

JEAN HO

EDUCATION

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

- LL.B. (1999-2003).

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, USA

- LL.M. in International Legal Studies (2006-2007).

L'UNIVERSITE DE PARIS I (PANTHEON-SORBONNE), FRANCE

- MAITRISE en droit français et droit européen (2008-2009).
 - *Sponsored study leave.*

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UNITED KINGDOM

- PH.D. (2011-2015).
 - *Sponsored study leave.*
 - *Thesis: State Responsibility for Breaches of Investment Contracts (passed as is).*
 - *Supervisor: Michael Waibel; Examiners: James Cranford, Christoph Schreuer.*

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP, SINGAPORE & FRANCE

- Associate (2004-2006).

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

- Associate Professor of Law (2019-present).
- Assistant Professor of Law (2009-2019).
- Lecturer in Law (2008-2009).
- Director of the NUS Law Academy (2024-present).
- Member of the Faculty Curriculum Committee (2019-present).
- Director of the J.D. Programme (2021-2023).
- Member of the Faculty Research Committee (2014-2021).
- Member of the Faculty Search Committee (2014-2021).

COURSES TAUGHT

- International Investment Law and Arbitration.
- Intellectual Property Arbitration.
- Evidence.

EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

- Editor-in-Chief (2026-present).
- Member of the Editorial Board (2021-present).
- Book Review Editor (2021-2024).

UNCITRAL ACADEMIC FORUM ON INVESTOR-STATE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

- Member of the Steering Committee (2021-present).
- Research Chair (2021-2024).
 - *Coordinated 13 Working Groups comprising 87 academics.*
 - *Coordinated peer-review and publication of 8 Concept Papers.*
 - *Mavluda Sattorova, Jonathan Bonnitcha, Yuliya Chernykh & Josef Ostřanský, 'Preventing, Mitigating and Managing Investor-State Disputes', ISDS Concept Paper 2021/1.*
 - *Catharine Titi, Freya Baetens, Robert Howse, Marcin J. Menkes & Walter Elochukwu Abah, 'Comparative Costs and Financing of Permanent Dispute Settlement Mechanisms', ISDS Concept Paper 2022/1.*
 - *Ted Gleason & Catharine Titi, 'The Right to Regulate', Academic Forum on ISDS Concept Paper 2022/2.*
 - *Yuliya Chernykh, Malcolm Langford, Daniel Peat, Ole Kristian Fauchald, Szilárd Gáspár-Szilágyi, Emilia Onyema & Sergio Puig, 'Compliance with ISDS Awards: Empirical Perspectives and Reform Implications', Academic Forum on ISDS Concept Paper 2022/3.*
 - *N Jansen Calamita, Stefanie Schacherer, Facundo Perez-Aznar & Aikaterini Florou, 'Domestic Measures Adopted by States to Give Effect to Processes of International Dispute Settlement Volume I: Treaties Establishing Dispute Settlement Frameworks', Academic Forum on ISDS Concept Paper 2023/1.*
 - *N Jansen Calamita, Stefanie Schacherer, Facundo Perez-Aznar & Aikaterini Florou, 'Domestic Measures Adopted by States to Give Effect to Processes of International Dispute Settlement Volume II: International and Regional Courts and Tribunals', Academic Forum on ISDS Concept Paper 2023/2.*
 - *N Jansen Calamita, Stefanie Schacherer, Facundo Perez-Aznar & Aikaterini Florou, 'Domestic Measures Adopted by States to Give Effect to Processes of International Dispute Settlement Volume III: Regional Human Rights Courts and Specialised Treaty Mechanisms for Investor-State Dispute Resolution', Academic Forum on ISDS Concept Paper 2023/3.*
 - *Jean Ho, Eric de Brabandere, Yuliya Chernykh, Dominic Dagbanja, Aikaterini Florou, Gabriel Lentner, Daniel Peat & Facundo Perez Aznar, 'The Role of Domestic Law in Investment Dispute Settlement', ISDS Concept Paper 2024/1.*

UNIDROIT WORKING GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

- Expert (2023-present).

