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**21 August 2018, Tuesday ✦ 12.30pm – 1.30pm**

Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building, Level 1, NUS (Bukit Timah Campus)

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## **China's Belt and Road Development and Developing World of Arbitration in the Asia Pacific**

**Speaker: Prof. Gu Weixia, The University of Hong Kong**

**Chairperson: Prof. Gary F. Bell, NUS Law**

### **ABSTRACT**

Which jurisdiction and institution should parties choose to arbitrate in the Asia Pacific? What is the level(s) of development among Asia Pacific arbitration jurisdictions? In light of China's Belt and Road (BRI) Development and the associated demand on arbitration in the Asia Pacific, this seminar examines the arbitration reforms of Asian Pacific jurisdictions in the context of their economic, political, and judicial dynamics. This seminar provides a first-time cross-jurisdiction comparative and contextual study of the developing world of arbitration in the Asia Pacific and contributes to the comparative international arbitration jurisprudence from a more Eastern perspective. This seminar also aims to link the development of arbitration and the economic well-being of the society such that many developing economies in the Asia Pacific would benefit from a study of arbitration reform (or the lack of it) in economically more developed jurisdictions so as to learn from their successful strategies and to avoid imitating their failure.

### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**



Dr. Weixia Gu is a tenured Associate Professor of Law at The University of Hong Kong where she teaches and researches about arbitration, private international law and Chinese commercial law. Prior to joining the Law Faculty, she was the youngest recipient in Hong Kong of the Fulbright Award from the United States Department of State and had been selected as an Honorary Young Fellow of the New York University. Bilingual in English and Chinese, she has published widely in both languages. She is author, editor of *The Developing World of Arbitration: A Comparative Study of Arbitration Reform in the Asia Pacific* (2018), *Arbitration in China: The Regulation of Arbitration Agreements and Practical Issues* (2012), and *Legal Development and Interaction in Greater China* (2009). Dr. Gu sits on the editorial board of the *Hong Kong Law Journal* (SSCI) and on the governing board of the China Society of Private International Law. She is a Panel-listed Arbitrator at the South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and Shanghai International Arbitration Centre.

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### **REGISTRATION**

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited.  
Light refreshment will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Closing Date: **17 August 2018, Friday**  
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