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### Biography

Mark McLaughlin is Assistant Professor of Law (Research) at the Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University, with a joint appointment at the Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy (SIDRA). He has been a trainer for government officials around the world in managing their investment treaty commitments and navigating complex disputes, and coordinates the investment dispute programme of UNCITRAL Academy. In 2026 he was an expert contributor to UNCITRAL Working Group II on Dispute Settlement, the Singapore Cooperation Programme, and is a member of the ISDS Academic Forum. He holds a PhD in International Law from the China University of Political Science and Law and an LL.B. from the University of Glasgow.

His research addresses international economic law and dispute resolution, with particular attention to arbitration and mediation; he has published on investor-state mediation, state-owned enterprises, and the regulation of emerging technologies in leading journals including the *Journal of International Economic Law*, and *ICSID Review*. He is co-editor of a forthcoming volume on *Global Trends in Mediation*, and teaches on Dispute Resolution Advocacy and Foreign Investment Law in Asia.

### Appointments

- Assistant Professor (Research), Singapore Management University and Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, April 2024 – present
- Global Visiting Assistant Professor, Singapore Management University and Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, October 2021 – March 2024
- Research Fellow, Singapore Management University and Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy, September 2020 – September 2021
- Lecturer, China University of Political Science and Law, September 2019 – August 2020

### Education

- PhD in International Law, China University of Political Science and Law, 2015-2019
- PgD in International Law, University of Glasgow, 2014-2016
- LL.B. (Honours), University of Glasgow, 2010-2014

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## **Courses Taught**

- Foreign Investment Law in Asia (LLM)
- Dispute Resolution Advocacy (LLB)

## **Trainer for Government Officials**

1. *The Singapore Convention for Government Officials: Why is it Useful?* GIZ RegioTrade Kick-off Conference, Vienna, Austria, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025.
2. *Government Capacity-Building Workshop*, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Academy, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
3. *Investor-State Dispute Settlement Capacity-Building Workshop*, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Academy, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.
4. *Mediation and Dispute Resolution Programme in Asia – A Deep Dive on Brunei*, Temasek Foundation-Singapore Management University Workshop 2023, 25-26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
5. *Mediation and Dispute Resolution Programme in Asia – A Deep Dive on Vietnam*, Temasek Foundation-Singapore Management University Workshop 2022, 5-6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
6. *Mediation and Dispute Resolution Programme in Asia – A Deep Dive on the Philippines*, Temasek Foundation-Singapore Management University Workshop 2022, 12-13<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
7. *Investor-State Dispute Settlement Capacity-Building Workshop*, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Academy, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.
8. *Mediation and Dispute Resolution Programme in Asia*, Temasek Foundation-Singapore Management University Workshop 2021, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
9. *Investor-State Dispute Settlement Capacity-Building Workshop*, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Academy, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
10. *Managing International Investment Treaty Commitments*, Singapore Cooperation Programme, conducted by the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Singapore Judicial College, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

## **Publications**

### Books

1. *Global Trends in Mediation: Trends, Practices, and the Singapore Convention* (Kluwer, 2026) (co-edited with Nadja Alexander)

### Refereed Journal Articles

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1. [\*Operationalising the Social License to Operate along the Belt and Road: The Case for a Mediation-Focused Approach\*](#), *Dispute Resolution Review*, (July 2025) Volume 4 Issue 2, p1-24.
2. [\*Conceptualising State-Centric Mediation: An Analysis of China's Foreign Investment Complaints Mechanism\*](#), *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*, (February, 2024), Volume 19 Issue 1, p1-21. (Scopus)
3. [\*The Geoeconomics of Belt and Road Disputes: A Case Study on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor\*](#), *Asian Journal of International Law* (June 2023), Volume 14, Issue 1, p94-122. (Scopus)
4. [\*Regulating Artificial Intelligence in International Investment Law\*](#), *Journal of World Investment and Trade* (April 2023), Volume 24, Issue 2, p256-300. (Scopus)
5. [\*Mapping Sustainable Development in Investment Treaties: An Analysis of ASEAN State's Practice\*](#), *Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy* (March 2022), Volume 17, Issue 1, p115-140. (Scopus)
6. [\*Investor-State Mediation and the Belt and Road Initiative: Examining the Conditions for Settlement\*](#), *Journal of International Economic Law* (September 2021), Volume 24, Issue 3, p609-629. (SSCI) (Scopus)
7. [\*State-Owned Enterprises and Threats to National Security under Investment Treaties\*](#), *Chinese Journal of International Law* (June 2020), Volume 19, Issue 2, p283–327. (SSCI) (Scopus)
8. [\*Defining a State-Owned Enterprise in International Investment Agreements\*](#), *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal* (February 2020), Volume 34, Issue 3, p595–625. (SSCI) (Scopus)
9. [\*Global Reform of Investor-State Arbitration: A Tentative Roadmap of China's Emergent Equilibrium\*](#) (June 2018) *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law*, Volume 6, Issue 1, p73–102. (Scopus)