UNIDROIT WORKING GROUP ON LAND AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT CONTRACTS

- Expert (2018 – 2021).
 - *José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, Lorenzo Cotula, Daryono Daryono, Jean Ho, Virgilio de los Reyes, Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson, James Gathii, Pierre Etienne Kenfack & Yuliya Panfil, UNIDROIT/IFAD Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts, online: www.unidroit.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ALICGuideby.pdf, 250 pp.*

ASIAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

- Member of the Executive Council (2019-present).

ASIAN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION JOURNAL

- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board (2019-present).

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- *New Property in International Law* (Oxford University Press (Oxford Monographs in International Law), 2024) 300 pp.
 - *Nominated by OUP for the 2025 European Society of International Law Monograph Prize.*
 - *Series Editors' (Roger O'Keefe & Catherine Redgwell) Preface: New Property in International Law is wide-ranging, original, and provocative. Like most good products of independence of mind, it will elicit agreement and disagreement alike. Either way, it will stimulate. Written with confidence, energy, and style, it will also entertain. Finally, as a monograph on something completely different by a scholar known until now for her work on international investment law, it will hopefully – as the author herself hopes in her preface – inspire other international lawyers to step outside their “comfort zone”.*
- *Investors' International Law* (Hart (Studies in International Trade and Investment Law), hardcover 2021; paperback 2022) (co-edited with Mavluda Sattorova) 350 pp.
 - *Reviewed by Dominic Npoanlari Dagbanja in (2024) 27(1) Journal of International Economic Law 196-202 (“[A] ground-breaking book’ that focus[es] on investor obligations toward host states and their citizens and local communities through critical thematic analyses of the intersections of international investment law, domestic law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and international environmental law.”).*
- *International Investment Law and Arbitration* (Cambridge University Press 2018; 2nd edition 2021; 3rd edition forthcoming 2026-2027) (with C.L. Lim & Martins Paparinskis) 600 pp.
 - *Cited with approval by the Colombian Constitutional Court in Judgment C-252/19 of 6 June 2019 at paras. 112, 192, 197 and 211.*
 - *Cited with approval by the Singapore Court of Appeal in Swissbourgh Diamond Mines (Pty)*

Limited & Ors v Kingdom of Lesotho [2018] SGCA 81 at para. 207.

- *State Responsibility for Breaches of Investment Contracts* (Cambridge University Press (Studies in International and Comparative Law), hardcover 2018; paperback 2020) 300 pp.
 - Reviewed by Yuliya Chernykh in (2021) 32(2) *European Journal of International Law* 702-709 ('Capable and revealing. Original and brave. Yet somewhat disturbing and provocative.').
 - Reviewed by Olaoye Kehinde Folake in (2020) 23(1) *Journal of International Economic Law* 293-297 ('Her methods and analyses are built on strong arguments that reveal a foundational mastery of this complex subject and a key understanding of its implications on the rights of host states, home states, and foreign investors.').
 - Synopsized in English, French and Mandarin in the United Nations Audiovisual Library on International Law Lecture Series:
 - *State Responsibility for Breaches of Investment Contracts.*
 - *La responsabilité d'Etat et la rupture des contrats d'Etat.*
 - **国际法对投资合约的保障.**
- 'The Art of Contradiction in International Investment Law' (2022) 92(1) *British Yearbook of International Law*, online: doi.org/10.1093/bybil/brac001, 12 pp.
- 'Passive Investments' (2020) 35(3) *ICISD Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal* 523-539.
- 'Contract Claims: Investment Arbitration ', (2020) *Max Planck Encyclopedia of International Procedural Law*, online: opil.ouplaw.com/view/10.1093/law-mpeipro/e3288.013.3288/law-mpeipro-e3288, 25 pp.
- 'The Creation of Elusive Investor Responsibility' (2019) 113 *American Journal of International Law (AJIL Unbound)* 10-15.
- 'Circumstantial Indicia in Treaty Interpretation' (2018) 33(1) *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal* 67-73.
- 'Investment Protection Under Successive Treaties' (2017) 37(1) *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal* 58-91.
- 'The Evolution of Contractual Protection in International Law: Studying diplomatic archives, uncovering diplomatic practice, and writing diplomatic history' in Stephan Schill, Christian Tams & Rainer Hofmann (eds), *International Investment Law and History* (Edward Elgar 2017) 213-240.
- 'Applying the New York Convention in Singapore', in George Bermann (ed), *Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards – Application of the New York Convention by National Courts* (Springer 2017) 813-834.
- 'Internationalization and State Contracts: Are State Contracts the Future or the Past?' in C.L. Lim (ed), *Alternative Visions in the International Law on Foreign Investment: Essays in Honour of M Sornarajah* (Cambridge University Press 2016) 377-402.
- 'Unraveling The *Lex Causae* in Investment Claims' (2014) 15 *Journal of World Investment & Trade* 757-778.
- 'Singapore' in Chester Brown (ed), *Oxford Commentaries on International Law: Commentaries on Selected Model Investment Treaties* (Oxford University Press 2013) 623-650.
- 'Singapore' in Wenhua Shan (ed), *The Legal Protection of Foreign Investment – A Comparative Study*

