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## The Developing World of Arbitration and Trade Dynamics in Asia

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A talk by Weixia Gu and Pasha Hsieh. Co-sponsored by the Center for Asian Law, Center for East Asian Studies, Fels Policy Research Initiative, and the Center for the Study of Contemporary China.

### WEIXIA GU

Weixia Gu is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong (HKU). Originated from Shanghai, she obtained her MCL and SJD degrees from HKU. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law, Gu was the youngest recipient in Hong Kong of the prestigious Fulbright Award from the United States Department of State and had been an Honorary Young Fellow at the New York University School of Law working with Professor Jerome A. Cohen.

Gu's teaching and research interests are in international arbitration, private international law, and cross-border legal issues. She is particularly interested in the correlation between arbitration development and economic well-being in Asia and commercial conflict of laws between Hong Kong and Mainland China post the handover. Her scholarship has appeared in leading comparative and international law journals in the East and West. Her works have been cited by the Taxes Supreme Court, Hong Kong High Court, and Singapore Law Gazette.

In the 2017-18 Academic Year, Spring Semester, Gu served as an Acting Associate Dean (China Affairs) of the HKU Faculty of Law. She is now serving as a Co-Director of the Faculty's flagship LLM programme, the Master of Common Law (MCL) programme. Since 2012, she has been sitting on the editorial board of the *Hong Kong Law Journal* (SSCI), the leading scholarly peer-reviewed journal in the English language on common law in Hong Kong.

Gu is an elected Co-Chair of Law in the Pacific Rim Region Interest Group of the American Society of International Law, an Executive Council Member of the China Society of Private International Law and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She was awarded Best Research Output Prize twice by the China Society of Private International Law in 2015 and 2018 respectively. She was also awarded HKU's Outstanding Teaching Award in 2014 and HKU's Outstanding Young Researcher Award in 2018.

### PASHA L. HSIEH

Pasha L. Hsieh is an Associate Professor and the LL.M. Program Director at the Singapore Management University School of Law. He holds Juris Doctor and LL.M. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Senior Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. Prior to joining academia, he served as a Legal Affairs Officer at the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization and as an associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP. He has been the Managing Editor of the *Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs* since 2006.



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Hsieh's teaching and research focus on international economic law, public international law and Asian legal studies. He is particularly interested in ASEAN law and the roles of China and Taiwan in international legal order. His publications have appeared in the *Journal of International Economic Law*, the *Journal of World Trade*, the *Cornell International Law Journal* and peer-reviewed political science journals. His work has been cited by the Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland, the Brookings Institution and the OECD.

Hsieh has been invited by various institutions such as the European Parliament and the Singapore Judicial College to present on trade law issues. He was elected to serve as the Co-Chair of the Law in the Pacific Rim Region Interest Group of the American Society of International Law and as an Executive Council Member of the Society of International Economic Law. He was also awarded SMU's Lee Foundation Fellowship for Research Excellence in 2010, the Most Outstanding Legal Studies Teacher Award in 2015, and the Lee Kong Chian Fellowship for Research Excellence in 2018.

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