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Capsule Biography

Heng WANG (王衡) is a Professor of Law and the Associate Dean (Faculty Matters & Research) in Yong Pung How School of Law at Singapore Management University (SMU). He was a professor and a founding co-director of [Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law \(CIBEL\) Centre](#), Faculty of Law & Justice, the University of New South Wales (UNSW Law & Justice). He was also an inaugural co-director of the [Tsinghua-UNSW Joint Research Centre for International Commercial and Economic Law](#). Before that, Heng was a professor at Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL), China, and headed a leading centre at SWUPL (with the Department of Treaty and Law, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce as the partner). Heng has also served as a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow (2019) and Max Weber Fellow (2010-2011) at the European University Institute and conducted research at the WTO Secretariat.

Heng's research evolves to explore the future of international economic relationships and legal developments, often from regional perspectives. His current research includes the governance of digital transformation and sustainable development, and regionalism.

He has received major grants and top research awards, including the China Law Society's triennial China Outstanding Law Research Award (twice) (China's highest national award in legal research) and the Chinese Ministry of Education's Outstanding Research Award in Humanities and Social Science (the most important official research award in the social sciences in China). Recently Heng is an investigator of [a major project related to the future of regional economic governance funded by the Australian Research Council](#).

In addition to books, he has published extensively in leading journals, and has been regularly cited and interviewed (e.g., in ABC, Al Jazeera, BBC, CNBC, Reuters, SBS, South China Morning Post, Yahoo Finance). Heng has been recognised by *The Australian* newspaper's Research Magazine 2020 as the Australian leader in the field of international law based on number of citations.

Heng has advised or been a (keynote) speaker at events organised by many organizations and institutions (e.g., ADBI, APEC and Korean Foreign Ministry, Bundesbank, CPMI/BIS, HCCH, ICC, ICSID, IMF, INTERPOL, MAS, NAB, UNDP, UNICTRAL, World Bank, and WTO), and the private sector. His work has been cited by intergovernmental organization documents.

Employment and Appointments

2023 – Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University

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2020 – 2022	Professor, UNSW Law & Justice (formerly UNSW Law)
2019 – 2022	Co-Director, Tsinghua-UNSW Joint Research Centre for International Commercial and Economic Law (JCICEL)
2018 – 2022	Co-Director, Herbert Smith Freehills China International Business and Economic Law (CIBEL) Centre, UNSW Law & Justice
2017 – 2018	Co-Director, CIBEL (Chinese International Economic and Business Law) Initiative, UNSW Law
2015 – 2019	Associate Professor, UNSW Law
2011 – 2015	Professor & Director, Center for Teaching and Research of WTO Cases, SWUPL
2008 – 2011	Associate Professor, SWUPL
2004 – 2008	Lecturer, SWUPL

Selected Other Positions

- [Editorial Board Member](#), Journal of World Trade & Investment, 2024 - present
- Member, University Research Committee, SMU, 2024 - present
- Member, University Research Evaluation Committee, SMU, 2023 – 2026
- Adjunct Professor, School of Private and Commercial Law, Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW, Dec 2022 - 2025
- Visiting Professor, National University of Singapore (NUS), 2022
- [CIBEL Fellow](#), Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW, Jan 2023 - present
- [Editorial Board Member](#), Journal of International Economic Law, 2023 - 2025
- [Editorial Board Member](#), Asia Pacific Law Review, 2022 - present
- Visiting Associate Professor, NUS, 2019
- Part-time Faculty, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, 2019
- Member, Academic Forum on ISDS (Investor-State Dispute Settlement), 2018 - present
- Visiting Professor, China University of Political Science and Law, 2017
- University Visiting Professorial Fellow, SWUPL, 2016 - 2019
- CHEN An Visiting Professor, Xiamen University, 2014
- Visiting Professor of International Economic Law, University of Cagliari, 2014
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio, 2014
- Member, [Asia WTO Research Network](#) (AWRN), 2014 - present
- Visiting Professorial Fellow, UNSW, 2012 - 2015
- Visiting Professor, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, 2011
- Steering Committee Member, Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN), 2009 - present
- Guest Professor, International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Yokohama National University, 2009
- January Term Professor, Civil Law Section, University of Ottawa, 2009
- January Term Professor, Common Law Section, University of Ottawa, 2008
- Executive Council Member, [Society of International Economic Law](#), 2008 - 2015

Education

- PhD, SWUPL, 2008
- LLM (National [Top 10] Model Students of China), SWUPL, 2003

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- LLB, SWUPL, 2000
- BA, Sichuan International Studies University, 1999 (dual degree)

Postdoctoral Training

Max Weber (Postdoctoral) Fellow, European University Institute, 2010-2011

Selected External Research Assessment

- Book manuscript or proposal reviewer for leading publishers:
 - Cambridge University Press
 - De Gruyter
 - Edward Elgar Publishing
 - Hart Publishing
 - Oxford University Press
 - Palgrave Macmillan
 - Routledge
 - Springer
- Invitations to evaluate the cases for promotion (e.g., professorship) or hire for Bond University, China University of Political Science and Law, Monash University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Tsinghua University, and the University of Western Australia
- External Reviewer, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong
- External Reviewer, UKRI (UK Research and Innovation) Future Leaders Fellowships (FLF) scheme
- External Reviewer, Australian Research Council

Selected Publications

I. Books

Monograph

1. *Rules of Origin for Services*, Law Press China, 2010, 1-342 (in Chinese) (Second Prize, 8th Chongqing Social Science Outstanding Research Award, Chongqing Municipal People's Government, 2014 (a biennially-awarded honor; the highest award for social science research in Chongqing Municipality, which sits directly under China's central government))

Edited books

2. *The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement: A 21st Century Model*, Hart Publishing, 2018, 1-362 (co-edited with Colin Picker and Weihuan Zhou)
3. *Legal Issues of China's Response to WTO Disputes*, Law Press China, 2015, 1-273 (in Chinese)
4. *International Trade Law*, Law Press China, 2014, 1-254 (partly in English, partly in Chinese)
5. *International Economic Law*, Xiamen University Press, 2012, 1-312 (in Chinese) (coedited with Xiaojun Zhang and Yongmei Chen)
6. *European Securities Law*, Law Press China, 2005, 1-490 (in Chinese) (co-edited with Xuejun Sheng) (part of the EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation Programme)

II. Journal Articles

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1. "[*Addressing Governance Challenges of Digitalisation and Sustainability: The Case of Central Bank Digital Currency*](#)", *Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law*, Vol. 33, Iss. 3, 2024 (forthcoming)
2. "[*The Future of the International Financial System: The Emerging CBDC Network and Its Impact on Regulation*](#)", *Regulation & Governance*, Vol. 18, Iss.1, 2024, 288-306 (with Simin Gao; **a best paper prize** by and **a keynote speech** at [*Machine Lawyering's 2021 Conference*](#), "Human Sovereignty and Machine Efficiency in the Law," sponsored by Faculty of Law, the Chinese University of Hong Kong; [7-min video](#))
3. "[*How to Understand China's Approach to Central Bank Digital Currency?*](#)", *Computer Law and Security Review*, Vol. 50, 2023, 1-17 (available online)
4. "[*The Coming Central Bank Digital Currency Revolution and the E-CNY*](#)", *Singapore Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 2023, Mar 2023 (with Ross Buckley), 145-172
5. "[*China's Approach to Central Bank Digital Currency: Selectively Reshaping International Financial Order?*](#)", *University of Pennsylvania Asian Law Review*, Vol. 18, Iss. 1, 2022, 77-134 (listed as [DC Fintech Week 2022 - Featured Research](#))
6. "[*Global Stablecoins and China's CBDC: New Moneys with New Impacts on The Financial System?*](#)", *Review of Banking & Financial Law*, Vol. 41, Iss. 1, 2021-2022, 255-312 (with Wei Shen)
7. "[*The Belt and Road Initiative Agreements: Characteristics, Rationale and Challenges*](#)", *World Trade Review*, Vol. 20, Iss. 3, 2021, 282-305
8. "[*Selective Engagement? Future Path for US-China Economic Relations and Its Implications*](#)", *Journal of World Trade*, Vol. 55, Iss. 2, 2021, 309-334
9. "[*How to Assess Regional Trade Agreements? Deep FTAs v. China's Trade Agreements*](#)", *The International Lawyer*, Vol. 54, No. 2, 2021, 247-279
10. "[*Selective Reshaping: China's Paradigm Shift in International Economic Governance*](#)", *Journal of International Economic Law*, Vol. 23, Iss. 3, 2020, 583-606 (awarded "Editor's Choice")
11. "[*China's Regulatory Approach to the Sharing Economy: A Perspective on Ride-Hailing*](#)", *Journal of Law, Technology & Policy*, Vol. 2020, Iss. 1, 2020, 85-108 (with Huiqin Jiang)
12. "[*China's Approach to the Belt and Road Initiative: Scope, Character and Sustainability*](#)", *Journal of International Economic Law*, Vol. 22, Iss. 1, 2019, 29-55 (listed in "Highly Cited Articles" of *Journal of International Economic Law*)
13. "[*The Future of Deep Free Trade Agreements: The Convergence of TPP \(and CPTPP\) and CETA?*](#)", *Journal of World Trade*, Vol. 53, Iss. 2, 2019, 317-342
14. "[*China's Free Trade Agreement Approach to Intellectual Property: The Future of China's Rules under the Belt and Road Initiative*](#)", *Law Science*, (Fa Xue, East China University of Political Science and Law), Vol. 2019, Iss. 2, 2019, 107-128 (in Chinese) (with Zhenyu Xiao) (reprinted in full by *Renmin University Reprints*, sponsored by Renmin University, Beijing, one of the most influential reprints in China)
15. "[*Divergence, Convergence or Crossvergence of Chinese and US Approaches to Regional Integration: Evolving Trajectories and Their Implications*](#)", *Tsinghua China Law Review*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 2018, 149-185
16. "[*How May China Respond to the U.S. Trade Approach? Retaliatory, Inclusive and Regulatory Responses*](#)", *Columbia Journal of Asian Law*, Vol. 31, No. 2, 2018, 151-198
17. "[*The Impact of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement on Australia's Education Exports to China: A Legal and Economic Assessment*](#)", *The World Economy*, Vol. 41, Iss. 12, 2018, 3503-3523 (with Junfang Xi and Weihuan Zhou)

