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“Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: Asian, European, and Global Perspectives”

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Conference Programme

MONDAY, 24th

8.30 – 9.00  Registration and coffee
9.00 – 9.30  Opening of the Seminar
  - Heikki Mannila, Professor, President of Academy of Finland
  - Hatla Thelle, Chair, European China Law Studies Association (ECLS); Senior Researcher, Danish Institute of Human Rights
  - Pekka Hallberg, Former President of the Supreme Administrative Court, Finland
  - Kimmo Nuotio, Professor of Criminal Law, Dean, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
9.30 – 12.00  Keynote Speeches
  - Julia Ya Qin, Professor of Law, Wayne State University Law School: "China and International Rule of Law: A Decade of WTO Membership."
  - Mo Jihong, Professor, Assistant Director, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: “The Role of China’s Constitutional Law in Preserving Rule of Law”
12.00 – 13.00  Lunch
13.00 – 15.30  Session I  
Panel 1:  Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics – Theoretical Accounts
  - Chair: Ditlev Tamm, Professor of Law, Copenhagen University
  - Juha Karhu, Professor, University of Lapland: “Modern Chinese Legal Culture in a European Perspective.”
  - Ignazio Castellucci, Professor, University of Trento, University of Macau: “Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: Variable Geometries.”
  - Katrin Blasek, Professor, SRH University Heidelberg: “Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: What Does It Mean in P.R. China in 2012?”
  - Rebecka Zinser, Lecturer, Deputy Director, Sino-German Law Institute, Nanjing University: “Law with Chinese Characteristics: Legal Tradition or Legal Policy?”
Panel 2:  China’s Labour Law

- Chair: Ulla Liukkunen, Professor, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
- Mimi Zou, Junior Dean, DPhil in Law Candidate, St John’s College, University of Oxford: “The Evolution of Labour Law with “Chinese Characteristics”? Crossing the River by Feeling the Stones?”
- Kate Elizabeth Kinahan, Nanjing University: “Labor Disputes and Transformative Mediation in China: The Way Forward.”
- Giovanni Pisacane, Senior Partner, GWA - Greatway Advisory Shanghai: “Employment Termination by Employer in China.”

Panel 3:  Environmental Law

- Chair: Song Ying, Professor, Peking University Law School
- Xinhong Wang, PhD Candidate, University of Turku: “Bringing an Administrative Litigation to Redress Failures of Access to Environmental Information in China: Problems and Progress.”
- Miao He, PhD Candidate, Ghent University: “Harmony Between Protected Areas and Human Beings Through a Rights-Based Approach in China.”
- Nengye Liu, PhD Candidate, Ghent University: “Implementing International Law on the Prevention of Vessel-Source Pollution in China, an Assessment.”

15.30 – 15.50 Coffee break
15.50 – 17.50 Session II

Panel 1:  Rule of Law from Below

- Chair: Pia Letto-Vanamo, Professor and Vice-Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki
- Yan Zhao, PhD Candidate, City University of Hong Kong: “Chinese Migrant Families Contest for Equal Access to Education in Capital Cities.”
- Xiuying Cheng, Post-doctoral Researcher, Tsinhua University: “The Irony of “Rule of Law” -- a Case Study of Migrant workers’ Legal Struggles in Central China.”
- Karla Simon & Leon Irish, Professors, Catholic University of America; founders of the International Center for Civil Society Law: “Resourcing the Sector: Finding Ways to Make CSOs in China Sustainable.”
Simona Novaretti, Research Fellow, Università degli Studi di Torino: “Law with Chinese Characteristics and Civil Society: Is the Enactment of the ‘Amendment of Civil Procedure Law (Draft)’ a Real Step Forward in the Development of Public Interest Litigation in China?”

Panel 2: Intellectual Property Rights

- Chair: Niklas Brunn, Professor, University of Helsinki, Director for the IPR University Center
- Kong Qingjiang, Professor, Vice-Dean, School of International Law, China University of Political Science and Law: “A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats? China’s Attitude towards TRIPs-Plus Obligations-- Evidenced by Its Free Trade Agreements in the Post-WTO.”
- Katja Weckström (Lindroos), University Lecturer in Commercial Law, Department of Law, Åbo Akademi University: “A Comparative View of the Chinese Trademark System on the Books and Chinese Trademark Law in Action.”
- Yajie Zhao, Ph.D Candidate, University of Helsinki: “Time Limit of Foreign Related IP Trial in China.”