### Book Chapters

1. [\*'Global Standards, Local Realities: An Analysis of the Singapore Convention on Mediation in the Context of Chinese State-Owned Enterprises'\*](#), in Poomintr Sooksripaisarnkit and Sai Ramani Garimella (eds), *Legal Challenges of China's One Belt One Road Initiative: Private International Law Considerations* (Routledge, 2025).
2. [\*'Managed Diversity along the Legal Silk Road: The ASEAN-Asia Relationship in International Arbitration'\*](#) in Mark Feldman and Crina Baltag (eds), *Reforming Arbitration Reform - Emerging Voices, New Strategies and Evolving Values* (Kluwer, February, 2025) (co-authored with Dilini Pathirana).
3. [\*'Disputing Personal Data in the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment'\*](#), in Alexander Svetlicinii and I-Ju Chen (eds), *European Yearbook of International Economic Law* (October, 2024).
4. [\*'COVID-19 and Investor-State Disputes: Have the Stars Aligned for Mediation?'\*](#) in Kun Fan and Charlie Xiao-chuan Weng (eds), *COVID-19 and International Business*

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*and Economic Law: China and a Changing World* (Singapore Academy of Law, Academy Publishing, 2023).

5. [Regulating the Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises in Investment Arbitration](#), in Ying-jeou Ma (ed), *Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs*, Volume 39 (December 2022).
6. [‘Non-Precluded Measures Clauses: Regime, Trends and Practice’](#) in Julien Chaisse, Leïla Choukroune and Sufian Jusoh (eds), *Handbook of International Investment Law and Policy*, (Springer, 2020) (co-authored with Dilini Pathirana) (invited contribution)

### Book Reviews

1. Prospects for the Use of Mediation: Resolving Sovereign Debt Disputes – Review of *Mediating Sovereign Debt Disputes by Calliope Makedon Sudborough*, International Chamber of Commerce Dispute Resolution Bulletin, 2025 Issue 1.

