

The Future of the Commercial Contract in Scholarship and Law Reform

Fourth Annual Conference

Friday, 11th October 2019 - 10.00-17.30 hrs

Venue: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS),
School of Advanced Study, University of London, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

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Organised by the IALS Centre for Corporate and Finance Law (CCFL)

Director: Professor Mads Andenas QC

Academic Convenors: Dr Maren Heidemann, Catherine Pédamon and Dr Joseph Lee

PROGRAMME

This conference follows up on research undertaken at IALS during the 2016-2018 period. It invites new participants to the project and new topics to be added.

A special focus will be on law and technology, the role of artificial intelligence, so called smart contracts, blockchain and other forms of digital interaction and digitisation in commercial contracting, enforcement and civil liability. This can include arbitration agreements and 'electronic' dispute settlement.

9.30 am Registration and Coffee

10 am Welcome Professor Mads Andenas QC, Convenors

Panel 1: chaired by Mr Hendrik Puschmann - Contractual issues in arbitration

10.05- 10.20 The IALS ICSID Arbitration Working Group – summary of research, events and publications, *Mads Andenas, Hendrik Puschmann, Maren Heidemann, IALS/Farrer&Co.*

10. 20 - 10.40 "(Mis)Joinder of Woes: A critical evaluation of joinder of non-signatories to arbitration in India", *Manasi Kumar, Jindal Global Law School, India*

10.40 -11.00 "Blockchain –based arbitration: is this the forum of choice for resolving disputes ensuing on blockchain-based supply chain management?" *Sara Hourani, Middlesex University*

Discussion

11.15 - 11.30 hrs coffee break

Panel 2: chaired by Dr Maren Heidemann - Conceptual issues in commercial litigation - revisiting the consumer/trader dichotomy post Brexit. Issues of effectiveness of regulatory law at the interface of public and private law

11.30 -11.50 "The role of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the interpretation of platform operators and business users contracts", *Despina Anagnostopoulou, University of Macedonia, Greece.*

Discussion

12.00 - 12.20 "The consequences of Brexit on the regulatory competition and the approximation of commercial contract law ", *Muriel Renaudin, Cardiff University School of Law*

12.20 - 12.35 The notion of consumer and trader post Brexit, *Maren Heidemann, IALS*

Discussion

12.45- 13.45 hrs Lunch

Panel 3: chaired by Catherine Pedamon - The role of technology in contracts for the international sales of goods including shipping, marine insurance and documentary credit

13.45 - 14.05 "Blockchain, contracts and international private law", *Cristina Poncibo, University of Turin*

14.05 - 14.25 "Making Sustainable Trade Possible through Blockchain Technology", *Johan Vannerom, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam*

14.25 - 14.45 "Blockchain-based smart contracts: a few notes on their legal aspects and future developments" *Amanda Bezerra Bassani (University of Lisbon) and Frederico Fayad Nascimento (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon)*

14.45 - 15.05 "Collision Course – Algorithmic contracts and the principle of good faith", *Klaus Rilke, Advogados SALUSSE MARANGONI PARENTE JABUR, Sao Paolo*

Discussion

15.15 - 15.30 coffee break

Panel 4 : chaired by Dr Joseph Lee - The role of technology in smart contract and trade finance and other financial products including problems in cross-border securities transfers

15.30-15.50 "Setting Fintech in Motion: The Formation of Smart Contracts", *Konstantinos Stylianou and Pinar Akman, University of Leeds*

15.50 - 16.10 "Automated payment over the counter. A study of Alipay, WeChat Wallet and Octopus currently used in Mainland China and Hong Kong", *Terry Wong Chee Wai and Tat Chee Tsui, Hong Kong and Zhuhai*

16.10-16.30 "Smart contracts for securities transactions on blockchain: legal obstacles and regulatory challenges ", *Joseph Lee and Florian L'heureux, University of Exeter*

16.30 -16.50 "*Electronic Transport Documents and Blockchain Technology*", *Catherine Pédamon, University of Westminster*

Discussion

16.50 -17.15 Discussion and Closing remarks by convenors

17.30 close of conference

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