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18. “*The RCEP and Its Investment Rules: Learning from Past Chinese FTAs*”, Chinese Journal of Global Governance, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2017, 160-181
19. “*The Challenges of China's Recent FTAs: An Anatomy of the China-Korea FTA*”, Journal of World Trade, Vol. 50, No. 3, 2016, 417-446
20. “*The Features of China's Recent FTA and Their Implications: An Anatomy of the ChinaKorea FTA*”, Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy, Vol. 11, No.1, 2016, 115-154
21. “*The Implications of the Trans-Pacific Partnership for SMEs: Opportunities and Challenges*”, KLRI Journal of Law and Legislation (Korean Legislation Research Institution, a government-funded national policy research institute), Vol. 6, No. 1, 2016, 45-82
22. “*The Agreement on Trade Facilitation and Its Implications: An Interpretative Perspective*”, Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy, Vol. 9, No. 2, 2014, 445-476
23. “*Fair and Equitable Treatment of International Investment Law*”, Law Science (Fa Xue, East China University of Political Science and Law), Iss. 6 (2013), 2013, 84-92 (in Chinese) (with Kun Hui)
24. “*Law and Economic Analysis of WTO Domestic Regulation Disciplines for Services Trade*”, Wuhan University International Law Review, Vol. 16, No. 1, 2013, 186-201 (in Chinese) (with Hui Guo)
25. “*The Interpretation of GATS Disciplines on Economic Integration: GATS Commitments as a Threshold?*”, Journal of World Trade, Vol. 46, No. 2, 2012, 397-438
26. “*The Substantive Rules of Domestic Regulation in the GATS: Flaws and Strategies*”, Law Science (Fa Xue, East China University of Political Science and Law), No. 9 (2012), 2012, 82-90 (in Chinese) (with Yang Ke)
27. “*On the Application of International Services Trade Law to Climate Change: A Perspective from General Exceptions*”, Modern Law Science (Xian Dai Fa Xue, Southwest University of Political Science and Law), Vol. 34, No. 2, 2012, 138-151 (in Chinese) 23.
28. “*On British Depositor Protection Scheme Reform in the Post-Financial Crisis Era: Perfection of China's Depositor Protection System*”, Contemporary Law Review (Dang Dai Fa Xue, Jilin University), Vol. 26, Iss. 2, 2012, 136-140 (in Chinese) (with Guoliang Wang)
24. “*WTO Origin Rules for Services and the Defects: Substantial Input Test as One Way Out?*”, Journal of World Trade, Vol. 44, No. 5, 2010, 1083-1108
25. “*A Critique of the Appellate Report on China - Audiovisual Services: A Perspective on the Interpretation of Services Schedules*”, Studies in Law and Business (Fa Shang Yan Jiu, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law), Iss. 4 (2010), 2010, 42-51 (in Chinese)
26. “*On 'Like Products' in the WTO Auto Disputes: Reconsideration about China-Auto Parts*”, SWUPL International Law Review, Xiamen University Press, Vol. 1, 2010, 256-263 (in Chinese) (with Mingzhu Ji)
27. “*Fundamental Legal Issues in Unsecured International Financing*”, Contemporary Law Review (Dang Dai Fa Xue, Jilin University), Vol. 21, Iss. 2, 2007, 47-54 (in Chinese)
28. “*Chinese Views on Modern Marco Polos: New Foreign Trade Amendments after WTO Accession*”, Cornell International Law Journal, Vol. 39, No. 2, 2006, 329-369
29. “*WTO Treaty Interpretation Development and China's Services Trade Negotiation Strategy: A Perspective on the 2005 US-Gambling Case*”, Academic Forum (Xue Shu Lun Tan, Guangxi Academy of Social Sciences), Vol. 29, Iss. 8, 2006, 145-151 (in Chinese) (reprinted in full by *Renmin University Reprints* (see above))

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30. “*Competition Regulation under the WTO Framework: Present and Future: Also on China’s Measures*”, Social Science Research (She Hui Ke Xue Yan Jiu, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences), Iss. 5 (2006), 2006, 101-105 (in Chinese) (reprinted in full by *Renmin University Reprints* (see above))
31. “*Empirical Study of GATS Interpretation Development*”, Academic Forum (Xue Shu Lun Tan, Guangxi Academy of Social Sciences), Vol. 29, Iss. 2, 2006, 108-112 (in Chinese)
32. “*Analyzing the New Amendments of China’s Foreign Trade Act and its Consequent Ramifications: Changes and Challenges*”, Essays in Transnational Economic Law (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany), No. 45, 2005, 5-22
33. “*On Directors’ Duty of Care*”, Reform and Strategy (Gai Ge Yu Zhan Lue, Guangxi Federation of Social Sciences), Iss. 7-8 (2002), 90-93 (in Chinese) (with Fuqiang Hou) (reprinted in full by *Renmin University Reprints* (see above))
34. “*On Functional Regulation as the Key Point of Financial Regulation - the Changes in Chinese Financial Supervision Laws in the Face of the New Development of Global Financial Regulation*”, Journal of China Youth College for Political Science, Vol. 21, Iss. 1, 2002, 124-129 (in Chinese) (abstracted in *China University Periodicals Abstracts 2* (2002), 68)
35. “*On the Mode of Choice of China’s Investment Fund: Reviewing the Future Development of China’s Fund*”, China National Judges College Law Journal, Iss. 3 (2002), 2002, 20-23 (in Chinese) (with Xueqing Zhao)
36. “*GATS and the Changes in Chinese Banking Regulations*”, Journal of Shenzhen University, Vol. 18, Iss. 3, 2001, 68-74 (in Chinese) (with Fuqiang Hou)
37. “*The Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights and Dispute Settlement under TRIPs*”, Journal of China Central Leadership Institute of Politics and Law, Iss. 5 (2001), 2001, 30-33. (In Chinese, with Fuqiang Hou)
38. “*On Perfecting China’s Corporate Regulations Concerning Directors’ Duty of Loyalty*”, Modern Law Science (Xian Dai Fa Xue, Southwest University of Political Science and Law), Iss. 5 (2000), 2000, 118-121 (in Chinese) (reprinted in full by *Renmin University Reprints* (see above))

III. Book Chapters

1. “*China’s Bilateral Investment Treaties*” in Handbook of International Investment Law and Policy (Julien Chaisse, Leïla Choukroune and Sufian Jusoh, eds.), Springer, 2021, 23752394 (with Lu Wang)
2. “*Building Towards the RCEP? Reflections on the ASEAN-China FTA*” in *ASEAN Law in the New Regional Economic Order: Global Trends and Shifting Paradigms* (Pasha L. Hsieh and Bryan Mercurio, eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2019, 46-63
3. “*The Legal Issues of RCEP Investment Rules: A Sino-ASEAN Perspective*” in *Economic Integration in Asia: Key Prospects and Challenges with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership* (Deeparghya Mukherjee, ed.), Routledge UK, 2019, 71-92
4. “*The RCEP Investment Rules and China: Learning from the Malleability of Chinese FTAs*” in *China’s International Investment Strategy: Bilateral, Regional, and Global Law and Policy* (Julien Chaisse, ed.), Oxford University Press, 2019, 243-257 (published as a journal article in 2017: “The RCEP and Its Investment Rules: Learning from Past Chinese FTAs”, *Chinese Journal of Global Governance*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2017, 160-181)
5. “*An Analytical Introduction to the ChAFTA: Features and Challenges*” in *The ChinaAustralia Free Trade Agreement: A 21st Century Model* (Colin Picker, Heng Wang and Weihuan Zhou, eds.), Hart Publishing, 2018, 19-41

