Legal Education in Asia: 
From Imitation to Innovation 
20 & 21 November 2015 
Room 203, Leo KoGuan Law Building, No.1954, Hua Shan Road, Shanghai 
Shanghai Jiao Tong University 

Conference Programme 
Friday, 20 November 2015 (Day 1) 

9.00am .......... Participants Meet Up 
Meet in The Faculty Club Lobby at 8:50am 

9.15am .......... Registration at the Faculty of Law 

9.30am .......... Opening Remarks 
Andrew Harding 
DIRECTOR 
ASIAN LAW INSTITUTE 
CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES 
FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE 

9:40am .......... Welcome Address 
Ji Weidong 
DEAN 
PROFESSOR KoGUAN LAW SCHOOL 
SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY 

9:50am .......... Keynote Speech 
Souichirou Kozuka 
PROFESSOR OF LAW 
GAKUSHUIN UNIVERSITY 
JAPAN 

10:30am – 11:00am .......... Morning Tea Break 

Panel I .......... Legal Education in Civil Law Countries: Thailand, Vietnam, China, Korea and Indonesia Considered 

11:00am – 11.30am .......... Legal Education in Thailand: Limitation on Innovation 
Presenter: Munin Pongsapan, THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY 

Moderator: Francis S.L. Wang, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOL (IALS) & SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY 
Discussant: Chen Suyan, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY
11:30am – 12:30pm  
**Legal Education in 21st Century Vietnam: From Imitation to Renovation**  
**Presenter:** Bui Ngoc Son, **National University of Singapore**

**Globalization and Innovative Study in China’s Legal Education**  
**Presenter:** Hu Jiaxiang, **Shanghai Jiao Tong University**

**Moderator:** Woo-Young Rhee, **Seoul National University**  
**Discussant:** Amalina Ahmad Tajudin, **University Sains Islam Malaysia**

12:30pm – 1:45pm  
Lunch

1:45pm – 2:45pm  
**Legal Education in South Korea, in Form and Substance: From Imitation to Innovation**  
**Presenter:** Woo-Young Rhee, **Seoul National University**

**Second fiddle: Why Indonesia’s Top Graduates Shy Away from the Judiciary and the Prosecutor’s Office, and What Can We Do about It?**  
**Presenter:** Ibrahim Haniff, **Universitas Gadjah Mada**

**Moderator:** Philip McConnaughay, **Peking University School of Transnational Law**  
**Discussant:** Bui Ngoc Son, **National University of Singapore**

2:45pm – 3:15pm  
Afternoon Tea Break

Panel II  
Legal Education in Common Law Countries: Singapore and Malaysia

3:15pm – 5:00pm  
**Teaching Comparative Law in Singapore: Global and Local Challenges**  
**Presenter:** Andrew Harding, **National University of Singapore & Maartje de Visser, Singapore Management University**

**The Law Curriculum: Legal Ethics and Corruption**  
**Presenter:** Whalen-Bridge Helena, **National University of Singapore**

**Is the Introduction of a Common Bar Examination into the Malaysian Legal Education the way forward?**  
**Presenter:** Amalina Ahmad Tajudin, **University Sains Islam Malaysia**

**Moderator:** Munin Pongsapan, **Thammasat University**  
**Discussant:** Winston Zee, **Shanghai Jiao Tong University**

5:30pm onwards  
Welcome Dinner hosted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Conference Programme
Saturday, 21 December 2015 (Day 2)

10:00 am  Participants Meet Up
Meet in The Faculty Club Lobby at 9.45am

10:30am – 11:00am  Keynote Speech
Simon Chesterman
DEAN
FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

11:00 – 11:30am  Morning Tea Break

Panel III  Challenges Ahead
11:30am – 12:30am  Bridging the Gap between Legal Education and Preparation for a Career in Legal Services
Presenter: Winston Zee, SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY

As Asia Influences Law and the Legal Profession, So Too Will It Influence Global Legal Education
Presenter: Philip McConnaughay, PEKING UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW
Moderator: Hu Jiaxiang, SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY
Discussant: Ibrahim Haniff, UNIVERSITAS GADJAH MADA

Panel IV  Challenges Ahead (cont’d)
12:30am – 1:30pm  The International Moot Court as an Equalizer: An Asian Paradigm
Presenter: Chen Siyuan, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

Strengthening Asia’s Voice in the Current Discourse in Legal Education Reform
Presenter: Francis S.L. Wang, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOL (IALS) & SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY
Moderator: Whalen-Bridge Helena, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
Discussant: Maartje de Visser, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

1:30pm – 2:45pm  Lunch

2.45pm – 3.45pm  Round-Table Discussion: Legal Education Imitation and Innovation in Asia: What Have We Done and What Else Can We do?
Andrew Harding, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
Yan Lin, SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY
Kon Sik Kim, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Matthias Vanhullebusch, SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY
Simon Chesterman, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

3.45pm – 4.00pm  Closing Remarks

4:00pm  Back to Hotel

5:30pm  Meet at The Faculty Club Lobby for Closing Dinner hosted by ASLi

8.30pm  Back to Hotel

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