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Biographies

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Prof. Christopher Gane

Professor Christopher Gane was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong in September 2011. Prior to coming to CUHK, he held the Scots Law Chair at the University of Aberdeen where he was Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1995 to 2000. His research and teaching interests include domestic Criminal Law and Procedure, International Criminal Law and Human Rights. He is author, co-author or editor of twelve books / editions and more than fifty scholarly articles and papers.

He has acted as a consultant to the Scottish Executive and Parliament in respect of Human Rights obligations under the Scotland Act 1998, the Human Rights Act 1998, criminal procedure Bills and on European Union criminal law and procedure. He was a member of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland to review the Law on disposals of serious violent and serious sex offenders (the McLean Committee) and a member of the Sentencing Commission for Scotland throughout its term of appointment. He was the co-founder of the group which produced the Draft Criminal Code for Scotland, published by the Scottish Law Commission. In 1997 he was appointed an Honorary Sheriff of Grampian Highland and Islands at Aberdeen.



Prof. Julien Chaisse

Julien Chaisse is Professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Faculty of Law. He is an award-winning scholar of international law with a special focus on the regulation and development of economic globalization. His teaching and research areas include international trade/investment law, international taxation, law of natural resources, and Internet law. Prior to joining CUHK in 2009, Prof. Chaisse was a senior research fellow at the World Trade Institute (Switzerland). He also held an appointment as lecturer at the elite school Sciences Po Aix (France) and served as a diplomat at the Embassy of France in New Delhi (India).

Prof. Chaisse is frequently invited to lecture at academic institutions and leading

universities around the world, including Columbia University (U.S.), University of Aix-Marseille (France), University of Oxford (U.K.), Melbourne University (Australia), Tokyo University (Japan), and Tsinghua University (China). Prof. Chaisse has published numerous well-regarded and widely-cited books and articles.

In recognition of his outstanding academic performance, Prof. Chaisse received the CUHK Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award in 2015 and the CUHK Research Award in 2012. Prof. Chaisse has established forward-looking legal projects and events at CUHK, including the series of "Asia FDI Forum," which has become the most prominent conference on foreign investment law and economics in Asia. In September 2017, he was appointed the Director of the Law Faculty Research Postgraduates Programme (Ph.D. and M.Phil.) at CUHK. In addition to his professorship, Dr. Chaisse is a well-experienced arbitrator.



Ms. Rachel Xu Qian

Ms. Xu Qian is a PhD candidate at the Chinese University of Hong Kong specialising in international economic law and researching on a diverse range of cross-border economic issues involving water services contracts, investment treaties, WTO law, and international arbitration. She has gained experience acting as senior researcher in a multi-year international research project (EUCROSS), legal adviser in a Hong Kong law firm, as coach in moot competition, and lecturer (both graduate and under graduate levels). Ms. Qian is a Member of the Asian Academy of International Law and Asian Society of International Law.

Ms. Qian obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree from the Heilongjiang University, China, in 2012. She also obtained an LLM in international economic Law from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2014.



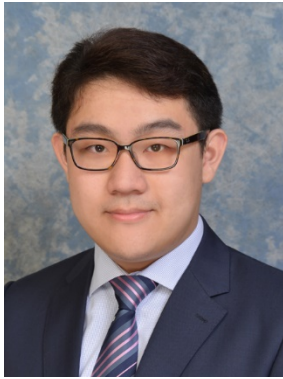
Ms. Zhang Yuan Yuan

Ms. Zhang Yuan Yuan (Maggie) is currently a researcher at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) working with Professor Bryan Mercurio on a number of research projects. She completed a Bachelor of Laws degree at the China University of Political Science and Law and obtained a Master of Laws in International Economic law degree from CUHK. In September 2018, Ms. Zhang will begin PhD studies at CUHK. Her PhD thesis will be titled: *The Future of China's Energy Security in the Context of Cross-Border Pipelines: Transit, Trade and Investment*. Her research interests include international investment law, international trade law, and international and comparative energy law.

