception Clauses in China's Trade Agreement Practice*
- **Kuangran Li** (Institute of Law Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences) – *The Formation Logic of Supply Chain Security Rules and Legal Responses: An Analytical Framework of Asymmetric Interdependence*
- **Li Sheng** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *From Voluntary to Regulated: The EU's use of Regional Trade Agreements to Shape Responsible Business Conduct Governance and Its Implications for China*
- **Lawrence J. Liu** (Stanford Law School / Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, beginning fall 2026) – *The Politics of Capital City Lawyering: A Comparison of Chinese and U.S. Trade Remedy Lawyers*

Panel 11: Environmental and Climate Law

Chair: Gastón Medici-Colombo (University of Barcelona)

- **Frederik Waage** and **Bent Ole Gram Mortensen** (University of Southern Denmark) – *Suspensive Effect and Interim Relief in Administrative Law: A Chinese Perspective in Comparative Context*
- **Kosei Yamada** (Inter-disciplinary Research Center, Institute of Developing Economies, JETRO) – *From Judgments to Data: Using Large Language Models to Assess China's Environmental Judicial Reform*
- **Yuzi Wang** (University of Reading) – *Rethinking Forest-Related Climate Litigation in China*
- **Aifen Xing** (Beijing Normal University) – *Research on the Implications of Patent Law for the Judicial Determination of Climate Change Liability of Multinational Corporations*
- **Yaping Tian** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *Exploring the Contours of Industry Standards in EU and Chinese Investment Contracts: Current Arbitral Practice and Future Environmental Implications*

Panel 12: Book Presentation: China's "Autonomous" Cities: The Constitution and Reconstruction of Hong Kong and Macau

Chair: Björn Ahl (University of Cologne),

- **Po Jen Yap** (University of Hong Kong)
- **Shiling Xiao** (University of Manchester)

Panel 13: Legal and Economic Issues in International Trade and Investment

Chair: Monika Prusinowska (University of Barcelona)

- **Wei Cui** (University of British Columbia) – *Sizing Up Chinese Industrial Policy*
- **Hadas Peled** (Bar Ilan University) – *Strategic Procurement and Market Access: Comparative Legal Developments in China and the European Union*
- **Thembi Pearl Madalane** (University of South Africa) – *Pricing Sovereignty: Credit Rating Agencies, ISDS, and China in Global Sovereign Risk Governance*

Panel 14: Chinese Constitutionalism

Chair: Mingtao Huang (Wuhan University)

- **Shiling Xiao** (University of Manchester) – *Constitutional dialogue beyond Democracy: Dialogic Constitutional Review in China*
- **Emma Imparato** (University of Naples L'Orientale) – *Proportionality with Asian Characteristics: Judicial Balancing and the Socio-economic Rights in Chinese Constitutionalism in the Age of Emergency.*
- **Guobin Zhu** (City University of Hong Kong) and **Zhaoxin Jiang** (Sun Yat-sen University) – *Borrowing, or "Zhongti Xiyong"?: A Critical Revisit to Constitution-making in Modern China and to Chinese Legal Exceptionalism*
- **Larry Catá Backer** (Pennsylvania State University) – *The Constitutional Theory of Chinese Modernization/The Modernization Theory of Chinese Constitutionalism*

Panel 15: Chinese Commercial Law and Practice

Chair: Tomàs Gabriel García-Micó (University of Barcelona)

- **Tietie "Frank" Zhang** (University of London) – *The Scope of an Arbitration Agreement under Chinese Law: A Comparative Perspective*
- **Hongkuan Zhang** (Hainan University) – *Ad Hoc Arbitration Reform in China: The Hainan Free Trade Port Experiment and the Arbitration Law of the People's Republic of China (2025 Amendment)*
- **Luci Wang** (Erasmus University Rotterdam) – *The Holder's Rights Provisions of the UN Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents: A Sino-European Comparative Perspective*

Panel 16: Legal History

Chair: Samuli Seppänen (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

- **Dongyu Sun** (Australian National University) – *From Empire to Nation-State: China's Emergence from Semi-Colonialism*
- **Ksenia Radchenkova** (University of Graz) – *Conceptualisation of Internal Sovereignty in Chinese Historical Discourse*

Panel 17: AI and Cybersecurity Governance

Chair: Piotr Grzebyk (University of Warsaw)

