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Capsule Biography

Rachel is an Assistant Professor of Law at the Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University (SMU). Her research interests are in the areas of financial law and regulation, contract law and tort law.

Rachel received an LLB from the National University of Singapore in 2016, and an LLM from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2021. She was admitted as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore in 2017.

Prior to joining SMU, Rachel was a researcher at the National University of Singapore's Centre for Banking & Finance Law. Rachel also previously practised as a lawyer from 2017 to 2020. Her experience in legal practice focused on financial services regulation, and covered legal and regulatory issues relating to banking, capital markets, payment services, insurance and fintech.

Appointments

Current Appointment:

- Assistant Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University, Jul 2024-present

Previous Appointments:

- Lecturer of Law (Faculty Development Scheme), Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University, Jul 2023-Jun 2024
- Research Associate, Centre for Banking & Finance Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Mar 2022-Jun 2023
- Associate (Aug 2017-Sep 2020), Senior Legal Executive (Jul-Aug 2017), Practice Trainee (Dec 2016-Jun 2017), Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Education

- LLM, University of California, Berkeley, 2021
- LLB, National University of Singapore, 2016

Publications

Journal Articles

1. “Sustainability and the Sunlight of Disclosure: ESG Disclosure in Three Asian Financial Centres” (2024) 33(2) *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law* 209-223 (with Yaru Chia)
2. “Singapore’s Emerging Regulatory Approach to Stablecoins” (2023) 40(1) *Banking and Finance Law Review* 67-104
3. “Regulating Cryptocurrency Derivatives: A Comparative Analysis of Approaches in the UK, the EU and Singapore” (2023) *Journal of Business Law* 222-251
4. ““Takings” and “Givings” in Singapore: Land Law and Policy in the Search for Justice” (2023) 51(2) *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 403-454

Conference Presentations

1. “The Role of Transnational Private Regulation in Green Regionalism: ISDA and the Development of Sustainability-linked Derivatives” – presented at the SMU-Leiden Workshop on Green Regionalism, SMU, 21 Nov 2024
2. “The Death of the Post-dated Cheque and the Rise of “Electronic Deferred Payment”: A Legal Perspective of Singapore’s Proposed Solution” – presented at the Society of Legal Scholars’ 115th Annual Conference, “Learning from Others: Lessons for Legal Scholars?”, University of Bristol, 4 Sep 2024
3. “Consumer Protection and Retail Cryptocurrency Trading in Singapore” – presented at the Panel on Financial Regulation and Regulatory Design in Asia, 21st Asian Law Institute Conference, “The Future of Law, the Future of Asia”, Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University, 29 May 2024
4. “Stablecoin Regulatory Frameworks in Global Fintech Hubs: Perspectives from New York, London and Singapore” – presented at the Australian National University-SMU-University of Melbourne Commercial Law and Data Workshop, SMU, 30 Nov 2023
5. “Stablecoin Regulatory Frameworks in Global Fintech Hubs: Perspectives from New York, London and Singapore” – one of four winning papers featured at the 2023 DC Fintech Week, Washington DC, 7-8 Nov 2023 (presentation available at <https://dcfintechweek.org/featured-research/>)
6. “Sustainability Reporting in Asian Perspective: ESG Disclosure in Three Asian Financial Centres” (with Yaru Chia) – presented at the SMU-Sydney-HKU Law & Sustainability Conference, “Law in a Hyperconnected World – Joining the Dots for a Sustainable Future”, SMU, 14 Jul 2023 (paper subsequently published in 33(2) *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law* 209-223)
7. “Singapore’s Emerging Regulatory Approach to Stablecoins” – Centre for Banking & Finance Law Working Paper Presentation, National University of Singapore, 9 Mar 2023 (paper subsequently published in (2023) 40(1) *Banking and Finance Law Review* 67-104)

8. “Regulating Cryptocurrency Derivatives: A Comparative Analysis of Approaches in the UK, the EU and Singapore” – presented at the Conference on Financial Law and Regulation, University College London Faculty of Laws, 1 Jul 2022 (paper subsequently published in (2023) *Journal of Business Law* 222-251)

Professional Presentations/Panels

1. “Singapore’s New Stablecoin Regulatory Framework” – presented at “Recent Legal and Regulatory Developments in Digital Currencies” (SILE-accredited CPD activity), Singapore University of Social Sciences, 2 Oct 2024
2. “The Future of Digital Money and FinTech”, held at the Centre for AI and Data Governance, SMU, 15 Nov 2023 – panellist, “Stablecoins”

Subjects Taught

- Contract Law
- Law of Torts