Arbitration in Asia has grown tremendously in recent years. The International Chamber of Commerce has revealed that South and East Asia both saw an increase in 22% of party representation. With this growth comes new problems, and new questions on how to address these issues.

Through this lens we hope to explore the ramifications of the South China Sea Arbitration, which ruled that China’s territorial claims in the South China Sea based on the “nine-dash line” did not have basis in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). How has this case affected change, if any? What are the geopolitical ramifications of this decision?

This year’s ALR Symposium will bring together experienced practitioners and scholars to discuss the legal and geopolitical challenges in arbitration in Asia.

**AGENDA**

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10**

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Registration

1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
**Preliminary Talk**
Prof. Jacques de Lisle, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
**Panel One: Differing Perspectives on Problems in Contemporary Asian Arbitration**
Patrick M. Norton, Mediator & Arbitrator, JAMS
Prof. Catherine A. Rogers, Professor of Law, Pennsylvania State University
Christopher K. Tahbaz, Partner & Co-Chair of Asian Litigation, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
**Panel Two: Consequences of the South China Sea Arbitration**
Prof. Jacques de Lisle, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Dr. Isaac Kardon, Assistant Professor of Chinese Politics & Law, U.S. Naval War College
Oliver Lewis, Lead Attorney Adviser, Department of State’s Office of the Legal Adviser
Andrew Loewenstein, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP
Prof. Sulheng (Sam) Zhao, Professor of Chinese Politics, University of Denver

5:00 p.m.
Closing Remarks and Reception

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