(Hart 2012) 593-616.

- ‘The Meaning of “Investment” in ICSID Arbitrations’ (2010) 26(4) *Arbitration International* 633-648.

SELECT PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate counsel in *SGS Société Générale de Surveillance S.A. v. Islamic Republic of Pakistan* (ICSID Case No. ARB/01/13) which involved a dispute brought under the Swiss-Pakistan bilateral investment treaty over payment due under a customs services inspection agreement. The tribunal in this case was the first to interpret an umbrella clause in an investment treaty.
- Associate counsel in *SGS Société Générale de Surveillance S.A. v. Republic of the Philippines* (ICSID Case No. ARB/02/6) which involved a dispute brought under the Swiss-Philippines bilateral investment treaty over payment due under a customs services inspection agreement.
- Associate counsel in *Plama Consortium Limited v. Republic of Bulgaria* (ICSID Case No. ARB/03/24) which involved a dispute over the expropriation of an oil refinery brought under the Energy Charter Treaty and the Bulgaria-Cyprus bilateral investment treaty. The tribunal in this case was the first to interpret the Energy Charter Treaty in the context of an investor-State dispute.
- Associate counsel in *Abmonseto, Inc. and others v. Arab Republic of Egypt* (ICSID Case No. ARB/02/15) which was brought under the US-Egypt bilateral investment treaty and involved the expropriation of a garment factory. Not public.
- Associate counsel in a multimillion dollar corporate restructuring dispute arbitrated under the International Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Rules. Not public.
- Counsel in a multimillion dollar transnational contractual dispute arbitrated under the London Court of International Arbitration Rules. Not public.
- Counsel in *BM Mühendislik ve İnşaat A.Ş. v United Arab Emirates* (ICSID Case No. ARB/17/20). Ongoing.
- Sole arbitrator in contractual dispute involving the mobile telecommunications sector (SIAC ARB/264/2020).

SELECT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- ASEAN Law and Policy Academy (invited faculty), organised by the NUS Centre for International Law, 8 August 2025, Singapore.
- Intensive course on international dispute settlement for the Solicitor-General’s Office of the Republic of The Philippines (invited faculty), organized by the Hague Academy of International Law, 27-9 November 2024, Manila, The Philippines.
- ‘The Growing Access to International Law’ (invited moderator), organised by the International Law Association (SG Chapter), 10 October 2024, Singapore.
- ‘How the commerce/sovereign divide affects enforcement against state property’ (invited panelist), Enforcement of Awards Against States, jointly organised by the NUS Centre For International Law and the International Law Association (SG Chapter), 24 July 2024,