- **Nora von Ingersleben-Seip** and **Rogier Creemers** (Leiden University) – *Playing two-level games: State-market coordination and China's engagement in international AI governance*
- **Yaohui Ying** (Zhongnan University of Economics and Law) – *Renovating the Old, Fostering the New: China's Dual Strategy in International Cyber Law-Making*
- **Giulio Santoni** (University of Ferrara) and **Gianmatteo Sabatino** (University of Trento) – *Chinese Law "Beyond" China. Internet Law as a Leading Example*
- **Zuzanna Kopania** (Jagiellonian University) and **Wojciech Panek** (University of Silesia) – *A Comparative Study on the Regulatory Framework on the Use of Facial Recognition Technology in CCTV in China, and the EU*

Panel 18: International Investment Law

Chair: Pablo Pareja (Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF))

- **Matteo Vaccaro-Incisa** (GMVI Int'l Law) – *The Legacy of the China-EU Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) and new Chinese IIAs: Deal-Making, Security Exceptions, and IEL Fragmentation in Geopolitical Conflicts*
- **Paloma Costa Andrade** (University of São Paulo) – *Investment Governance Without a BIT: China-Brazil Relations and the Architecture of Soft Law*
- **Shiyue Lu** (University of Lisbon) – *Mapping China's Pathways to International Dispute Settlement: The Evolution of China's Approach to Investor-State Dispute Settlement*
- **Xianglan Feng** (Durham University) – *Enforcing ISDS Awards against Foreign States in China after the Foreign State Immunity Law: Possibilities and Obstacles*

Panel 19: Civil Code and Property Law

Chair: Monica Navarro-Michel (University of Barcelona)

- **Knut Benjamin Pissler** (Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law) – *Between Prohibition and Custom: The Supreme People's Court's 2024 Bride Price Provisions*

- **Simona Novaretti** (University of Turin) – *A Sinic Approach to Death? End-of-Life Care and Living Wills in the People's Republic of China*
- **Jakub Błażej Zwierzchowski** (WSB University) – *Technical Standardisation as a Regulatory Instrument in Chinese Private Law*
- **Mattia Cinquetti** (University of Turin) – *A Nineteenth-Century Category in a Twenty-First-Century Code: the New Definition of Juridical Act (民事法律行为) in the Civil Code of the PRC*
- **Emilio Ramos Calzón** (ICAM Madrid) – *Expropriation of Artworks and the Origins of the Art Market in the People's Republic of China*

Panel 20: The Fourth Amendment to China's Criminal Procedure Law: Expectations of Domestic and International Scholars

Chair: Zhiyuan Guo (China University of Political Science and Law)

- **Weimin Zuo** (Sichuan University) – *The Codification of Chinese Law— With the Revision of the Criminal Procedure Law as an Entry Point*
- **Zhiyuan Guo** (China University of Political Science and Law) – *Improving the Right to Counsel in Criminal Cases of China: from Representation Rate to Effective Counsel*
- **Georg Michael Gesk** (University of Osnabrück) – *Investigation and the Emerging Rights of the Suspect – Arrest, Remand Detention, and Types of Release on Bail*
- **Shaojun Liu** (Anhui University) – *Reform and Improvement of the System of Property-Related Compulsory Measures in China's Criminal Procedure*
- **Sandra Niehr** (University of Osnabrück) – *Reallocation of Investigative Competence, Agency (Re)organization, and New Openings for Criminal Defense*

Panel 21: Developments in Corporate Law and ESG Frameworks

Chair: Hao Zhang (Chinese University of Hong Kong)

- **Chi Zhang** (University of Glasgow) and **Zhang Meihui** (Tianjin University of Finance and Economics) – *One country, two system, single materiality: Hong Kong's ESG disclosure rules for Chinese cross-listing companies and political-economic implications*
- **Sihao Chen** (University of Hong Kong) – *A Bumpy Ride Towards Sustainability: A Comparative Study of China's New ESG Disclosure Rules*
- **Junru Liu** (Principles for Responsible Investment) – *Transition-Aware Financial Regulation: Comparative Lessons from the European Union and China*
- **Monika Prusinowska** (University of Barcelona) – *Current Investment Disputes in the LAC Mining - The Experience of Chinese Investors with Resource Nationalization and ESG-Related Issues*

Panel 22: Courts and Judicial Practice in China (II)

Chair: Benjamin Liebman (Columbia Law School)

