

SIDRA WEBINAR
CHINA AND INTERNATIONAL ADJUDICATION – CHINA’S APPROACH IN ITS INVESTOR-STATE AND INTER-STATE DISPUTES

Date: 9 October 2020, Friday

Time: 4 PM to 5.30 PM (Singapore Time)

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The Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA) is pleased to have Professor Chester Brown (Professor of International Law and International Arbitration at the University of Sydney) and Dr Mark McLaughlin (Global Visiting Assistant Professor at the SMU School of Law) deliver a webinar on China's approach to its international disputes. The webinar will focus on the dispute resolution mechanisms under the Belt and Road Initiative, China's approach to mediating investor-state disputes, and China's investor-state arbitrations and inter-state disputes. The panellists will also provide their perspectives on key investor-state cases to which China has been a party, and engage in a question-and-answer session on issues arising from the above.

The full programme is below.

4 pm to 4.15 pm: Overview of the dispute resolution mechanisms under the Belt and Road Initiative

4.15 pm to 4.30 pm: China's approach to mediation in its investor-state disputes

4.30 pm to 5 pm: China's approach to arbitration and litigation in its investor-state and inter-state disputes

5 pm to 5.30 pm: Q&A with panellists

About the Panellists



Chester Brown

Professor of International Law and International Arbitration, University of Sydney Law School

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Chester Brown is Professor of International Law and International Arbitration at the University of Sydney Law School, a Barrister at 7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, Sydney, and an Overseas Member of Essex Court Chambers, London. He teaches and researches in the fields of public international law, international dispute settlement, international arbitration, and international investment law. He also maintains a practice in these fields, and has been involved as counsel in proceedings before the International Court of Justice, the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, inter-State and investor-State arbitral tribunals, as well as in inter-State conciliation proceedings and international commercial arbitrations.



Dr Mark McLaughlin

Global Visiting Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University School of Law

Mark McLaughlin is the Global Visiting Assistant Professor at the Singapore Management University School of Law. His research focuses on dispute resolution, the Belt and Road Initiative, and international economic law. Mark has published articles on the Chinese approach to investor-state arbitration and the interaction between state-owned enterprises and mechanisms of dispute resolution. He holds an LL.B. from the University of Glasgow and a Ph.D. from the China University of Political Science and Law, where he was a lecturer in international investment law. Mark was awarded a Chinese Government Scholarship from 2016-2019.

Moderator



Rachel Tan Xi'en

Research & Development Operations Lead, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy

Rachel Tan is an Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Singapore, the Research and Development Operations Lead at SIDRA, and Associate Counsel at RevLaw LLC. Prior to joining SIDRA, Rachel clerked for a world-renowned arbitrator and was an associate focusing on disputes at a large law firm. Rachel also spent three years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer from 2011 to 2014.

Rachel's interests focus on public international law, mediation and conciliation, and arbitration. She holds a BA (Honours) and an LL.B (Honours) from the National University of Singapore, and is an accredited Tribunal Secretary at the HKIAC. Rachel has won several prizes, including placing 3rd in the Fountain Court Chambers – Singapore Academy of Law Christopher Bathurst Essay Prize Competition 2017, 1st in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Singapore) Procedural Order Competition 2018, and winning the Championship of the Essex Court Chambers – Singapore Academy of Law International Mooting Competition 2019.