

# UNCITRAL Mediation Convention, International Contract Practice and the Belt & Road Initiative

## 2019 UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day

### Introduction

The United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was established by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2205 (XXI) of 17 December 1966 and has since come to be the core legal body of the United Nations system in the field of international trade law. The UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) established UNCITRAL Asia Pacific Day in 2014 to celebrate this historical resolution.

This year, an initial eleven universities across the region have joined the annual celebration to commemorate the establishment of UNCITRAL and promote awareness of international trade standards and norms, particularly those endorsed by UNCITRAL.

The seminar will look into the impact of United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation ("UNCITRAL Mediation Convention") on international trade. The speakers will also explore the application and the importance of the UNCITRAL Mediation Convention in international contract practice and the role of it in the Belt and Road Initiative ("BRI").

### Speakers

Ms. Athita KOMINDR	Head, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (Video Remarks in English)
Ms. Alyssa LAU	Legal Expert, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (Video Remarks in Chinese)
Dr. Francis LAW	President of Hong Kong Mediation Centre; Chairman of International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute
Prof. Yun ZHAO	Head of Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong

<b>Date :</b>	<b>2 December 2019 (Monday)</b>
<b>Time :</b>	<b>7:00pm - 9:00pm</b>
<b>Registration Time :</b>	<b>6:45pm</b>
<b>Language :</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Target Audience :</b>	<b>University Students, Mediators</b>
<b>Venue :</b>	<b>Hong Kong Mediation Centre 21/F, Success Commercial Building, 245-251 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai</b>

**CPD Point :**  
HKMC : 2 points  
IDRRMI : 2 points  
HKMAAL: Pending

**2 CPD  
points**

#### Terms and Conditions:

- Registration must be made by returning the completed registration form via google link on or before 26 November 2019. Confirmation will be notified by email upon successful registration on or before 27 November 2019.
- If you do not receive any email confirmation from the Secretariat on or before 27 November 2019, your name will be on the wait list.
- Participant must sign in and sign out. Participants who are late for more than 20 minutes or leave earlier will not be qualified for the completion of HKMC's CPD Points.
- If you are not able to attend the captioned event after the receipt of the confirmation email, you are required to inform the Secretariat of HKMC as soon as you are aware of unavailability on/before the event date by email.
- The organizers reserve the right to accept/reject the registration.
- If typhoon signal no.8 / above or black rainstorm warning signal is hoisted and not lowered by 4pm, the event will be postponed or cancelled. Rescheduled date/time/venue will be announced in due course.
- The event is subject to change at any time without liability.
- Priorities will be given to Members of HKMC, Mediators of IDRRMI and HKU students and staff members.



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Risk Management Institute

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Ms. Athita KOMINDR Head, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific

Athita is Head of the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP), managing technical assistance and capacity building programming available to over 50 States in Asia and the Pacific in key areas of commercial law, including dispute resolution, MSMEs, international contract practices, sale of goods, electronic commerce, transport, insolvency, international payments, secured transactions, and procurement. In that capacity, she coordinates with Governments and international and regional organizations with respect to trade law reform activities aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Athita has over a decade of experience in the fields of international trade and economic law, arbitration, multilateral dispute resolution, and the rule of law and development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Athita mainly advised and worked with numerous Thai agencies, including the Thailand Institute of Justice, the Thai Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Thailand Arbitration Center where she managed the Arbitration and Legal Affairs Divisions. She also worked for the Thai Ministry of Commerce in Bangkok (2002-2005) and Geneva (2005-2010), representing Thailand in bilateral, regional, and multilateral trade negotiations, WTO dispute settlement, and treaty drafting. Admitted to the New York Bar since 2002, Athita has experience in both common and civil law traditions in the public and private sectors, and holds degrees from Harvard College, Georgetown University Law Center, and Harvard Law School.



Ms. Alyssa LAU Legal Expert, UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific

Alyssa is currently a Legal Expert at the UNCITRAL Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific (UNCITRAL RCAP) in Incheon, Republic of Korea. She has been seconded to UNCITRAL RCAP from the Department of Justice (DoJ) of HKSAR since August 2019.

Alyssa joined the Civil Division of DoJ in 2012, where she advised the HKSAR Government on a variety of civil law matters. Since December 2018, she had been a member of the Mediation Team which was responsible for the implementation of different initiatives in promoting the use of mediation services in Hong Kong to both the local and international communities. Upon her secondment to UNCITRAL RCAP in August 2019, Alyssa has been working with governments and international organizations in the Asia Pacific region with respect to capacity building programmes in key areas of the law on international trade, including dispute resolution, electronic commerce and international contract practices. Alyssa obtained both her Bachelor of Laws and Master of Journalism degrees from the University of Hong Kong.

Dr. LAW Wai Hung, Francis President of HKMC ; Chairman of IDRMI

Dr. Francis Law is the President of Hong Kong Mediation Centre; Founding Chairman of the International Dispute Resolution & Risk Management Institute; President and Professor of the Academy of International Dispute Resolution and Professional Negotiation; Founding Chairman of Mainland - Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center; Vice-Chairman of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Mediation Alliance and Past Chairman of Asian Mediation Association. Dr. Law is serving on the mediator and arbitrator panels of over 20 regions/countries. He is the Lead Trainer and the Lead Assessor of the Dispute Resolution profession in Hong Kong, China and other Asia countries and has trained over 1000 mediators, 100 Assessors, Coaches and Trainers globally. He also assisted Courts, Arbitration and Mediation Institutions in Asia to set up mediation policy, design mediation training and establish the assessment and disciplinary mechanism. From 2012 to 2018, he was appointed by the Secretary for Justice of Hong Kong as the member of the Steering Committee on Mediation, Accreditation Sub-committee, Regulatory Framework Sub-committee and Public Education and Publicity Sub-committee. Since 2016, he has been leading delegations to attend the United Nation Commission on International Trade Law Sessions and presented professional comments and contributed to the Mediation Convention.

Dr. Law has been conducting research on international trade, international dispute resolution and risk management. Dr. Law was awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the Secretary for Home Affairs for his dedicated service and outstanding contributions to the promotion of professional mediation services in December 2017.



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Prof. ZHAO Yun is Henry Cheng Professor in International Law and Head of Department of Law at the University of Hong Kong; PhD (Erasmus University Rotterdam); LLM (Leiden University); LLM & LLB (China University of Political Science and Law). He was Director of the Centre for Chinese Law (2013-2017). He is currently Standing Council Member of the Chinese Society of International Law. He is listed as arbitrator in several international arbitration commissions. He has published widely on various topics including particularly Dispute Resolution and Space Law. His recent publications include Dispute Resolution in Electronic Commerce (Martinus Nijhoff, 2005), Liberalization of Electronic Commerce and Law (Peking University Press, 2005), Space Commercialization and the Development of Space Law (Intellectual Property Press, 2008), Mediation Practice and Skills (Tsinghua University Press, 2011), National Space Legislation in China: An Overview of the Current Situation and Outlook for the Future (Brill, 2015).

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