

The Future of the Commercial Contract in Scholarship and Law Reform

Fourth Annual Conference

Friday, 11th October 2019 - 10.00-18.15 hrs

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

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

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

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

9.30 am Registration and Coffee

10 am Welcome Convenors

Keynote Address - tbc

Panel 1: chaired by Dr Maren Heidemann - Conceptual issues in commercial litigation - revisiting the consumer/trader dichotomy post Brexit. Issues of effectiveness of regulatory law at the interface of public and private law

10.30 - 11.10 The notion of consumer and trader post Brexit, *Maren Heidemann, IALS*

The notion of consumer and trader in Japan, *Antonios Karaiskos, Kyoto University, Japan*

11.10 - 11.30 "The role of the Court of Justice of the European Union on the interpretation of platform operators and business users contracts", *Despina Anagnostopoulou, University of Macedonia, Greece.*

Discussion

11. 45 -12.05 “The consequences of Brexit on the regulatory competition and the approximation of commercial contract law “, *Muriel Renaudin, Cardiff University School of Law*“

12.05 hrs coffee break

12.20 - 13.15 hrs and 14.15 - 14.55h **Panel 2: chaired by Catherine Pedamon - The role of technology in contracts for the international sales of goods including shipping, marine insurance and documentary credit**

12.20 - 12.40 hrs “Blockchain, contracts and international private law”, *Cristina Poncibo, University of Turin*

12.40 - 13.00 “Making Sustainable Trade Possible through Blockchain Technology”, *Johan Vannerom, Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam*

Discussion

13.15 - 14.15 hrs Lunch

14.15 - 14.35 “Electronic Transport Documents and Blockchain Technology”, *Catherine Pédamon, University of Westminster*

14. 35 - 14.55 “Blockchain technology in contracts for the sale of goods” , *Soterios Louizou, Kings College London and Stanford University*

Discussion

15.10 - 15.30 **Panel 3: chaired by Dr Joseph Lee - The role of technology in smart contract and trade finance and other financial products including problems in cross-border securities transfers**

15.10 - 15.30 “Setting Fintech in Motion: The Formation of Smart Contracts”, *Konstantinos Stylianou and Pinar Akman, University of Leeds*

15.30 - 15.50 "Blockchain-based smart contracts: a few notes on their legal aspects and future developments" *Amanda Bezerra Bassani (University of Lisbon) and Frederico Fayad Nascimento (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon)*

16.00 - 16.15 coffee break

16.15 - 16.35 “Collision Course – Algorithmic contracts and the principle of good faith”, *Klaus Rilke, Advogados SALUSSE MARANGONI PARENTE JABUR, Sao Paolo*

16.35-16.55 “Automated payment over the counter. A study of Alipay, WeChat Wallet and Octopus currently used in Mainland China and Hong Kong”, *Terry Wong Chee Wai and Tat Chee Tsui, Hong Kong and Zhuhai*

17.00-17.20 “Smart contracts for securities transactions on blockchain: legal obstacles and regulatory challenges ”, *Joseph Lee and Florian L’heureux, University of Exeter*

17.25 - 18.15 hrs Panel 4: chaired by Hendrik Puschmann - New developments in international commercial and investment arbitration including the role of technology.

17.25- 17.45 "Blockchain-Based Arbitration: A Forum that Offers Better Access to Justice for Commercial Disputes?" *Sara Hourani, Middlesex University*

17.45- 18.05 "(Mis)Joinder of Woes: A critical evaluation of joinder of non-signatories to arbitration in India", *Manasi Kumar, Jindal Global Law School, India*

Discussion

18.15 close of conference

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