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6. “*The Asian Perspective on SMEs in International Trade Law*” in *Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in International Economic Law* (Thilo Rensmann, ed.), Oxford University Press, 2017, 189-215 (published as a journal article in 2016: “The Implications of the Trans-Pacific Partnership for SMEs: Opportunities and Challenges”, *KLRI Journal of Law and Legislation* (Korean Legislation Research Institution), Vol. 6, No. 1, 2016, 45-82)
7. “*Subsidies Issues in Renewable Energy Trade*” in *Emerging Issues in Sustainable Development: International Trade Law and Policy Relating to Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment* (Mitsuo Matsushita and Thomas J. Schoenbaum, eds.), Springer, 2016, 343-352
8. “*The Interpretation of WTO Services Schedules*” in *The Future of the WTO* (Guohua Yang, Jun Feng and Xiaoli Shi, eds.), Shanghai People’s Press, 2016, 585-604 (published as a journal article in 2010: “A Critique of the Appellate Report on China - Audiovisual Services: A Perspective on the Interpretation of Services Schedules”, *Studies in Law and Business*, Iss. 4 (2010), 2010, 42-51) (in Chinese)
9. “*China’s Participation in the Dispute Settlement at the World Trade Organization*” in *Legal Issues of China’s Response to WTO Disputes* (Heng Wang, ed.), Law Press China, 2015, 3-19 (in Chinese) (with Niying Lin and Zhenyu Xiao)
10. “*On the Application of International Services Trade Law to Climate Change: A Perspective from General Exceptions*” in *Legal Issues of China’s Response to WTO Disputes* (Heng Wang, ed.), Law Press China, 2015, 147-177 (in Chinese) (published as a journal article in 2012: “On the Application of International Services Trade Law to Climate Change: A Perspective from General Exceptions”, *Modern Law Science*, Vol. 34, No. 2, 2012, 138-151)
11. “*The Interpretation of GATS Disciplines on Economic Integration: GATS Commitments as a Threshold?*” in *Legal Issues of China’s Response to WTO Disputes* (Heng Wang, ed.), Law Press China, 2015, 184-235 (in Chinese) (translated from a journal article published in 2012: “The Interpretation of GATS Disciplines on Economic Integration: GATS Commitments as a Threshold?”, *Journal of World Trade*, Vol. 46, No. 2, 2012, 397-438)
12. “*The Agreement on Trade Facilitation and Its Implications: An Interpretative Perspective*” in *Legal Issues of China’s Response to WTO Disputes* (Heng Wang, ed.), Law Press China, 2015, 239-266 (in Chinese) (translated from a journal article published in 2014: “The Agreement on Trade Facilitation and Its Implications: An Interpretative Perspective”, *Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 2014, 445-476)
13. “*Conclusion*” in *Legal Issues of China’s Response to WTO Disputes* (Heng Wang, ed.), Law Press China, 2015, 267-273 (in Chinese)
14. *Enhancing Business Participation in Trade Policy-making: Lessons from China*, in *Redesigning the World Trade Organization for the Twenty-First Century* (Debra P. Steger, ed.), Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Canada, 2010, 284 (this book has been translated into Chinese and published by Shanghai People’s Press as one of China’s National 12th Five-Year Plan Key Books)
15. “*The WTO, Carbon Finance, and China: Does International Cooperation in Carbon Financial Regulation Need to be Strengthened?*” in *Global Challenges at the Intersection of Trade, Energy and the Environment* (Joost Pauwelyn, ed.), Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, and Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), 2010, 165-174

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16. “*Law of International Organizations*” in *International Law* (Tao Lin, ed.), Southwest Normal University Press, 2008, 170-184 (in Chinese)
17. “*The WTO and Agricultural Law*”, in *Agricultural Law* (Changqi Li and Yue Wu, eds.), Law Press China, 2007, 291-306 (in Chinese)
18. “*The EU Antidumping Case on Compact Fluorescent Lamps from China and China’s Responses*”, in *EU Antidumping Law: Theory and Practice* (Francis Snyder and Qingyang Tang, eds., EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation Programme), Law Press China, 2005, 477-496 (in Chinese)
19. “*China’s WTO Accession and Certain Issues of China’s Financial Law*”, in *Heated Issues in China’s Economic and Trade Law* (Wanzhong Sun, ed.), China People’s Public Security University Press, 2003, 300-309 (in Chinese) (with Xueqing Zhao)

IV. Other Materials

1. “[How Can CBDCs Be Designed to Drive Financial Inclusion?](#)”, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Global Centre for Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development, 30 Aug 2024
2. “[Achieving Financial Inclusion Through Digital Currencies](#)”, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Global Centre for Technology, Innovation and Sustainable Development, 7 May 2024
3. “[The Implications of a Digital Australian Dollar](#)”, *Lawyers Weekly*, 2 Feb 2022 (with Deborah Healey)
4. “[International Dimension of CBDC: A Network Analysis](#)”, Proceedings of CPMI (Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures) Conference “[Pushing the Frontiers of Payments: Towards Faster, Cheaper, More Transparent and More Inclusive Cross-Border Payments](#)”, the Bank for International Settlements, 2021 (with Simin Gao) (its new version has later appeared as an journal article published by Regulation & Governance)
5. “[China Meets Digital Currency: E-CNY and Its Implications for Businesses](#)”, *The Law Gazette* (the official publication of the Law Society of Singapore), Nov 2021 Iss. (“**Best Feature Article**”, **2022 Singapore Law Gazette Awards, the Law Society of Singapore**)
6. “[The Future of the BRI: A New Context and New Issues](#)” (Review of Basil C Bitas, ed., *ASEAN and the Belt and Road Initiative - Connectivity through Law and Commerce*, Academy Publishing, 2021), *Journal of International Economic Law*, Vol. 24, Iss. 4, 799–803
7. “[A Possible Future for CBDCs International Network Development](#)”, *Machine Lawyering*, 16 Jan 2021 (with Simin Gao)
8. “*The International Governance Crisis and Post-WTO Order*”, UNSW Law Research Paper No. 19-98, 2019, 1-20
9. “[Paradigm Shift in Investment Rules of China’s Free Trade Agreements? The Present and Future](#)”, 14 Aug. 2018, *The Prospector* (the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute)
10. “*WTO Disputes against the US as the starting point*”, 25 Jun. 2012, *Legal Daily* (China)
11. (As co-translator) *Civil Procedure*, (Jack H Friedenthal, Mary Kay Kane, Arthur R. Miller, third edition, West Group, 1999), trans., Press of China University of Political Science and Law, 2004, 220-365, 429-528 (in Chinese)
12. (As co-translator) *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics and the Law* (Peter Newman ed.), trans., Law Press China, 2003, 204-236, 588-594 (in Chinese)

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Selected Competitive Grants and Funding

