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**SIDRA-CIBEL WEBINAR
ON THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP)**

Date: 4 February 2021, Thursday

Time: 2.30 PM to 3.45 PM Singapore / 5.30 PM to 6.45 PM Sydney

Registration: [Click Here to Register](#)

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[SMU's Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy \(SIDRA\)](#) and [UNSW Law & Justice's Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law \(CIBEL\) Centre](#) are pleased to jointly present a webinar introducing the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The RCEP will be the world's largest Free Trade Agreement. Members include the 10 ASEAN nations, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea. Together, the RCEP members comprise nearly 30% of the global population and global GDP.

The webinar will discuss the RCEP's trade implications, and in particular, focus on its impact on international dispute settlement in the region.

Heng Wang, Co-Director of HSF CIBEL Centre at UNSW Law & Justice, will introduce participants to the RCEP and its trade implications.

Mark McLaughlin, Global Visiting Assistant Professor at SMU, will discuss investment protections under the RCEP.

Kun Fan, Associate Professor at UNSW Law & Justice, will discuss the RCEP's implications on international dispute settlement.

Guillermo García-Perrote, Senior Associate at Herbert Smith Freehills, will provide commentary from a practitioner perspective, as an international arbitration lawyer specialising in infrastructure and energy disputes.

Allison Goh, Research Associate at SIDRA, acts as moderator.

About the Speakers



Heng Wang is a Professor and Co-Director of UNSW Law & Justice's Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre. He was named by *The Australian's Research 2020* magazine as *Australia's research field leader in international law*. He has been the recipient of major research awards and grants. Heng has conducted research at the WTO Headquarters, and spoken at the WTO Secretariat and many leading institutions (e.g., Harvard, Oxford, NYU, and the LSE). Recently he was Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow at the European University Institute. His research interest focuses on the frontline of China's international economic law practice (including the Belt and Road Initiative, China-US economic relationship, free trade agreements, and central bank digital currency).



Mark McLaughlin is a 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 of international investment law. Mark was awarded a Chinese Government Scholarship from 2016-2019.



Kun Fan is an Associate Professor at UNSW Law & Justice and a member of the Herbert Smith Freehills CIBEL Centre. Kun has extensive ADR experience and is also called to the New York Bar. Before joining UNSW, she held academic positions at McGill University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Yenching Institute (2012-2013) and was named *Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Scholar in Arbitration & Commercial Law* (2017). Kun is the author of *Arbitration in China: A Legal and Cultural Analysis* (Hart Publishing). Kun is an Academic Council Member of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration, Executive Committee Member of the International Task Force on Mixed Mode Dispute Resolution, Domain Names Panellist at HKIAC and ADNDRC, Member of CI Arb, Accredited Mediator at HKMAAL and acts as Arbitrator at several arbitration institutions.



Guillermo García-Perrote is a Senior Associate at Herbert Smith Freehills. Guillermo is based in Sydney, following an increasingly active business relationship between Spain, Australia, and the APAC region. At Herbert Smith Freehills, he advises clients on complex cross-border disputes concerning a wide range of trade, commercial and financial activities, with a particular focus on construction/ infrastructure and energy disputes. Guillermo qualified as a lawyer in Spain (Madrid Bar) in 2009 and has worked at top-tier law firms in Madrid and London. He is also qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales. Guillermo regularly represents clients in international arbitrations in major international centres and ad-hoc arbitrations. Guillermo also has expertise in litigation, expert determination, and mediation. Guillermo also lectures at universities in relation to international arbitration and the construction/infrastructure and energy sectors.

Moderator



Allison Goh is a Research Associate at the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA). Her research focuses on international dispute resolution, the intersection between law and technology, and the Belt and Road Initiative. Allison holds a LL.B. (Hons) from the National University of Singapore, and a LL.M. from Peking University as a Chinese government scholar. Allison is qualified as an Advocate & Solicitor in Singapore. Allison has corporate and dispute resolution experience at a leading law firm and arbitration institution in Singapore.