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experience in transport operation, management and regulation while working for China Shipping Container Lines Agency Co. Ltd, a top 10 global container shipping company. He was general manager of the operations department, in charge of port and marine operations, stowage and cargo operations, equipment control and transshipment.



Mr. Charles H. W. Mak

Charles H. W. Mak is a LL.M. Candidate in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution at the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong. He holds a LL.B. in Law (Honours) from the University of Sussex and a LL.M. in International Economic Law from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also a Fellow of Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland. His research interests are in the areas of international investment law and commercial law. Charles has published several journal articles and book reviews in these areas of law. His article “CEPA- the Regional Free Trade Agreement that Further Integrated and Strengthened the Legal Services Markets between the Mainland and Hong Kong”, was published in August 2017 by the International Journal of

Law and Legal Jurisprudence Studies. Previously, Charles worked as an intern at the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and Intellectual Property Department of the Hong Kong Government.



Ms. Dilini Pathirana

After successfully completing the Final Examination for the Admission of Attorneys-at-Law conducted by the Sri Lanka Law College, in 2010, Ms. Dilini Pathirana was admitted and enrolled as an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. In 2009, she became a junior faculty member (currently on overseas study leave) at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo where she teaches International Investment Law and Company Law for undergraduate law students. In 2015, she received a Chinese Government Scholarship to pursue her Doctorate studies at the China University of Political Science and Law where she is currently reading for her Doctoral Degree in International Law. She has participated in several international workshops and academies including

the Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop 2013 and the Singapore International Arbitration Academy 2016. She has also published articles in notable peer reviewed journals such as the Asian Journal of International Law and Chinese Journal of Comparative Law. In 2017, Ms. Pathirana was awarded the Chinese Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship.



Ms. Xueji Su

Ms. Su is currently a practicing lawyer in Mainland China. She will commence doctoral law studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in September 2018. Ms. Su holds a LLB from the Central University of Financial and Economics, and a master’s in European Union Law from the University of Macau. Her research interests are in international economic law, trade law, investment law and interdisciplinary study of law and geo-economic domains in contributing to

study of global governance. Her PhD thesis will focus on ‘The Legal Framework of China-European Union Economic Relations-A Normative Analysis in the Context of the Belt and Road Initiative and China’s Evolving Economic Diplomacy.’ Her PhD research will be aimed at elaborating on and evaluating the normative process of Sino-EU economic relations and paradigmatic change of global governance.



Prof. Ryan Mitchell

Professor Mitchell holds a B.A. from the New School, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a Ph.D. in Law from Yale University, where he was a Mellon Foundation Humanities Fellow. While pursuing his doctoral studies at Yale, Professor Mitchell taught courses on the history and theory of international law and received a Qualification in the Study of the Ancient and Premodern World. His dissertation, *Realism in China's Reception and Contention of the Law of Nations*, was passed with distinction, and he is currently revising it as a book manuscript. His research has been published in highly ranked peer reviewed journals. Prior to academia, he worked as an attorney on Chinese human rights and legal development issues in Washington, D.C. and Beijing. His practice

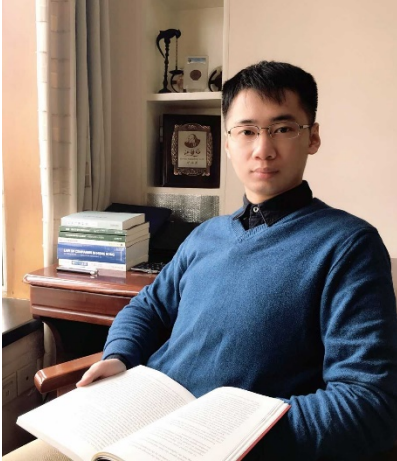
experience includes Alien Tort Statute litigation in U.S. federal courts, work on immigration and asylum issues, and reports submitted to international human rights bodies. Originally from Los Angeles, he is a member of the State Bar of California. Prof. Ryan Mitchell joined CUHK as an assistant professor in 2017.