1. Principal Investigator, “Addressing Governance Challenges in Digitalisation and Sustainability: A Perspective of Central Bank Digital Currency, Sustainable Development and Commerce Initiative”, [Centre for Commercial Law in Asia](#), Singapore Management University, 2023-2024
2. Partner and Former First Investigator, [2022 Australian Research Council \(ARC\) Discovery Project \(DP\) grant](#) “China’s Belt and Road Initiative: A New Model of Economic Governance?”, 2022-2025 (together with a team from UNSW and international collaborators from the University of Oxford and Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
3. UNSW Lead Investigator, *UNSW-Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Collaborative Research Fund* “China’s New Approach to Currency: Central Bank Digital Currency as a Game Changer in World Economy?”, 2020-2022 (SJTU Lead Investigator: Wei Shen)
4. UNSW Lead Investigator, *UNSW-Tsinghua University Collaborative Research Fund* “Financial Innovation and Regulatory Change in the Context of (De)globalization”, 2018-2020 (Tsinghua Lead Investigator: Simin Gao)
5. Perry World House International Visitor, University of Pennsylvania (Feb 2019)
6. Lead Investigator, 2019 *CIBEL Seed Grant* “China’s Approach to Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): A (Geo)political and Legal Analysis” (with Elizabeth Thurbon)
7. Lead Investigator, 2019 *UNSW Inspired Learning Initiative* (with Lu Wang)
8. Lead Investigator, 2018-2019 *Summer Research Support Scheme Grant of UNSW Law*
9. Co-Investigator, *UNSW-SJTU Collaborative Research Fund* “The China-Australia Free Trade Agreement: Implications for Australian Services Suppliers and China’s Services Sectors”, 2016-2017 (Lead Investigators include Weihuan Zhou)
10. Lead Investigator, 2013 *Key Project of Chinese Ministry of Justice on National Rule of Law and Legal Research* “Legal Issues of China-Related WTO Dispute Settlement After 10 Years’ Accession”
11. Lead Investigator, 2013 *Graduate Education Reform Project of Chongqing*
12. Lead Investigator, 2012 *The Fok Ying Tong Education Foundation Research Project* “The Interpretation of Regional Services Trade Law: Focusing on the Jurisprudence Transplant and Conflict Avoidance”
13. Lead Investigator, 2012 *China Law Society Ministerial Level Law Research Project* “The Interpretation of China’s WTO Accession Protocol”
14. Lead Investigator, 2010 *China Law Society Ministerial Level Law Research Project* “Empirical Research of WTO Dispute Settlement System”
15. Lead Investigator, 2010 *China (National) Model Bilingual-Teaching Course Development Project* “Case Study on International Trade Law” (jointly approved by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance, China)
16. Lead Investigator, 2011 *Young ‘Backbone’ Staff Project of Universities in Chongqing* “Cutting-Edge Issues of Services Trade Law: A Perspective from Treaty Interpretation”
17. Lead Investigator, 2011 *Higher Education and Teaching Innovation Key Research Project of Chongqing Municipality* “Bilingual Case Teaching Innovation and its Practice of International Economic Law”
18. Max Weber Fellow, the European University Institute, 2010-2011
19. Lead Investigator, 2010 *Chongqing Municipal Bilingual Teaching Model Course for Universities* “Case Study of International Trade Law”

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20. Co-Investigator, 2010 *Major Research Project, Outstanding Research Base of Humanities and Social Sciences, China's Ministry of Education* "Fundamental International Law Issues of Climate Change" (lead investigator: Zhixiong Huang)
21. Lead Investigator, 2009 *Humanities and Social Sciences Research Project of Chinese Ministry of Education* "Domestic Regulation Discipline under the Economic Crisis: Theoretical and Practical Analysis from a Multilateral and Regional Perspective"
22. Participation in the *Emerging Dynamic Global Economies (EDGE) Network*, Canada, headed by Prof. Debra Steger, University of Ottawa, with major work on the study of transparency issues of the WTO, particularly from the perspective of business participation in trade policymaking. The network was funded by the Networks of Centres of Excellence Canada (NCE) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
23. Co-Investigator, International Cooperation Project of Canadian International Development Agency and China's Ministry of Commerce (*Canada-China WTO Capacity Building Programme*), 2006-2008 (Lead Investigator: Qingyang Tang)
24. Lead Investigator, 2005 *Humanities and Social Sciences Research Project of Chinese Ministry of Education* "Innovation in China's Origin Rules for Services under the Context of the WTO"
25. Fellowship Recipient, [World Trade Organization \(WTO\) Support Programme for Doctoral Studies](#), Nov 2005- Apr 2006 (for conducting research and giving a seminar at the Headquarters of the WTO)
26. Co-Investigator, the External Actions of the European Community - *EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation Programme* (funded by the European Commission) (Action "Translation, studies and training on EU law", "EU-China Law Studies Series") (lead investigators include Prof. Yue Wu)
27. Participation in (*Sino-US*) *Presidential Rule of Law Initiative* (co-sponsored by the American and Chinese governments)

Selected Awards and Recognitions

1. Lee Kong Chian Fellow, SMU, 2024 - 2025
2. "Best Feature Article", 2022 Singapore Law Gazette Awards, the Law Society of Singapore
3. Best Paper Prize, [Machine Lawyering's 2021 Conference, "Human Sovereignty and Machine Efficiency in the Law"](#), Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2021 (with A/Prof Simin Gao)
4. [Australian Leader in the Field of International Law](#), 2020 (30 scholars named as Australia's leading researchers in the social sciences – "one selected from each of the 30 fields in this discipline. They are the researchers with the highest number of citations from papers published in the last five years in the 20 top journals in their field"), *The Australian* newspaper's Research Magazine 2020
5. UNSW Law Nomination for Australian Legal Research Award (Article/Chapter), the Council of Australian Law Deans, 2020 (a prestigious national award scheme established in 2019)
6. Joint nomination for the Dean's Award in Leadership in 2018 (with Prof. Deborah Healey), UNSW Law
7. Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow, European University Institute, Oct - Nov 2019
8. Third Prize, 3rd China Outstanding Law Research Award, China Law Society, 2015 (a triennially awarded honor; the most important official research award in law in China)

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9. Second Prize, 2nd China Outstanding Law Research Award, China Law Society, 2011
10. Third Prize, Outstanding Research Award in Humanities and Social Science in Higher Education Institutions, Ministry of Education, China, 2009 (a triennially awarded honor; the most important official research award in the social sciences in China)
11. First Prize, Youth Outstanding Research Award, Chinese Society of International Economic Law, 2012
12. First Prize, Youth Outstanding Research Award, Chinese Society of International Economic Law, 2011 (only one winner was selected)
13. First Prize, Youth Outstanding Research Award, Chinese Society of International Economic Law, 2010
14. Second Prize, 8th Chongqing Social Science Outstanding Research Award, Chongqing Municipal People's Government, 2014 (a biennially-awarded honor; the highest award for social science research in Chongqing Municipality, which sits directly under China's central government)
15. Second Prize, Outstanding Research Essay of "WTO and China" Forum, China Law Society, 2013
16. Third Prize, Outstanding Research Essay of "WTO and China" Forum, China Law Society, 2012 (First Prize vacant)
17. Outstanding Young and Middle-Aged Legal Expert of Chongqing, 2013
18. Top 100 Young Law Elites by Law Innovation Net co-sponsored by Law Information and Research Center of China Law Society and School of Law, Tsinghua University, 2010
19. Excellent Faculty Member Award, SWUPL, 2012
20. First Prize for Best Research, Chongqing Law Society, 2009 (only one winner is selected for high-quality law journal articles)
21. Third Prize, Youth Outstanding Research Award, Chinese Society of International Economic Law, 2009 (First Prize vacant)
22. Shizai Award for Excellence in Research, SWUPL, 2006 (the highest research award of SWUPL)
23. Award for Teaching Excellence, SWUPL, 2011
24. Outstanding Dissertation Award of Chongqing Municipality, Chongqing Municipal People's Government, 2005
25. Nomination Award for Chongqing Municipality May 4th Medal, Chongqing Municipal Government, 2004
26. National (Top Ten) Model Student of China, 2003
27. Excellent Award in the National Arbitration Law Article Contest co-sponsored by China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), China Maritime Arbitration Commission (CMAC), China-arbitration.com and Jingtian & Gongcheng Law Firm, 2003
28. Third Prize, China's 7th Challenge Cup National University Students' Competition for Extracurricular Works, 2001
29. Lead Team Member, championship of the China Second CIETAC Cup International Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2001 and participation in the Willem C. Vis Ninth Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna 2002 in the team representing Mainland China

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Selected Presentations, Lectures, Training, and Other Engagements