Panel 3: Administration and Social Governance

- Chair: Andrew Le Sueur, Professor of Public Law, Queen Mary, University of London
- Perry Keller, Lecturer, Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London: “The Case of the Missing Public Officials: Defamation and the Public Figure Defence in China.”
- Chun Peng, PhD Candidate, University of Oxford: “The Origin of Land Taking Powers in Modern China--Conceptualization and Contestation.”
- Jiang Bo, Associate Professor, Law School of Southwestern University of Finance and Economics: “Respect the Result of Vote: One Important Step for Rule of Law in China.”

18.15 – 20.00 Rector’s Reception, University of Helsinki

To be hosted by the Rector Thomas Wilhelmsson

University Main Building, Teacher’s Lounge, Unioninkatu 34
TUESDAY, 25th

9.00 – 10.45 Session III

Panel 1: Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics – Cultural Aspects

- Chair: Olli Mäenpää, Professor, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
- Samuli Seppänen, SJD Candidate, Harvard Law School: “The Three Supremes' and Other Useful Paradoxes – Explicating China's Conservative Socialist Legal Thought”
- Chen Yifeng, Post-doctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki: “Adjudicatory Justice and Xinfang System: Dualism of Justice?”

Panel 2: Corporate Governance (I)

- Chair: Jukka Mähönen, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Turku
- Chuanman You, Ph.D Candidate, University College Dublin, “Understanding Hostile Takeovers Regulations: A Path Dependent Approach”
- Wei Wang, Aalto University, School of Economics: “Merger Remedies in China: Comparison with the EU Approach.”

Panel 3: Between Administrative Penalty and Criminality

- Chair: Kimmo Nuotio, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki
- Zexian Chen, Professor, Director of the Institute of International Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: “Reform of the System of Re-education Through Labor: Perspective of Rule of Law.”
- Wei Pei, PhD Candidate, Erasmus Law School of Erasmus University: “Criminal Procedural Agreement in the Context of the Contemporary Criminal Justice System in China.”
- Hermann Aubié, PhD Candidate, University of Rennes 2: “A Critical Examination of Article 105 from a Historical Perspective.”

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30 Session IV

**Panel 1: China and International Rule of Law**
- Chair: Jarna Petman, University Lecturer, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
- *Wim Muller*, Researcher, European University Institute: “Moving Beyond Sovereignty: China’s Changing Role in the relation to International Rule of Law.”
- *Antonella Forganni*, Post-doctoral Researcher, Beijing Normal University, Bocconi University: “The Role of China in Developing International Law.”

**Panel 2: Corporate Governance (II)**
- Chair: Otto Malmgren, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Board member, European China Law Studies Association (ECLS)
- *Qingxiu Bu*, Lecturer in Law, Queen’s University: “Will Chinese legal Culture Constrains its Corporate Governance-Related Laws?”

**Panel 3: Criminal Justice in China: Recent Development**
- Chair: Raimo Lahti, Professor, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
- *Qiuhong Xiong*, Professor, Institute of Law of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: “The Amendment to China’s Criminal Procedure Law from the Perspective of Human Right.”
- *Sakari Melander*, Associate Professor, University of Helsinki: “Criminal Justice Policy in Finland and China - Comparative Remarks.”

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
13.30 – 15.30 Session V

**Panel 1:** *International Human Rights in China*

- Chair: Hatla Thelle, Chair of the ECLS; Senior Researcher, Danish Institute of Human Rights
- *Michael Davis*, Professor, University of Hong Kong: “China’s National Minority Autonomy Policies in International Legal Perspective: The Case of Tibet.”

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 17.15 Session VI

**Panel 1:** *China’s International Economic Law*

- Chair: Lena Sisula-Tulokas, Professor, University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
- *Julien Chaisse*, Associate Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong): “Investment International Litigation with China - Towards a New Era in Sino-Foreign Investment Arbitration?”
- *Huang Zhixiong*, Professor of Law, Wuhan University: “Toward Rule of Law for China’s Internet Censorship? The Role of WTO Law”
▪ Shiv Nand, University of Sheffield: “The Formation of China-ASEAN Trade Bloc, the Development of a FTA and the Future Prospects of China in Years to Come.”

Panel 2: Rule of Law by Judiciary: Courts, Judges and Lawyers

▪ Chair: Stephanie Balme, Professor, Science Po.
▪ Xiaohong Yu, Lecturer, Tsinghua University: “Rule of Law under (Fragmented) Authoritarianism: Explaining the Expansion of Judicial Power in China.”
▪ Björn Ahl, Associate Professor, University of Cologne: “Chinese Court Buildings and the Rule of Law.”

17.15 – 19.00 General Assembly of the European China Law Studies Association

19.30 – 21.00 Mayor’s Reception, the Municipality of Helsinki

City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13