- Singapore.
- ‘Our Misguided International Economic Law’ (keynote speaker), Human Rights Reactions to Economic Laws Symposium, organised by Tilburg University, 19 June 2024, Tilburg, The Netherlands.
 - ‘Spark and Substance in the Recalibration of Investors’ International Law’ (paper presenter with Mavluda Sattorova), 9th Asian Society of International Law Biennale Conference, 8-10 August 2023, Bandung, Indonesia.
 - ‘Gold Before Water - Reflections on the *Eco Oro v Colombia* Award’ (invited panelist), jointly organised by the IEL Collective, GLOBE Center Warwick Law School, and the Essex Business and Human Rights Project at Essex Law School, 8 October 2021, United Kingdom (recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AGI1EViACxo).
 - ‘Covert Resistance in Pursuit of Symmetry in International Investment Law’ (The Politics of International Law Seminar Series) (invited sole speaker), organised by the Australian National University College of Law, 5 March 2021, Canberra, Australia (recording: www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=Lzrijg4-jt0).
 - ‘In Conversation with Dr Jean Ho: On Knowledge Production in International Economic Law’ (International Law and Political Engagement (ILPE) series), organised by the Lauterpacht Center for International Law, 19 November 2020, Cambridge, United Kingdom (recording: upload.sms.csx.cam.ac.uk/media/3345866).
 - Annual Energy Charter Treaty Forum, ‘The Promise of Arbitration: Enhancing International Peace, Cooperation, and Sustainability through Dispute Settlement’ (invited panelist), jointly organised by the PCA, ECT Secretariat, ICSID and the SCC, 20 November 2019, Singapore.
 - ‘Epistemological Blindspots in International Economic Law’ (invited plenary session panelist), International Economic Law Collective Inaugural Conference, 6-7 November 2019, Warwick University, Coventry, UK.
 - ‘Draft Zero of the Legal Guide to Land Agricultural Investment Contracts’ (invited speaker), UNIDROIT and China: The Cape Town Convention, Investing in Agriculture and UPICC, 8-9 July 2019, UIBE, Beijing, China.
 - ‘Free Trade Agreements and Sustainability’ (invited panelist), ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Interregional Dialogue – Sharing Good Practices on Business and Human Rights, 10-11 June 2019, Bangkok, Thailand.
 - ‘The Metamorphosis of Investment Treaties’ (invited panelist), Ethics and the Rule of Law in Investment Arbitration, BIICL Investment Treaty Forum and the Graduate School of International Development of Nagoya University, 1 June 2018, Tokyo, Japan.
 - ‘When can Contracts be Expropriated?’ (invited solo presenter), SIAC-CIL Academic-Practitioner Colloquium, 15 May 2018, Singapore.
 - ‘The year in review’ (invited panelist), Third Annual Global Arbitration Review Live Singapore, 7 June 2017, Singapore.
 - ‘Illegality, Jurisdiction and Admissibility’ (invited panelist), Twenty-Eighth Investment Treaty Forum Public Conference: Economic Crime and International Investment Law, 12 May 2017, London, United Kingdom.

- ‘The Contours of Curial Support for Arbitration in Singapore’ (invited panelist), The Support of State Institutions for Arbitration in France and Singapore, 25 April 2017, Sciences Po and NUS Law, Paris, France.
- ‘Investment Protection Under Successive Treaties’ (invited panelist), ICSID 50th Anniversary Conference, 24 June 2016, Paris, France.
- ‘The Singapore Perspective on Investment Treaties and Investment Chapters’ (invited panelist), ICSID 50th Anniversary Conference, 26 November 2015, International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes and Xi’an Jiaotong University School of Law, Xi’an, China PRC.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

- Umika Sharma (PhD), ‘Invisible Inequality: Understanding Diversity in International Arbitration’ (2019-2025).
 - *Examiners: Stavros Brekoulakis & Liu Sida.*
 - *Outcome: Passed with moderate revisions.*
- Harisankar Kadavil Sathyapalan (PhD), ‘When International Commercial Arbitration and Investment Treaty Arbitration Collide: A Study of Curial Supervision and Subordination’ (2014-2019).
 - *Examiners: M Sornarajah, Stephan Schill & Luke Nottage.*
 - *Outcome: Passed as is.*
- Yan Chu Yue (LLB), ‘Reversing Evidentiary Asymmetry: Adverse Inference in Corruption Allegations in Investor-State Arbitration’ (2026).
- Chynybek Aaliev (LLM), ‘Recalibrating One Structural Imbalance of ISDS: Environmental Counterclaims and Hardened Investor Obligations’ (2026).
- Mariah Karla Arreola Alcantara (LLM), ‘Climate Change in Investor-State Arbitration: Establishing Investor International Responsibility’ (2026).
- Eliana Baey (LLB), ‘Green Illusion: The ‘Sustainability’ Paradigm in IIAs as a Barrier to Ecologically Led Development’ (2025).
- Brendan Brian Conceicao (JD), ‘Public Policy Challenges in Singapore: Navigating the Judiciary’s Deference to International Comity and Finality of Arbitral Awards’ (2024).
- Wei Ziqiang (JD), ‘Shareholder Claims for Reflective Loss in International Investment Arbitration’ (2023).
- Vidyotma Malik (LLM), ‘China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Source of Development or Initiation Of Global Autocracy?’ (2023)
- Tan Kang Min (JD), ‘Arbitration Confidentiality Exceptions – Should the Ever-Developing Common Law Exceptions be Codified into a Legislative Framework?’ (2023).
- Tensin Studer (LLM), ‘Environmental Protection: A Case for International Conciliation?’ (2022).
- Huang Qianwei (LLB), ‘The Importance of Interpretive Restraint for Security Clauses in Investment Treaties’ (2020).
- Ong Shaw Shiuan (LLB), ‘A Safe Harbour No Longer: Rethinking Issues of Evidence in