### Conference Papers/Panel Presentations

1. *Singapore’s Approach to the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in Mediation, European Association of Lawyers’ (AEA-EAL) Webinar*, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026.
2. *On the Compatibility of Mediation and Insolvency Disputes*, INSOL Alternative Dispute Resolution Colloquium, JW Marriot Grosvenor Hotel, London, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2026
3. *AI and Mediation: The State of the Evidence*, UNCITRAL WGII Colloquium on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Dispute Resolution and Remote Hearings in Arbitration and Mediation, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
4. *The International Organisation for Mediation: The Future of Dispute Settlement in ISDS?* Singapore International Arbitration Academy, NUS Centre for International Law, Orchard Hotel, Singapore, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
5. *Judicial Engagement and ADR in MENA and Singapore*, Building Bridges in ADR: MENA Meets Singapore, Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
6. *Capturing the Value of Non-Physical Assets: A Surmountable Challenge?*, Access to Justice in the Creative Economy, NUS Bukit Timah Campus, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
7. *The New Wave of Mediation Clauses in Investment Agreements*. Russian International Arbitration Congress, Moscow, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
8. *Energy Disputes and Climate Change: Navigating Investor-State Dispute Settlement in a Transitioning World*, K+L Gates Straits Law, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
9. *Local Communities and an Investor’s Social License to Operate: From Observers to Participants*, South Asia International Economic Law Network Biennial Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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10. *The Mediation of Climate-Related Investment Disputes*, Law and Climate Change: Balancing Investors' Legitimate Expectations and States' Climate Commitments, International and Comparative Law Research Centre, Singapore, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
11. *Investment Ombudsman and the Public International Law Frame*, Evolution and Revolution: Recent Developments in Public International Law and Investor-State Dispute Settlement Cases, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
12. *Panellist*, Singapore Mediation Lecture (address by The Right Honourable Lord Justice Fraser), Shangri-La, Singapore, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
13. *Moderator*, Third Party Funding in International Commercial Arbitration and Investment Arbitration: A New Player in the System, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
14. *Moderator*, Law and Technology Panel, 12th Postgraduate and Early Professionals/ Academics Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL) Conference, Asian Academy of International Law, Hong Kong SAR, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.
15. *Commercial Mediation and the Singapore Convention*, Philippine ADR Day: New Frontiers in ADR, University of the Philippines, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.
16. *The Future of ISDS: Preliminary Results of the SIDRA IDR Survey*, Investor-State Dispute Settlement: Review Of Recent Developments And Cases, SIDRA, Rajah & Tann and Fietta LLP, Singapore, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.
17. *Moderator*, VII International Forum "Mediation and Law", Ukraine Academy of Mediation, Ukraine, 26-29 July 2023.
18. *China, Investment Mediation, and the Complaints Mechanism*, CIBEL-SIDRA Conference: Dispute Resolution in the Belt Road Initiative – A New Model of Economic Governance?, University of New South Wales, Australia, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.
19. *Colonial Ghosts in Global Data Governance*, International Conference on Law in the Age of Modern Technologies, University of Milan, Italy, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023
20. *Chinese Investment Disputes and Non-Adversarial Settlement*, European China Law Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.
21. *EU-China Data Realms and the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment*, Asian Society of International Law (AsianSIL) Regional Conference, National Administrative Staff College, Nepal, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.
22. *Disputing Personal Data in the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment*, Conference on the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2022.
23. *Is Data an Investment?* Postgraduate and Early Professionals Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL), University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022
24. *The Future of Remote Hearings: A Temporary Solution or the Future for Court Proceedings?*, Beyond the Scope, Dubai International Financial Centre, United Arab Emirates, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
25. *Do Investment Treaties Encourage or Inhibit Sustainable Development? An Analysis of*

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- ASEAN States' Practice*, 7<sup>th</sup> Asian International Economic Law Network (AIELN) Conference, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
26. *Reforming ISDS: Policy Options and Prospects*, In Conversation with Andrea K. Bjorkland, Transnational Law Frontiers, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
27. *Managing State Capitalism in Asia: National Security, Competitive Neutrality, and Investment Obligations*, 2021 CIBEL Global Network Conference: New Dynamics in the Post-COVID Context, University of New South Wales, Australia, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.
28. *The Digital Silk Road and Data Sovereignty: What Role for Investment Law and Arbitration?* 2021 International Law Association – American Society of International Law (ILA-ASIL) Asia-Pacific Research Forum, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
29. *Regulating State-owned Foreign Investors in Chinese Investment Treaties*, The 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Global Conference of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), University of Bocconi, Italy, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
30. *Is COVID-19 a Catalyst for Investor-state Mediation? The Case of Belt and Road Disputes*, Asian Society of International Law 2021 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, University of New South Wales, Australia, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
31. *RCEP and Foreign Investment*, CIBEL-SIDRA Webinar: On the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
32. *China and International Adjudication*, SIDRA Webinar: China's Approach in its Investor-State and Inter-State Disputes, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
33. *The Maritime Silk Road: An Introduction*, SIDRA – International Trading Institute Webinar: Belt and Road Initiative: The Maritime Silk Road, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
34. *'COVID-19 and The Singapore Convention: Have the Stars Aligned for Investor-State Mediation?'* 2020 CIBEL Global Network Conference and Young Scholars Workshop, University of New South Wales, Australia, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### **Media Interviews**

- Weng Rong, Chinese Social Sciences Today, '[Online Dispute Resolution is a Perfect Match for the Belt and Road Initiative](#)' (Social Sciences in China Press)(November, 2023).

### **Peer Reviewer**

- Asian International Arbitration Journal
- Asia Pacific Law Review
- Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs
- European Journal of International Law

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- Journal of International Trade Law and Policy
- Review of European, Comparative and International Environmental Law
- Singapore Academy of Law Journal
- Singapore Journal of Legal Studies

**Other Activities**

- Accredited Mediator, Singapore International Mediation Institute
- Member of the ISDS Academic Forum, December 2022-Present