

# The Future of the Commercial Contract in Scholarship and Law Reform

## Sixth Annual Conference

Friday, 15 October 2021 - 10.00-17.30 hrs UK time (GMT+1)

-Zoom Webinar -

- Programme -

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Organised by the London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law (LCF) –  
Professor Mads Andenas, QC, Director

Academic Convenor: Dr Maren Heidemann, (Co- Director LCF)

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London  
in co-operation with Catherine Pédamon, Commercial Law Research Group at Westminster Law  
School, University of Westminster; and Dr Joseph Lee, Centre for Law and Business, University of  
Manchester Law School

This conference builds on research undertaken at the University of London (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies) from 2016-2019. The 2021 conference explores topics in commercial contract law with a focus on energy trading, new contractual and commercial practices emerging from the Covid-19 crisis, general theory of merchant law and issues in international commercial arbitration including investment treaty arbitration, mediation and reconciliation

10:00hrs: **Welcome Address by Professor Mads Andenas QC**  
LCF, University of Oslo and Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

**Keynote speaker (at 3pm) :**

**Professor David Freestone, George Washington University Law School; Executive  
Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission, Washington, DC, USA**

***“Successes of the emissions trading system and the importance of settling outstanding  
issues under Art. 6 of the Paris Agreement”***

10.10 - 11:40 hrs **Panel 1: Chair: Hendrik Puschmann, Farrer&Co. , London**

Issues in international commercial arbitration including investment treaty arbitration, mediation and reconciliation

- ▶ 10:10-10:30h *Automation in Smart Contract Arbitration: Moving Towards New Conceptions of Procedural Fairness? Dr Sara Hourani*
- ▶ 10:30-10:50h *Investment Arbitration and the Rule of Law: Is It Not Time to Bridge the Ethical Gap? Dr Radosveta Vassileva*
- ▶ 10:50-11:00h Q&A
- ▶ 11:00-11:20: *Picking up the tab: monetising arbitral claims and awards. Gautam Mohanty and Rituparna Padhy*
- ▶ 11:20-11:40h *Contractual claims versus treaty claims in investor-state disputes. Dr Leonardo Carpentieri*
- ▶ 11:40-11:50h Q&A

coffee break 10 minutes

**12-13:00 hrs Panel 2****Chair: Dr Maren Heidemann, IALS, University of London and LCF, London**

general theory of merchant law

- ▶ 12:00-12:20h *The Dichotomy of Good Faith in the context of the CISG - Has Good Faith become an Interpretative Doctrine?* Michala Meiselles
- ▶ 12:20-12:40h *The underlying values of German and English contract law*, Dr Timothy J. Dodsworth, Newcastle Law School
- ▶ 12:40h-13:00h Q&A

Lunchbreak 30 minutes \_\_\_\_\_

13:30 - 14:50h **Panel 3:** Building back better' - This panel focuses on new contractual and commercial practices emerging from the Covid-19 crisis**Chair: Catherine Pédamon, Westminster University, London**

- ▶ 13:30h-13:50h panel keynote: *Richard Calnan, topic tbc*
- ▶ 13:50h-14:00h Q&A
- ▶ 14:00h-14:20h *A new approach to contracts breached by COVID19*, Dr Sepideh Harrasi
- ▶ 14:20-14:40h *The Future of Unfair Terms Regulation in Commercial Contracts*, Dr Marcus Moore
- ▶ 14:40-14:50h Q&A

Coffee break 10 minutes \_\_\_\_\_

From 3pm:

**15:00 KEYNOTE: Professor David Freestone, George Washington University Law School; Executive Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission, Washington, DC, USA**15:30- 17:30hrs **Panel 4:** The role of commercial law and technology in the sustainable energy development**Chair: Dr Joseph Lee, University of Manchester, Manchester**

- ▶ 15:30h -15:50h *Duty to mitigate and duty to hedge in energy trade*, Liz Bossley
- ▶ 15:50-16:10h *The emissions trading system in China*, Olive Yusehng Feng
- ▶ 16:10-16:30h *Blockchain and renewable energy: policy, practice, and governance'*, Ms Vere Marie Khan, Attorney at law, Fortis Chambers (Trinidad & Tobago)
- ▶ 16:30h-16:40h Q&A and short break
- ▶ 16:40h-17:00h *Non-financial disclosure and the «E» of «ESG» in the energy sector: normative and empirical perspectives*, Alberto Mattia Serafin,
- ▶ 17:10-17:30h *Yerkin Budenov, topic tbc*
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5:30pm end of conference

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