1. “China’s Approach to Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and the Emerging CBDC Network,” Third Annual Conference on Digital Governance in China, the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), 19 Nov 2024 (forthcoming)
2. Speaker, [Roundtable “The art of the possible for RegTech and SupTech: Protecting people through technology.”](#) Insights Forum ([Singapore FinTech Festival](#)), 4 Nov 2024 (forthcoming)
3. “The Development of Digital Currency and Its Implication”, Webinar “Recent Legal and Regulatory Developments in Digital Currencies,” Singapore University of Social Sciences, 2 Oct 2024 (online)
4. “The Belt and Road Initiative: Past, Present, and Future,” Roundtable Discussion “The Belt and Road Initiatives and Geoeconomic Order: A Decade in Review,” EUI, 29 Apr 2024 (online)
5. “Governance of Digitalization and Sustainability”, [CCLA Seminar: Governance of Digitalisation and Sustainability](#), SMU, 12 Apr 2024
6. Speaker, Roundtable on the Future of Finance, UNDP, 15 Mar 2024
7. “Foresight,” INTERPOL Innovation Centre, 7 Mar 2024
8. “E-CNY and Cross-border CBDC: Issues, Dispute Settlement, and Beyond”, [Digital Euro Conference 2024](#), Frankfurt, 29 Feb 2024
9. “The Future Landscape of Payments and CBDCs,” the Bundesbank (the central bank of Germany), 28 Feb 2024
10. Panellist (“Asian Free Trade Agreements”), The Law of Trade Agreements, the Graduate Institute, 5 Dec 2023 (online)
11. Panelist (“China, Digital Transformation and Central Bank Digital Currency”), Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) Conversation – “China’s Belt and Road Initiative: A New Model of Transnational Economic Governance?”, SIEL, 28 Nov 2023 (online)
12. “Central Bank Digital Currency”, a sharing session for international senior officials as part of Civil Service College Singapore’s training programme, 24 Nov 2023
13. “How to Handle Uncertainties in Digital Transformation? Case Study of Central Bank Digital Currency”, 2023 CIBEL Global Network Conference, UNSW, 22 Nov 2023 (online)
14. “Regulation of Central Bank Digital Currency”, 2023 Tsinghua World Forum on the Rule of Law, Tsinghua University, 17 Nov 2023 (online)
15. Panelist, the Centre for AI and Data Governance (CAIDG) event titled ‘The Future of Digital Money and FinTech’, SMU, 15 Nov 2023
16. Commentator, International Workshop on The Economic, Legal and Political Systems for China’s Green Transition, China International Business and Economic Law Centre, Faculty of Law and Justice, UNSW, and Centre for Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law, Law School of Tsinghua University, 20 Oct 2023 (online)
17. “Uncertainties about Digital Money: Balancing Stability and Adaptability”, [Virtual Conference on Financial Technology, Climate Change, and Challenges for Central Banks and Financial Regulators in Asia](#), Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), 25 Sept 2023 (online)
18. “[CODIFI 2023 - Heng Wang](#)” (CBDCs Colloquium interview by HCCH Deputy Secretary General Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar), [CODIFI Edition 2023 – CBDCs](#), HCCH (Hague Conference on Private International Law, an intergovernmental organization), 21 Sept 2023 (online)

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19. “The New Landscape of Money and Market: How CBDCs Are Reshaping the Financial System” (Keynote Presentation), [Vaduz Roundtable “Financial System 2030”](#), Vaduz, Liechtenstein, 15-16 Sept 2023
20. “Addressing Governance Challenges of Digitalisation and Sustainability: A Perspective of Central Bank Digital Currency”, [SMU-Sydney-HKU Law and Sustainability Conference](#), SMU, 14 Jul 2023
21. Keynote Speaker (Keynote Speech “Digitalization, Trade and Sustainable development”), 2023 Summer Academy, East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST), Shanghai, 1 Jul 2023 (online)
22. Discussant, Book Launch and Conference “China’s Foreign Investment Legal Regime: Toward China’s Development Goals”, Centre for International Law, NUS, 15 Jun 2023 (online)
23. Discussant (“Governance of the evolving investment and international financial systems: Networks and sustainability”), [Workshop “Chinese Law and Development: Views from Asia and Beyond”](#), Centre for Asian Legal Studies (NUS Law) and University of Oxford, NUS, 30 May 2023
24. Keynote Speaker (Keynote Speech “Embrace Uncertainty for Future”) and Panelist, [World Bank FCI \(Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation\) Seoul Center’s 10th Anniversary Event: Difference Maker: Financing for Future, Innovation for Growth](#), Seoul, 23 May 2023
25. “China’s Central Bank Digital Currency and the Future of the International Financial System”, Contactless World Congress, NFCW - www.nfcw.com, 16 May 2023 (online)
26. Commentator, Working Paper Seminar, Centre for Banking & Finance Law (CBFL), NUS, 9 Mar 2023
27. Commentator, ASEAN-Korea Strategic Partnership Workshop, SMU, 1 Mar 2023
28. “Sustainability and Digitalization: A Perspective from Digital Currencies”, [7th Annual Wee Kim Wee Soka International Seminar on Global Peace and Understanding](#), 16 Feb 2023
29. “Implications of Digital Yuan on Chinese and Global Economy”, 3rd Expert Scholars’ Dialogue of Organisation for Research on China & Asia (ORCA), New Delhi, India, 15 Feb 2023 (online)
30. “The Future of International Investment Law: RCEP and Beyond”, Third Forum for International Investment Dispute Settlement, Institute for International Dispute Settlement, Tsinghua University, 26 Dec 2022 (online)
31. “China’s Digital Renminbi”, Digital Assets @NAB Town Hall, National Australia Bank (NAB), 5 Dec 2022 (online)
32. “Perspectives on Trends Relating to Crypto Assets, Central Bank Digital Currencies, Digitalisation and Sustainability”, Monetary Authority of Singapore, 1 Nov 2022
33. “China’s Central Bank Digital Currency and Its Implications”, World Bank, 14 Oct 2022 (online)
34. “The Future of RCEP Investment Rules”, [2022 Conference of China International Investment Arbitration Forum \(CIIAF\)](#), co-sponsored by [CIIAF](#), [China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission \(CIETAC\)](#), and [International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes \(ICSID\)](#), 13 Oct 2022 (online)
35. “The Future of Central Bank Digital Currencies”, [European Alternative Finance Research Conference 2022 “Fintech for the Common Good”](#), Utrecht School of Economics (U.S.E.) and [European Centre for Alternative Finance \(ECAAF\)](#) at University of Utrecht, and COST

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- Action CA19130 FinAI - Fintech and Artificial Intelligence in Finance, 6 Oct 2022 (online)
36. Panellist, Regional Trends in Trade Agreements, the Graduate Institute, 4 Oct 2022 (online)
37. “[Central Bank Digital Currencies and Private International Law](#)”, Inaugural [CODIFI \(Commercial, Digital and Financial Law Across Borders\) Conference of HCCH](#), 13 Sept 2022 (online)
38. “Key Legal Design Considerations for the E-CNY (Digital Yuan)”, Speaker’s Event for Fintech Coordination Group, the IMF, 13 Jul 2022 (online)
39. “China’s Central Bank Digital Currency and Its Implications”, [China and the Future of International Economic Law Conference](#), Durham University Law School and School of International Law, China University of Politic Science and Law, 8 Jul 2022 (online)
40. “The Belt and Road Initiative and Transnational Economic Governance”, UNSDG Summer Camp, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 4, 5 Jul 2022 (online)
41. Commentator, FGV/UFRGS China Project Research Design Discussion Workshop (online), FGV/UFRGS, 30 Jun 2022 (online)
42. “The Interrelationship between International Economic Law and the Development of Individuals, Society and Nations”, Law School, Fujian Normal University, 19 May 2022 (online)
43. Panellist, [webinar “What Do Economic Sanctions Mean for Businesses?”](#), CIBEL, 5 May 2022 (online)
44. Panellist (China’s central bank digital currency), FinTech Executive Briefing, [National Foundation for Australia-China Relations](#) (NFACR, an Australian government initiative), 30 Mar. 2022
45. “The Future of the Belt and Road Initiative and Extra-Regional Governance”, [2022 Harvard Law School China Law Symposium “Charting a New Course through Uncertainties”](#), Harvard Law School, 29 Mar. 2022 (online)
46. “The Implications of Financial Sanctions”, [webinar “Financial Sanction on Russia: Impact and Perspectives”](#), Center of International Law Practice and EU Law Center, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 11 Mar. 2022 (online)
47. “[The Future of Central Bank Digital Currency: Digital Yuan and Beyond](#)”, [Webinar](#), Department of Law, North South University, Bangladesh, 25 Feb 2022 (online) (reported by [The Daily Star](#))
48. “China’s Approach to Central Bank Digital Currency”, [The 3rd Machine Lawyering Conference: Legal Innovation in the Digital Society](#), Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 19 Feb. 2022 (online)
49. “Comparative Analysis of International Dispute Settlement”, [Conference on “Dispute Settlement in International Trade Agreements: Prospective Pathways”](#), Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi, Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR), and Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, 10 Feb. 2022 (online)
50. “Digital Currencies: Present and Future”, Panel “Categories and Legal Implication of Digital Currencies”, Peking University Law School, 22 Dec. 2021 (online)
51. Panellist, [CIBEL-SJTU Webinar: China’s CBDC and International Landscape](#), 10 Dec. 2021 (online)

