

# SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND CAPITAL MARKETS

## Friday 16 April 2021



### Overview of the Conference

This conference will discuss the legal issues and policy challenges in relation to sustainable finance and capital markets. Sustainable finance is increasingly not the domain of credit and development institutions. Sourcing from conventional capital markets is seen as an attractive proposition for both the supply and demand sides, as there is significant 'dry powder' in investment funds all over the world and sustainable finance objectives are not necessarily contradictory to objectives in relation to financial return. This project interrogates the role of market-building regulation and their likely impact. Mass marketization regulation, like securities regulation, tends to become standardised and inflexible, based on the lowest common denominator of the investor.

### Conference Convenors

Assistant Professor Lin Lin (NUS Law) &  
Professor Iris H-Y Chiu (UCL Law)

### Participation is by invitation only

Zoom registration link [HERE](#)

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via Zoom (1600 to 2140, GMT+8)

## PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2021	
1600 – 1610	<p><b>Welcome Address</b> Dean of NUS Law, Professor Simon Chesterman Director of CBFL, Associate Professor Dora Neo (NUS Law)</p> <p><b>Introduction by Conference Convenors</b> Assistant Professor Lin Lin (NUS Law) Professor Iris H-Y Chiu (UCL Law)</p>
SESSION 1: LAW AND POLICY Session Chair: Assistant Professor Lin Lin (NUS Law)	
1610 – 1640	<p>Paper #1: <b><i>THE IDENTITY CRISIS OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE</i></b> Author: <b>Mr David Rouch (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP)</b></p>
1640 – 1710	<p>Paper #2: <b><i>MARKET-BUILDING AND MARKET REGULATION IN SUSTAINABLE FINANCE</i></b> Author: <b>Professor Iris H-Y Chiu (UCL Law)</b></p>
1710 – 1740	<p>Paper #3: <b><i>CHALLENGE TO CORE OF CORPORATE LAW IN THE CONTEST FOR JUSTICE IN SUSTAINABILITY</i></b> Author: <b>Associate Professor Benedict Sheehy (Canberra Law School)</b></p>
1740 – 1820	<b>Dinner</b>

SESSION 2: SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL PRODUCTS IN THE CAPITAL MARKETS Session Chair: Associate Professor Umakanth Varottil (NUS Law)	
1820 – 1850	Paper #4: <b><i>DEVELOPING THE GREEN BOND MARKET: LESSONS FROM CHINA</i></b> Authors: Associate Professor Hong Yanrong (Peking University Law School) and Assistant Professor Lin Lin (NUS Law)
1850 – 1920	Paper #5: <b><i>IMPACTING ON DEVELOPMENT: REGULATING PRIVATE INVESTMENTS FOR PUBLIC GOODS</i></b> Author: Dr Celine Tan (University of Warwick School of Law)
1920 – 1950	Paper #6: <b><i>USING TECHNOLOGY IN CLIMATE CHANGE FINANCIAL RISK DISCLOSURE</i></b> Author: Dr Andrea Miglionico (Lecturer, Reading Law School)
1950 – 1955	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
SESSION 3: SUSTAINABLE COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES Session Chair: Professor Iris Chiu (UCL Law)	
1955 – 2025	Paper #7: <b><i>INVESTOR CAPITALISM AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS</i></b> Author: Associate Professor Eva Micheler (London School of Economics and Political Science)
2025 – 2055	Paper #8: <b><i>FROM A FINANCIAL TO AN ENTITY MODEL OF ESG INVESTING</i></b> Authors: Professor Iain MacNeil and Professor Irene-marie Esser (University of Glasgow)
2055 – 2125	Paper #9: <b><i>VENTURE CAPITAL IN THE RISE OF SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT</i></b> Author: Assistant Professor Lin Lin (NUS Law)
2125 - 2140	<b>Concluding Remarks by Conference Convenors and Close of Conference, including Paper Reminder Instructions</b> Assistant Professor Lin Lin (NUS Law) Professor Iris H-Y Chiu (UCL Law)
2140	<b>End of Conference</b>

Note: Each speaker will present for 15 minutes, leaving 15 minutes for Q&A.