- Corruption Allegations in Investor-State Arbitration’ (2019).
- *Runner-up in inaugural Young Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) Writing Competition and Award: New Voices in International Arbitration’.*
 - Uma Jitendra Sharma (LLB), ‘What’s Past is Prologue: Revisiting Proportionality in Investor-State Arbitration’ (2019).
 - Priyanka Kumar (LLM), ‘India’s Arbitral Laws: Investor-Friendly?’ (2019).
 - Alastair Simon Chetty (LLB), ‘Curing the Paradox of Subservience: Taming the Unruly Deference to Prior Awards on Abuse in Investment Treaty Arbitration’ (2018).
 - *Winner of the 2018 Nappert Prize (McGill University).*
 - *‘Embracing Practical Solutions in Dealing with the Distinct Shades of Abuse of Process in Investment Arbitration’ (2018) 4 ICC Dispute Resolution Bulletin 50.*
 - Daniel Robert Fielding (LLM), ‘Balancing the Right to Regulate – What Can Be Learnt from the TPP and the Relationship between FET and MFN Provisions’ (2017).
 - Li Linzhe (LLM), ‘Treaty Obligations vs Environmental Regulation: Parties’ Potential Liabilities under the Canada-China Bilateral Investment Treaty’ (2016).
 - Parveen Kaur (LLB), ‘The Case for Clarity in the Provisional Application of ‘Treaties’ (2016).
 - Wilson Koh (LLB), ‘Think Quality not Quantity: Repeat Appointments and Arbitrator Challenges’ (2016).
 - Douglas Wong (LLB), ‘From Redundancy to Resurgency – Revisiting the Local Remedies Rule in International Investment Arbitration’ (2016).
 - Christopher Zheng (LLB), ‘Reflections on the Territoriality Requirement for Investments’ (2016).
 - *Published in (2017) 34 Singapore Law Review 139.*
 - Kevin Elbert Toa (LLB), ‘Holding the Corrupt State Accountable: Establishing Jurisdiction over Corruptly-Procured Investment’ (2015).
 - Ramandeep Kaur (LLB), ‘The Recovery of Moral Damages in Investment Arbitration’ (2015).
 - Larisa Cheng (LLB), ‘Fair and Equitable Treatment: The Evolution or the End of Denial of Justice in International Law?’ (2015).
 - Jinesh Lalwani (LLB), ‘Arbitrability of Patent Disputes in Singapore: A Study on the Interaction between the Patents Act’ (2011).
 - Zhong Zewei (LLB), ‘The ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement: Realizing a Regional Community’ (2010).
 - *Published in (2011) 6 Asian Journal of Comparative Law 1.*

PEER REVIEW EXPERIENCE

Asian Journal of International Law, Brill, British Yearbook of International Law, Cambridge University Press, Chinese Journal of Comparative Law, Chinese (Taiwan) Yearbook of International Law and Affairs, Edward Elgar, European Journal of International Law, ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal, Journal of International Dispute Settlement, Journal of International Economic Law, Journal of Malaysian and Comparative Law, Journal of World Investment and Trade, Leiden Journal of International Law, London Review of International Law, McGill Journal of Dispute Resolution, Melbourne Journal of International Law, New Zealand Yearbook of International Law, Oxford University Press, Singapore Academy of Law Journal, Singapore Journal of Legal Studies, Singapore Law Review, Routledge,

Yearbook for International Investment Law and Policy.

LANGUAGES

French, Mandarin Chinese.