Prof. Jyh-An Lee

Professor Jyh-An Lee currently serves as the Deputy Director of the LLB programme at CUHK. He holds a J.S.D. from Stanford Law School and an LL.M from Harvard Law School. Dr. Lee has published extensively in English and in Chinese on various aspects of intellectual property and Internet law. His research appears in leading academic journals, such as the *Wake Forest Law Review*, *Oregon Law Review*, and the *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law*. He is also the sole author of two books: *Coding a Free Society: Open Source Strategies for Policymakers* (VDM Verlag Müller Press, 2007) and *Nonprofit Organizations and the Intellectual Commons* (Edward Elgar, 2012).

During his studies at Stanford Law School, Prof. Lee was appointed a John M. Olin Fellow in Law and Economics. Prior to joining the Chinese University of Hong Kong, he taught at National Chengchi University and was an Associate Research Fellow in the Center for Information Technology Innovation at Academia Sinica in Taiwan. He was the Legal Lead and Co-Lead of Creative Commons Taiwan (2011–2014) and an advisory committee member for Copyright Amendment in the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) at the Ministry of Economic Affairs (2011–2014). Dr. Lee is currently a member of the advisory board of the European Center for E-Commerce & Internet Law affiliated with the University of Vienna. In 2016, he was appointed a domain name dispute resolution panelist by the Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Centre (ADNDRC) and continues to serve in this capacity. Before starting his academic career, he was a practicing lawyer in Taiwan, specializing in technology and business transactions.



Mr. Kuang Hanxiao

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Mr. Mekonnen Seid

Mr. Mekonnen is pursuing a PhD at the City University of Hong Kong and his research area is majorly international investment law. Mr. Seid graduated with a LL.B from Mekelle University, Ethiopia and obtained an LLM in Business and Corporate Law from the Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia. Prior to his PhD studies, he was a law lecturer at the JigJiga University, Ethiopia where he also held the position of Anti-Corruption officer and Moot Court Centre coordinator of the University.



Ms. Lau Wai Kei Vicky

Ms. Lau Wai Kei Vicky is a final year student at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University. She expects to graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce in Law and Business in July 2018. Her research interest lies in the regulation of virtual currencies. The topic of her research paper is “Should Payment by Virtual Currencies be Regulated in Hong Kong? If so, how?” Ms. Lau is passionate about legal research and intends to pursue postgraduate legal studies after completing her undergraduate studies.



Mr. Dini Sejko

Mr. Dini Sejko is a Ph.D. candidate and research assistant at the Faculty of Law (CUHK) where he has lectured on International Investment Law. Dini established and organized previous editions of Hong Kong Law Research Symposium with other colleagues.

Mr. Sejko is also a Research Affiliate of SovereignNET, an interdisciplinary network at Tufts University's Fletcher School dedicated to the study of sovereign wealth management and its impact on global capital markets.

His research focuses on state capitalism and foreign direct investment and he is writing a thesis on the transnational regulatory regime of sovereign wealth funds. He has been a WUN Visiting Fellow at the Leeds University Business School and visiting researcher at the Melbourne School of Law, Global Economic Law Network. Mr. Sejko has presented his research at many academic institutions in Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, India, Italy, and the Netherlands. Mr. Sejko holds a Combined Bachelor's and Masters of Science degree in Law from Bocconi University and an LLM in International Economic Law from CUHK.



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Ms. Lin is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). She obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree from the China University of Political Science and Law and a Master of Laws from CUHK. She passed the China National Judicial Examination in 2013. She coached the CUHK team to win the championship rounds at the 2016 International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition. Ms. Lin is a reviewer of the Hong Kong Law Journal and a member of the European China Law Studies Association. She specializes in the law of unjust enrichment, contract law, property law and tort law.