- **Jingzi Cui** (Beijing Institute of Technology) – *Jurisdiction of China's Internet Courts*
- **Wenjing Wang** (Wuhan University) – *Navigating Jurisdictional Filters: Frictions and Optimizations of Declining Jurisdiction under the Chinese Civil Procedure Law*
- **Yang Lin** (University of Hong Kong) – *Enforcement Without Judgments: Platform Sanctions and the Infrastructure of Digital Dispute Resolution*
- **Xiao Yang** (University of Helsinki) – *Protective Jurisdiction over Transnational Money Laundering between China and the EU: A Normative Legitimacy Analysis*
- **Xin Gao** and **Min Song** (Qingdao University of Science and Technology) – *Jurisdictional Conflicts in EU Cookie Regulation and Compliance Strategies for Chinese Enterprises - A Case Study of CNIL's Sanction Against Shein*

Panel 23: Corporate Law and Market Regulation

Chair: Chi Zhang (University of Glasgow)

- **Lisa Schuett** (University of Vienna) – *Acquisition of Own Shares by Chinese Limited Liability Companies*
- **Jinyi Zheng** (East China University of Political Science and Law) – *Merchants Unlimited and the State Limited: The Public Origins of the Private Limited Liability Company in Modern China*
- **Ding Chen** (University of Sheffield) – *Political Economy of China's Independent Directors*
- **Ewa Kruszewska** (University of London) – *Beyond Competition: The Structural Instrumentalisation of Merger Control in China*

Panel 24: Gender, Sexuality, and Family Law in China

Chair: Eva Pils (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)

- **Ge Chen** (Durham Law School) – *Freedom of Sexual Expression under Absorptive Censorship in China*
- **Zhiming Xiao** (University of Hong Kong) – *Women without Exit: Cultural Censorship, Judicial Erasure, and the Reconfiguration of Women's Rights in China*
- **Sara D'Attoma** (University of Verona) – *A Decade of the Anti-Domestic Violence Law in China: Progress, Challenges, and the Path Toward Gender Justice*

Panel 25: Digital Economy and Data Governance

Chair: Daniel Sprick (University of Cologne)

- **Katarzyna Borowiec** (University of Warsaw) – *The Evolution of China's Data Governance Framework*
- **Bohui Su** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *The Utility of Futility: Private Privacy Litigation as Informational Sensors in China's Data Governance*
- **Qi Wang** (Northwestern University) – *From Debt to Digital Discipline: Civil Credit Sanctions and the Problem of Digital Reintegration*
- **Xinzhe Zhang** (Nanjing University) – *Rethinking the Standard Contractual Clauses in Data Outbound Transfer- A Comparative Analysis of the EU and China.*
- **Wenzhen Shi** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *"Data Spaces" in a Shared Name? Rights-Based Governance and State-Embedded Infrastructures in the EU and China*

Panel 26: Environmental Law and Sustainable Development

Chair: Paolo Farah (West Virginia University)

- **Haiyi Yu** (Renmin University) – *The Ecological and Environmental Code of China: A Codified Framework for Implementing International Environmental Obligations*
- **Anna Maria Rizzo** (Jagiellonian University, University of Silesia) – *One Branch to Rule Them All: Environmental Law's Emancipation and Its Meaning for Biosecurity*
- **Yaoyao Chen** (Kindai University) – *The Theoretical Foundation of the Ecological Environmental Damage Compensation System in China*
- **Xiaxin Wang** (University of York) – *Beyond Empowerment: The Institutional Logic of Natural Rights Enforcement and the Chinese Approach*
- **Lan Ma** (University of Reading) – *Misalignment Between Operational Control and Legal Responsibility in Maritime Sustainability Law: A Comparative Study of the EU and China*

Panel 27: Frontiers in Chinese Public Law: Theories and Practices

Chair: Mingtao Huang (Wuhan University)

- **Qin Qianhong** (Wuhan University) – *Revision of China's Supervision Law*
- **Li Shihao** (Renmin University) – *The Competition for Supervisory Function between Procuratorial Organs and the Supervision Organs in the Chinese Contemporary History*
- **Shi Zehua** (Wuhan University) – *The effectiveness and challenges in the past decade of holding Chinese judges accountable*

Panel 28: Security and Justice in China in 2026

Chair: Ewan Smith (UCL)

- **Michael Kovrig** (Centre for Strategic Statecraft), **Peter Dahlin** (Safeguard Defenders), **Sarah Biddulph** (University of Melbourne), **Ewan Smith** (UCL)

The panel discusses the relationship between the security and justice sector in China with a particular focus on arbitrary detention and capital punishment. It builds on a project funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, with input from Ewan Smith, Sarah Biddulph, Grace Mou Yu, Ed Schwarck, Li Ling, Tobias Smith and Peter Dahlin. The panel will consider the institutional architecture of security and justice in China, identify what has changed over the last ten years, then trace these changes through the law.

