

**CBFL 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR SERIES****Secured Transactions in Global Lawmaking**

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**Friday, 7 February 2025 | 4.00PM TO 5.15PM | Lee Sheridan Conference Room, NUS Law (BTC)****SPEAKER**

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**PROGRAMME**

3.30pm - Registration  
4.00pm - Start of Seminar  
5.00pm - Moderated Q&A  
5.15pm - End of Seminar

**ABOUT THE SEMINAR**

Secured transactions law has been subjected to a close scrutiny over the last three decades by governments, mandated formulating international organisations, international financial institutions, and academics. One of the main reasons for this special attention is the importance of the availability and the cost of credit for trade and economic development, and the consequent need to reform collateral laws in order to improve access to finance. The ability to give security effectively influences not only the cost of credit but also, in some cases, whether credit will be available at all. The law of secured transactions around the world has been influenced by culture, property, social norms, and business practices. Both developed and developing economies have fragmented secured transactions laws. These laws present problems of clarity, as well as gaps and inconsistencies. These shortcomings are felt acutely by businesses when accessing credit. This seminar will engage with the challenges posed during global secured transactions lawmaking, policy choices, and how modern norms and principles influence law reforms around the world.



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