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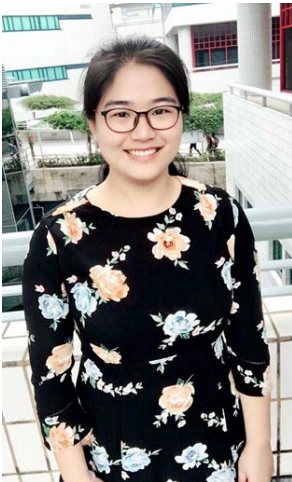
Ms. Jiao Yujie

Ms. Jiao Yujie is currently a PhD candidate at The University of Hong Kong. She holds a Bachelor's degree in law from the China University of Political Science and Law, and a Master's degree in civil and commercial law from the Peking University. Ms. Jiao has rich experience in conducting research. During her undergraduate studies, she won several thesis competitions including the National Challenge Cup and the Innovation Forum of CUPL. She was also Editor in Chief of the Student Law Journal of CUPL during her undergraduate studies and published a working paper on company law. She also served as editor of the Peking University Law Review. Ms. Yujie gave a paper presentation at the Annual Conference on E-Commercial Law in PKU on standard terms. Her research interests are in Chinese comparative, civil and commercial law.



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Mr. Xiao Shiling

Mr. Xiao Shiling graduated from the Southwest University of political Science and Law and the University of Macau with Bachelor of Law and Master of International and Comparative Law degrees in 2014 and 2017 respectively. He will become a Ph.D. candidate in law at the University of Hong Kong in September where his PhD thesis will focus on human rights protection in hybrid proceedings. He is interested in international law, human rights law and procedural law. He is a trainee lawyer at the law office of Wang Jing & Co. where he specializes in international commercial arbitration and shipping. He is currently living in Guangzhou and enjoys traveling, running, and food.



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Ms. Jenny Chan

Ms. Jenny Chan is a PhD Candidate and a Research Associate at the Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. She is also co-author of the book titled “Flipped Classrooms for Legal Education”. She has carried out extensive research on legal education, including outcome-based education and innovative assessment approaches. Ms. Chan is also conducting research in other areas of law, such as Chinese investment law. Prior to taking up her current position, she was a logistics and trading manager in a Japanese multinational company.



Ms. Amy HUI

Ms. Amy Hui is a final year undergraduate Law and Business student at the Hong Kong Shue Yan University.

In July 2018, she will graduate with a Bachelor’s degree in Commerce. Amy views law as a discipline that is beyond black and white rules and she thrives on contemplating the rationale behind law and specific legal rules. Amy also enjoys exploring the moral and ethical issues that are raised by some controversial incidents. Her current research interests lie in the legalization of euthanasia.



Ms. Leung Becky Po Yee

Before commencing her doctoral studies at CUHK, Becky completed a Master of Arts in Psychology (Dean’s List) and a Bachelor of Laws at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her PhD thesis explores adjudicatory decision-making process and criminal sentencing in Hong Kong from an empirical perspective. Ms. Leung, also has research interests in mental health law and therapeutic jurisprudence



Dr. Romesh Weeramantry

Dr. Romesh Weeramantry is a foreign legal consultant at the Hong Kong office of Clifford Chance and an adjunct professor of arbitration and dispute resolution, at the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong. He holds a LLB from Monash University, an LLM from King’s College London, and a Ph.D. in Law from Queen Mary University London.

Dr. Weeramantry specialises in complex arbitrations involving cross-border commercial or joint venture disputes and foreign investment treaty claims. His prior professional experiences include work at the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal (The Hague) and the United Nations Compensation Commission (Geneva) on inter-government disputes arising from Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait. He has advised major international organizations on dispute settlement and has trained government officials and judges in developing nations on arbitration and international law issues. His

publications include: *The Hong Kong Arbitration Ordinance: Commentary and Annotations* (2nd edition, Sweet & Maxwell 2015) (General Editor); and *International Commercial Arbitration: An Asia-Pacific Perspective* (Cambridge UP 2011). A modified version of his PhD thesis was published under the title of *Treaty Interpretation in Investment Arbitration* by Oxford University Press in 2012. He is a General Arbitration Editor of the Hong Kong White Book; a General Editor of the *Asian Dispute Review*, a member of the Editorial Board of the *ICSID Review*; and a member of the IBA Sub-Committee on Investment Treaty Arbitration. Dr. Weeramantry was admitted as a barrister in Victoria, Australia 1993 and registered as a Hong Kong foreign legal consultant in 2013.