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52. [“Central Bank Digital Currency and Trade”](#), AWRN 2021 Virtual Conference, 27 Nov. 2021 (online)
53. [“The Breadth, Depth and Strength of an Australia-India Trade Agreement”](#), [IndiaAustralia Free Trade Agreement Conference](#), co-hosted by Transnational Law and Policy Centre (University of Wollongong), Centre for India Australia Studies (Jindal Global University), Centre for International Trade and Investment Law (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade), and Asia Pacific Research Centre (University of Newcastle), 23 Nov. 2021 (online)
54. [“Understanding the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement”](#), [Qianhai Data Economy Lecture Series, Shenzhen Institute of Data Economy](#), 27 Nov. 2021 (online)
55. Panellist (“Distinguished Remarks on Developing Countries’ Perspective on MC12”), [Webinar on 12th WTO Ministerial Conference: What’s in It for the Developing Countries](#), Centre for Trade and Investment Law (established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India), Delhi, 20 Nov. 2021 (online).
56. “The Future of the International Financial System: The Emerging CBDC Network and Its Impact on Regulation”, [2021 Tsinghua-UNSW Joint Research Centre for International Commercial and Economic Law \(JCICEL\) Conference](#), 10 Nov. 2021 (online)
57. Panellist, the Session “Re-Imagining Multilateralism and Rules-Based Order”, [2021 ANU \(Australian National University\) Crawford Leadership Forum](#), 7 Sept. 2021 (online)
58. “China’s Pathway to Central Bank Digital Currency”, 2021 Global Network Conference – Webinar 1: New Landscape of International Economic Legal Order and Its Implications, 9 Jul. 2021 (online)
30. “China’s Approach to International Economic Governance: Selective Reshaping?”, Panel IX: China’s Role in Shaping International Economic Governance: New Models and Implications for Trading Partners, [Seventh Biennial Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law \(SIEL\) “Rethinking Global Economic Governance”](#), 8 Jul. 2021 (online)
31. “Investment Law Reform in Asia: China’s Evolving Approach to International Investment”, [the panel on “Investment Treaty Reform in Asia: Rule Markers, Takers or Breakers?”](#), [CIL \(Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore\)/NYU \(New York University\) Webinar Series on Investment Law Reform in Asia](#), 16 Jun. 2021 (online)
32. “International Law in the Asian Future: A Perspective of Transnational Economic Governance”, [Asian Society of International Law 8th Biennial Conference](#), 26 May 2021 (online)
33. Panellist, the panel on “Post-COVID World Economy: New Digital Currency, A New Trade Agreement, and Beyond”, [CIBEL-CCLA Banking Law Webinar](#), 21 May 2021 (online)
34. Panellist, [Lunch Webinar: eCommerce, RCEP and the Ways forward?](#) CIBEL, 30 Apr. 2021 (online)
35. Panellist, the panel on “International Trade Dispute Settlement 2.0” at [115th Annual Meeting of American Society of International Law \(ASIL\)](#), 25 Mar. 2021 (pre-recorded on 5 Mar. 2021) (online)
36. Panellist, King’s College London Forum on IDR – Triumvir Law Investment Arbitration Talk Series Webinar on “The RCEP Agreement and its Impact on Trade and Investment Treaty Arbitration”, 22 Mar. 2021 (Note: Triumvir Law is a boutique law firm based in Bangalore) (online)

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37. “China’s Approach to Central Bank Digital Currency”, [CIBEL-SJTU Joint Workshop on Technology and Finance](#), 19 Mar. 2021 (online)
38. “[The Future of the International Financial System: A CBDC Network and Regulatory Outlook](#)” (co-authored with Simin Gao), [Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures \(CPMI\) Conference](#) on “[Pushing the Frontiers of Payments: Towards Faster, Cheaper, More Transparent and More Inclusive Cross-Border Payment](#)”, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), 18 Mar. 2021 (online)
39. “The Future of Dispute Settlement under the Belt and Road Initiative”, Conference on “[Belt and Road Initiative in Africa: Addressing the Issues of Debt, Dispute Resolution, and Transparency](#)”, co-hosted by Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, and Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong, 26 Feb. 2021 (online)
40. “RCEP and Its Implications”, [SIDRA-CIBEL Webinar on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership \(RCEP\)](#), 4 Feb. 2021 (online)
41. Keynote Speaker, “Network Analysis of Central Bank Digital Currency: The Future of International Monetary System”, [Machine Lawyering’s 2021 Conference, “Human Sovereignty and Machine Efficiency in the Law”](#), Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 16 Jan. 2021 (online) (with Simon Gao) (best paper prize) (video [here](#))
42. “The Future of the International Financial System: A CBDC Network and Regulatory Outlook”, Beijing Society of International Economic Law, 19 Dec. 2020 (online) (written with Simin Gao, presented by Simin Gao)
43. “The Future of Services Trade”, School of Trade Negotiations, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE), 11 Dec. 2020 (online)
44. “Uniform Commercial Law and Dispute Settlement Along the Belt and Road”, Conference on “[CISG@40: the Application of Uniformed Substantive Rules](#)”, organised by International Chamber of Commerce, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and Wuhan University, 28 Nov. 2020 (online) (as part of UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day)
45. “COVID-19 and the World Trade Order: China, the US and Beyond”, AWRN ([Asia WTO Research Network](#)) 2020 Web Conference, 28 Nov. 2020 (online)
46. Panellist, SIEL (Society of International Economic Law) Conversation 5 “[The Impact of Covid-19 on the Belt and Road Initiative](#)”, 19 Nov. 2020 (online)
47. Panellist, “China and the Future of International Legal Order: The BRI, Trade Tensions and Beyond”, webinar entitled “[World Governance: Legal and Political Perspectives from China, Europe, and Latin America](#)”, organised by Center of German and European Studies (CDEA) with the support of the Graduate Program in International Strategic Studies (PPGEEI) and Graduate Program in Law (PPGD), both from the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil, 22 Oct. 2020 (online)
48. “Cross-border investment in a post-COVID world”, 2020 Tsinghua World Forum on the Rule of Law, 16 Oct. 2020 (online)
49. “The Challenges to International Economic Law in the Post-COVID-19 World: A Chinese Perspective”, [Conference on Global Public-Private Law Approaches to the Covid-19 Pandemic](#), School of Law, Singapore Management University, 10 Sept. 2020 (online)
50. “The Future of International Economic Order in the Post-COVID-19 World”, workshop on “Setting a Research Agenda for International Economic Law”, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, 22 Jul. 2020 (online) (I was invited to join a series

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of six workshops hosted by the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore to discuss developing a research agenda for the next decade in international economic law)

51. “China and (De)Globalization in a Post-COVID-19 World”, CIBEL Global Network Conference virtual panel: “[The future of international economic law after COVID-19: China and \(de\)globalisation](#)”, 9 Jul. 2020 (online) (the full session was broadcast on 12 and 13 July on *Sky News channel 604*)
52. “The Implications of Central Bank Digital Currency”, Digital Currency and Financial Information Protection Workshop, Tsinghua University Law School, 26 Jun. 2020 (online)
53. “The Future Paths of China to International Order”, Conference on “China’s foreign aid during the Covid-19 pandemic”, the African Governance and Space (AFRIGOS) group, a project funded by the European Research Council and based at the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Edinburgh, 1 Jun. 2020 (online)
54. “International Trade and Globalization in the Time of COVID-19”, Teleforum “[Will COVID-19 Affect International Trade and Globalization?](#)”, [Federalist Society](#) (Washington D.C.), 2 Apr. 2020 (online)
55. “The BRI – What Is It, the Opportunities and Its Future”, Seminar on the Trend of China’s International Economic Law Practice, UNSW Edge, 27 Mar. 2020 (online)
56. “Commercial Mediation in China”, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, 14 Feb. 2020 (online)
57. “WTO Crisis and the Future of International Economic Order”, 18th Annual Conference on WTO and China, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, 8 Dec. 2019
58. Panellist, [DC FinTech Week](#), which took place on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C., cohosted by Georgetown University and United Kingdom’s Financial Conduct Authority, 22 Oct. 2019 (my views were reported on in Jim Kharouf, “[Issues on the Hill and Beyond: A Report From the Institute for Financial Markets](#)”)
59. “A G2 Free Trade Agreement: Illusion or Not?”, Paradise Lost or Found? The Post-WTO International “Legal” Order (Utopian & Dystopian Possibilities) Workshop, KCL, 19 Oct. 2019
60. China’s Approach to World Order, Seminar at Oxford University China Centre, 17 Oct. 2019
61. Commentator, “[A Changing International Economic Order and the Response from International Law](#)” conference, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, 27 Sept. 2019
62. Panellist, Herbert Smith Freehills’ 2019 Global Partner Conference, Sydney, 14 Sept. 2019
63. “Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): A Game Changer for International Economic Law in Digital Age?”, Asian WTO Research Network (AWRN) 2019 Retreat, Kanagawa, Japan, 7 Jul. 2019 (written with Simin Gao, presented by Heng Wang)
64. “Making Sense of China’s Bid to Establish a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): An Interdisciplinary Analysis of the Drivers, Enablers, Tensions, and Potential Consequences for China and the World”, Conference of the Society for the Advancement of SocioEconomics (SASE) “Fathomless Futures: Algorithmic and Imagined”, The New School for Social Research, New York, 27 Jun. 2019 (written with Elizabeth Thurbon, presented by Elizabeth Thurbon)
64. Panellist, [2019 Annual Conference on WTO Law and Global Economic Regulation](#), Geneva, 7-8 Jun. 2019 (this Georgetown - Graduate Institute (G2) conference is the