Panel 29: Legal Perspectives on Hong Kong and Taiwan

Chair: Simona Novaretti (University of Turin)

- **Jacques deLisle** (University of Pennsylvania) – *Sovereign Discretion, International Obligation, and Outbound Legal Influence: China's Conceptions and the Case of Hong Kong's Special Autonomy Regime*
- **Sze Hong Lam 'Ocean'** (National University of Singapore) – *Written by Two Empires: The Convergence of the British and Chinese "National Security" Regimes in Hong Kong*
- **Alexandra Kaiser** (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg) – *Countering Transnational Repression Without Recognition: Taiwan's Response to China's Targeting of Independence "Diehards"*

Panel 30: Governing Artificial Intelligence through Technical Standards: Legality, Normativity, and Implementation in China

Chair: Hannah Klöber (University of Cologne)

- **Airu Liu** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) – *Legality Control of Government-Led Technical Standard-Setting*
- **Daniel Sprick** (University of Cologne) – *Filling the Gaps: How Technical Standards Operationalize China's Sectoral AI Laws*
- **Marianne von Blomberg** (Incoming Global Academic Fellow, Hong Kong University, Law and Technology Centre) – *Unlocking Technical Standards as Research Data for Studying Regulation and Governance in China*
- **Zihui Wang** (Zhejiang University) – *Technical Standards in China's Artificial Intelligence Governance: Implementation Mechanisms and Pathways for Improvement*

Panel 32: China and Global Economic Governance

Chair: Patricia Garcia-Duran Huet (University of Barcelona)

- **Tami Groswald Ozery** (Hebrew University) – *China's Legal Statecraft: Institutional Power Dynamics of Economic Lawfare*
- **Yanqin Mao** (Durham University) – *From Capital Outflows to National Security Governance: Rethinking China's OFDI Regulation in the Context of Intensified Global Power Competition*
- **Onur Sabri Durak** (Shanghai Jiao Tong University) – *Regulatory Alignment of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Maritime Corridors and Ports: A Chinese Law Perspective on EU-China Convergence and Friction*
- **Aldo Almeida Nunes Filho** (Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul) – *Bridging the Oceans: South American Bioceanic Corridors as a Nexus for China's Foreign-related Rule of Law and the Belt and Road Initiative*

Panel 33: Competition Law

Chair: Ding Chen (University of Sheffield)

- **Jing Wang** (Reading University) and **Dermot Cahill** (Institute for Competition & Procurement Studies) – *Whether the EU and China's Merger Control Models are Fit for Purpose to Deal with Killer Acquisitions*
- **Qilong Sun** (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – *Regulating Digital Platform Blocking in China: Comparing the Attention Market Approach with the EU's Gatekeeper Model*
- **Jicheng Yao** (SAMR / Institute for Competition Assessment Research) – *Cumulative Competitive Distortions and Escalated Review: A Framework for Policy Combinations under China's Fair Competition Review System*

Panel 34: Digital Law in China

Chair: Shu Li (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

- **Guinan Wang** (Erasmus University Rotterdam) – *Preferences, Constraints and Online Game Addiction: China's Approach to Protecting Minors*
- **Zi Wang** (Erasmus University Rotterdam), **Huabing Li** (University of Hamburg), **Shu Li** (Erasmus University Rotterdam) – *Compensable Harm in Personal Information Infringement: Empirical Evidence from Chinese Judicial Practice*
- **Xinyue Zeng** (University of Hamburg) – *Legal Regulation and Consumer Feedback Mechanisms for Big Data Price Discrimination: A Comparative Study of Algorithm Market Governance Models in China and the European Union*

Panel 35: Sino-foreign Legal Exchanges

Chair: Monika Prusinowska (University of Barcelona)

Panel participants:

- **Neysun Mahboubi** (University of Pennsylvania), *A New Agenda for U.S.-China Legal Exchange*

- **Weimin Zuo** (Sichuan University)
- **Zhu Guobin** (City University of Hong Kong)
- **Piotr Grzebyk** (University of Warsaw)

This panel begins with a foundational paper presentation by Neysun Mahboubi on the evolving landscape of the U.S.-China legal exchange. It is followed by a moderated roundtable discussion examining the geopolitical dynamics and future strategic directions of legal academic exchanges, with a particular focus on law scholars and students in China and their counterparts around the world.