

## APCEL Seminar Series

# The Role of the Market and Traditional Regulation in Decarbonizing China's Energy Supply

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Wednesday, 13 September 2017  
3.00pm – 5.00pm (Registration begins at 2.30pm)

Seminar Room 5-3, Level 5, Blk B  
Faculty of Law, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

### ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The introduction of an Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to decarbonise the Chinese economy faces challenges relating to the tradition of heavy regulation that characterises the functioning of the largest carbon-emitting sector – coal-fired electricity production. This presentation will examine what scope there is for the market to drive the decarbonisation of China's electricity supply, when hitherto most emission reductions have been achieved through traditional regulation (e.g., emissions performance standards and the forced closure of inefficient installations). The importance of traditional regulation does not mean that the ETS will not contribute to the decarbonisation of China's energy supply, but the role of the ETS will be different from that in liberalised energy markets (e.g., the EU) where the market is supposed to be the main driver of emission reductions. In China, the role of the ETS will be limited to helping achieve the energy investment targets set under the government's central planning policy.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Anatole Boute is an Associate Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, specializing in the fields of energy, environmental and investment law. His research focuses on the legal aspects of the transition of energy systems towards sustainability, with a special interest for energy market reforms in emerging economies. He holds a PhD in law from the University of Groningen (2007-2010) and was admitted to the Brussels bar (2005-2009). He was a Legal Advisor to the World Bank (IFC Russia Renewable Energy Program) (2011-2016) and is the author of *Russian Electricity and Energy Investment Law* (Leiden/Boston: Brill Nijhoff, 2015).

**Anatole is also the Director of the LLM in Energy and Environmental Law and he will be speaking about the LLM programme**

### PROGRAMME

- 2.30pm – 3.00pm: Registration & Refreshment
- 3.00pm – 4.00pm: Seminar
- 4.00pm – 4.15pm: Q & A
- 4.15pm – 5.00pm: LLM Talk

### REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited. Light refreshment will be provided. **Closing Date: Wednesday, 6 September 2017 (by 5pm Singapore Time)** For enquiries, please contact Shirley Mak at [lawapcel@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lawapcel@nus.edu.sg)

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