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- leading conference in the field, and benefits from academic input and guidance provided by the Society of International Economic Law; held at Graduate Institute and the Headquarters of the World Trade Organization)
65. Panellist, Seminar on “*A Change of Direction on the Belt and Road? Sustainability, Standards and Solving Disputes*” at Herbert Smith Freehills Hong Kong office, 23 May 2019 (Herbert Smith Freehills is a world-leading law firm)
 66. “An Analysis of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): Bounded Rational Players in a Network”, Tsinghua-Columbia Annual Forum on Cyber Law, Tsinghua University, 8 May 2019 (written with Simin Gao, presented by Simin Gao).
 67. “China and Global Governance: Present and Future”, China Development Forum 2019, the University of Sydney China Development Society, 4 May 2019
 68. “The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and China’s Role in Global Governance”, [University of Pennsylvania Asian Law Review Annual Symposium](#), 15 Feb. 2019
 69. “[China’s Response to the US-China Trade War and Its Spillover Effects](#)”, Center for the Study of Contemporary China, the University of Pennsylvania, 14 Feb. 2019
 70. “China’s Trade Policy: From Selective Adaptation to Selective Innovation”, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 13 Feb. 2019
 71. “The US-China Trade War”, Fox Leadership International Program, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 12 Feb. 2019
 72. [China’s approach to Belt and Road Initiative](#), EW Barker Centre for Law & Business, National University of Singapore, 23 Jan. 2019
 73. “[Central Bank Digital Currency \(CBDC\) and Its Implications: A Legal Perspective](#)”, [UNSW-Tsinghua Collaboration Workshop on FinTech, RegTech and CBDC](#) (Central Bank Digital Currency), UNSW Sydney, 16 Nov. 2018
 74. “[Central Bank Digital Currency \(CBDC\): CBDC as a Game Changer?](#)”, FinTech Law and Regulation Workshop, [Tsinghua University Law School](#), 31 Oct. 2018
 75. “The Future of China’s Approach to Fintech: Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)?”, Tsinghua University Law School, 29 Oct. 2018
 76. “China’s Approach to International Economic Law: Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and Beyond”, [15th International Law Forum of Institute of International Law, Chinese Academy of Social Science](#), 28 Oct. 2018
 77. “The future role of trade norms in China’s Reform: Starting from deep FTAs lite?”, [17th Annual Conference on the WTO and China](#), being co-hosted by [the University of International Business and Economics \(UIBE\)](#), [the China Society for World Trade Organization Studies \(CWTO\)](#), and [the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development \(ICTSD\)](#), and organised by the UIBE’s China Institute for WTO Studies, 27 Oct. 2018
 78. “China’s Approach to the Belt and Road Initiative”, [78th Biennial Conference of the International Law Association](#), International Law Association – Australian Branch, Sydney, 21 Aug. 2018
 79. “The Paradigm Shift of China’s Approach to International Economic Law: From Selective Adaptation to Selective Innovation”, The Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) 2018 Biennial Conference “International Economic Law in Unsettling Times”, American University Washington College of Law, Washington D.C., 13 Jul. 2018 (member of 2018 SIEL Conference Committee) (presented by Kun Hui)
 80. “China’s Approach to International Economic Legal Order and Its Implications”, Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Toronto, 9 June. 2018

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81. “China’s Regulatory Approach to the Sharing Economy: Regulation Trumps Innovation? Sharing Economy and Finance”, Conference: “The Sharing Economy in China: Regulation or De-regulation for Innovation?”, KoGuan School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 27 Mar. 2018 (written with Huiqin Jiang, presented by Huiqin Jiang)
82. “China’s Approach to International Economic Law and Its Implications for Businesses”, Alumni Summit Hosted by UNSW Sydney - “The Future of Asia”, Hong Kong, 3 Mar. 2018
83. “China’s Approach to International Economic Law: From Selective Adaptation to Selective Innovation?”, HKU-UNSW Symposium, The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, 2 Mar. 2018
84. “Building towards the RCEP? Reflections on the ASEAN-China FTA”, [Conference - ASEAN Law in the New Regional Economic Legal Order, Singapore Management University](#), 7-8 Dec. 2017
85. “The Future of China’s Trade Pacts and Intellectual Property”, [Conference - The Future of Asian Trade Deals and IP, Singapore Management University](#), 8 Dec. 2017
86. “China’s Trade and Investment Approach to the Belt and Road Initiative”, [The 11th Trade Policy Training Centre in Africa \(trapca\) Annual Conference 2017](#), Arusha, Tanzania, 22-24 Nov. 2017
87. “How May China Respond to the US Trade Approach? Retaliatory, Inclusive and Regulatory Responses”, ANZSIL (Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law) International Economic Law Interest Group Workshop, University of Sydney, 12 Oct. 2017
88. “China's Trade Approach to the Belt and Road Initiative and Its Implications”, Tsinghua-UNSW Workshop, Tsinghua University School of Law, 27 Sept. 2017
89. “The Future of China’s Approach to International Economic Law in Deep FTAs Era”, Workshop “The New Plurilateralism: The Emerging Standard for Global Economic Governance?”, University of Warwick, 14-15 Sept. 2017
90. “OBOR and International Economic Legal Order”, One Belt One Road Summit, Faculty of Law, Oxford University, 13-14 Sept. 2017
91. Keynote Speaker, “The Legal Issues of RCEP Investment Rules: A Sino-ASEAN Perspective”, Workshop “Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, South East Asia and Asia Pacific”, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, 3 Aug. 2017
92. “The RCEP and Its Investment Rules: Learning from Past Chinese FTAs”, the 5th Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) Conference “Asian Perspectives on International Investment Law”, Xiamen, China, 16 Jun. 2017
93. “How may China respond to President Trump’s trade policy? Features and the future”, AWRN 2017 Meeting, 6 Jun. 2017
94. “China's FTA Approach to Intellectual Property in the Era of Mega FTAs”, [2nd Works-in-Progress Conference “IPSCHOLARS ASIA”](#), Singapore Management University, 23 Feb. 2017
95. “Chinese Consumer Protection and International Trade”, Second International Conference on Consumer Policy in China: New Trends and Challenges, University of Macau, 6-7 Dec. 2017 (with Mary Ip, presented by Mary Ip)
96. “Investment Rules of China’s FTAs: Present and Future”, Asian FDI Forum, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 29-30 Nov. 2016

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97. “How Might China Respond to the TPP?”, Sixth Annual American Society of International Law Research Forum, University of Washington School of Law, 12 Nov. 2016
98. “The Future of China’s Approach to International Economic Law in Deep FTAs Era: A Paradigm Shift Towards Deep FTAs Lite?”, [Biennial Conference of the American Society of International Law \(ASIL\) International Economic Law Interest Group](#), Georgetown Law’s Institute of International Economic Law, 30 Sept 2016
99. “China and the Megaregionals”, The Institute for International Law and Justice, New York University, 27 Sept. 2016
100. “China and the Accession to the World Trade Organization: History, Reasons and Interpretation Issues”, New York University School of Law, 26 Sept. 2016
101. [“China’s Participation in the International Economic Legal Order”](#), Columbia Law School, 28 Sept. 2016
102. “The Recent Trend of China’s FTAs: A Paradigm Shift?”, The Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) 2016 Global Conference, School of Law and Mandela Institute University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 7-9 Jul. 2016 (member of 2016 SIEL Conference subcommittees on keynotes and budgets)
103. “The Future of China’s FTAs and its Implications for China’s Trade Pacts with Australia and New Zealand”, 24th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, Australian National University, 30 Jun-2 Jul. 2016
104. “An Assessment of the ChAFTA and Its Implications”, Conference of Chinese-Australian Economic Relations in the Post-ChAFTA World, UNSW, 17-18 Jun. 2016
105. “China and the TPP”, Biennial Symposium of the Global Economic Law Network: The Age of Mega-Regionals – TPP and Regulatory Autonomy in International Economic Law”, Melbourne Law School, 19-20 May 2016
106. “China’s FTAs and the TPP”, AWRN 2016 Conference “The Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Paradigm Shift in International Trade Regulation?”, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 16-17 May 2016
107. “Rules of Origin in WTO/FTA Dispute Settlement Mechanism”, APEC FTAAP Capacity Building Program, Workshop entitled “Dealing with a New Trade Landscapes: Complexities of Rules of Origin and Logistical Challenges of Trade Facilitation”, sponsored by the Korean Foreign Ministry in collaboration with the APEC, 22-23 Sept. 2015
108. “The Challenges of China-Korea FTA: Rule Development, Implementation and Interpretation”, Joint Asian International Economic Law Conference, co-sponsored by Asia WTO Research Network, Asian International Economic Law Network, as well as Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law, Bali, 20-21 Jul. 2015
109. “The New Development of Chinese FTAs: A Perspective of China-Korea FTA”, Conference entitled “Korea-China FTA: Legal Prospects and Jurisprudence”, co-sponsored by Chinese Society of International Economic Law, Korea Society of International Economic Law (KSIEL), and Korea Legislation Research Institute (KLRI), held at Xiamen University, 23 Jun. 2015
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112. "The WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation: Who Wins? Who Loses? A Chinese Perspective", Harvard Law School, 18 Sept. 2014
113. "Culture and Trade", Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania, 16 Sept. 2014
114. "China and the World Trade Regime: A Multilateral and Regional Perspective", Center for the Study of Contemporary China & Center for Asian Law, University of Pennsylvania, 15 Sept. 2014
115. "China, the WTO and Free Trade Agreements", Cornell University Law School, 12 Sept. 2014
116. "China and the WTO", University of Virginia School of Law, 11 Sept. 2014
117. "Guest Lecture: Chinese Export Restrictions", the course on International Trade Law co-taught by Profs. Tomer Broude and Paul B. Stephan, University of Virginia School of Law, 10 Sept. 2014
118. "China and International Economic Law", George Washington University Law School, 8 Sept. 2014
119. "The Characterization of Services in the Context of World Trade Law: Taking the Cultural E-Product as an Example", Fourth Biennial Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), World Trade Institute (WTI), University of Bern, 1012 Jul. 2014
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121. "The Challenges of Interpretation: A Perspective from General Exceptions and Accession Protocol", Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) III Conference "WTO at 20 and the Future of the International Law on Trade, Investment and Finance" (Special Session "WTO Dispute Settlement: The Present and Future" with Seung Wha Chang [Member of the Appellate Body of the WTO], Valerie Hughes [Director of the WTO Legal Division], Werner Zdouc [Director of the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat]), Ewha Womans University, Seoul, 18 Jul. 2013
122. "Cultural Rights Implications for Trade in Service", Conference on Protection of Fundamental Rights - Cultural Rights: Culture and Patrimonial Heritage Protection", Legal and Judicial Training Centre, Macau, 12 Dec. 2013
123. "The Accession Protocol and the WTO", International Conference on Legal Environment of International Economic Governance, SWUPL, 17 Jun. 2013
124. "The Practice of International Commercial Terms 2010 (INCOTERMS 2010) and Risk Prevention", China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Sichuan Council, 28 Aug. 2012
125. "The Interpretation of China's Accession Protocol: A Perspective from General Exceptions", "Commercial Law Reform in Asia", Universities of Sydney/Hawaii Joint Seminar, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney, 4 Aug. 2012
126. "The Law of Hong Kong Law and the Management of MNE Legal Departments", Training Program for In-house Counsels, HNA Group, Haikou, 28-29 Jun. 2012
127. "Technological Innovation and Trade Law", Symposium on WTO Disputes involving China, Renmin University, Beijing, 23 Dec. 2011

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128. “The WTO, FTAs, and Chinese Banking System”, Martin Luther University HalleWittenberg, Halle, Germany, 26 Jul. 2011
129. “The Interpretation of WTO Service Schedules: A Perspective from China-Audiovisual Services”, Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) Conference 2011 “The Global Financial and Economic Crisis and the Post-Crisis International Economic Law Environment”, University of Hong Kong and Chinese University of Hong Kong, 15 Jul. 2011
130. “The Interpretation of WTO Service Schedules”, Max Weber Programme Lustrum Conference, European University Institute, 10 Jun. 2011
131. “The Future of International Trade Law”, Roundtable, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, 6 Jun. 2011
132. “China, Free Trade Agreements and WTO Law: A Perspective from Services Trade”, Confucius Institute for Business London, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), 9 Mar. 2011
133. “Interpretation of Service Schedules: A Perspective from *China-Audiovisual Services*”, UCL WTO Scholars' Forum, Law Faculty, University College London (UCL), 8 Mar. 2011
134. “The Challenges of Interpreting WTO Disciplines on Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) in Services Trade: An Appraisal of China’s FTAs”, Law Faculty Seminar, Department of Law, European University Institute, held in Florence, 15 Dec. 2010
135. “Defects in Interpreting the GATS Schedule of Specific Commitments and a Solution: A Perspective from *China-Audiovisual Case*”, at the conference “2009: A ‘Chinese’ Year of WTO Dispute Settlement” co-sponsored by the Center of International Law, Fudan University School of Law and Information Department of Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center, Shanghai, 19-20 Mar. 2010
136. “Some Observations on the Appellate Body Report on *China-Publications and Audiovisual Products*”, at Research Collaboration Workshop involving SWUPL and the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada, 11-12 Jan. 2010
137. “Business Participation in Trade Rulemaking: A Chinese Perspective”, 2009 Conference of the Chinese Society of International Economic Law on “International Financial Crisis and the Reform of International Economic Law” at Zhejiang Gongshang University, Hangzhou, China, 31 Oct.-1 Nov. 2009
138. [“A Chinese Perspective on Trade and Climate Change”](#), Conference on “Global Challenges at the Intersection of Trade, Energy and the Environment” jointly organised by the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration (CTEI) at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva and the World Trade Organization, the Headquarters of the World Trade Organization, 22-23 Oct. 2009
139. “China, Free Trade Agreements and WTO Law: A Perspective on Services Trade”, Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) Inaugural Conference, University of Tokyo, 3 Aug. 2009
140. [“Extension of the WTO-plus Comment Obligations: A Possible Way of Enhancing Business Participation in the World Trade System?”](#), Conference of the Study Group on International Economic Law, Japan, Meiji University, Tokyo, 23 Jul. 2009
141. “Comparative Study of Chinese and Spanish Arbitration Law”, Legal Commission Meeting, Fifth China-Spain Forum cosponsored by Chinese and Spanish national governments, hosted by the People’s Government of Sichuan Province, Chengdu, China, Apr. 2009

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142. "Section 301 Trade Actions and the Response", Training Programme for Intellectual Property Professionals, Chongqing Academy of Intellectual Property, 15 Oct. 2008
143. "WTO and Transparency: A Perspective from China", Panel on Institutional Reform of the WTO (EDGE Network Panel) headed by Prof. Debra Steger at the Inaugural Conference of the Society of International Economic Law, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, Jul. 2008
144. "Comparative Study of China's FTAs: A Perspective on Services Trade", Asian WTO Research Network Shanghai Meeting, Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center, Shanghai, May 2008
145. "WTO and Transparency: A Perspective on Developing Countries", WTO Institution Reform Project Workshop, Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo, Canada, Mar. 2008
146. "Trading Rights, General Exceptions and Beyond: A Perspective on WTO Disputes against China", 2008 Gonzaga Journal of International Law Spring Symposium, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Feb. 2008
147. "China-ASEAN Services Trade: A Lawyer's Perspective". Paper submitted to the 3rd China-ASEAN Top Forum on Legal Cooperation and Development, Chongqing, China, Sept. 2007
148. "Rules of Origin for Services: Challenges and Solutions", International Conference on WTO Dislocations and Solutions, SWUPL, Chongqing, China, 2 Dec. 2006
149. "The WTO, Vienna Convention, and the GATS", "EU-China Trade and Law" Symposium, SWUPL, Chongqing, China, Aug. 2006
150. "WTO, GATS, and Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties: A Perspective from Origin Rules for Services", WTO Economic Seminars, the Headquarters of the World Trade Organization, Geneva, 28 Apr. 2006
151. "Chinese Views of the Modern Marco Polos: New Foreign Trade Amendments after WTO Accession", Northwestern University School of Law, 7 Apr. 2006
152. "WTO, GATT and the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties: Services (Rather Than Goods) Under the Treaties", Saint Louis University, 18 Apr. 2006
153. Panellist, "China, Trade and the Global Economy", Trade Mondays' Seminar, Danish Institute for International Studies, 27 Mar. 2006
154. "GATS, VCLT and Origin", two guest lectures at International Trade Law Master Program, Amsterdam Law School of the University of Amsterdam, 21-22 Mar. 2006
155. "China's Foreign Trade Law: Changes and Challenge", Sino-German Symposium on "Law and Economy", Goethe University, Frankfurt, Dec. 2004
156. Guest talks on China and international economic law, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Dec. 2004