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Consumer Policy in a Comparative Perspective:

New Challenges in Chinese, European, and International Law

29-30 June 2017

Room E32-G003, Faculty of Law of the University of Macau (Macau, China)
THURSDAY, 29 JUNE

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and opening remarks

Io Cheng Tong, Dean, Faculty of Law of the University of Macau (Macau)
Fernando Dias Simões, Faculty of Law of the University of Macau (Macau)
Paolo Davide Farah, Convenor of the ESIL IG on International Environmental Law and Co-Chair of the ASIL IG on Intellectual Property Law; West Virginia University (United States), gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom)

10:15 – 10:45 Keynote Speech: International Law and Consumer Policy – Seung Wha Chang, Professor of Law, Seoul National University (Republic of Korea), former WTO Appellate Body Member

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 Session I: Consumer Policy and Access to Information

Chair: Augusto Teixeira Garcia, University of Macau (Macau)

– Minding the Gap – Samuel Becher, Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)
– General Contractual Terms and Protection of Consumers under Macau Law – Hugo Duarte Fonseca, STA Lawyers (Macau)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:45 Session II: Food Safety and Product Liability

Chair: Dan Wei, University of Macau (Macau)

– Food for Thought: Food Safety and Legal Challenges in China – Jerry I-H Hsiao, University of Macau (Macau)
– The Governance Racialism and Double Standards of Multinational Corporations (MNCs): Delivering Access to Justice – Qingxiu Bu, University of Sussex (United Kingdom)
– China New and Better Drugs – Should we Change the Approval Procedure Model for Pharmaceutical Products? – Vera Lúcia Raposo, University of Macau (Macau)
– Chinese Genetic Testing: the Portrayal of Online Direct-to-consumer Talent Genetic Tests – Li Du, University of Macau (Macau)
15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Session III: Consumer Policy and Online Markets

Chair: Fernando Dias Simões, University of Macau (Macau)

– Internet Doesn’t Forget, but is there any Right to be Forgotten in China? – Zhang Meihui, Nankai University (China)
– Choice-of-law Issues of E-Consumer Contracts in China – Alison Lu Xu, University of Leeds (United Kingdom)
– From Patchwork to Coherence? Challenges and Opportunities for Consumer Data Protection in Cross-Border E-Commerce – Evin Dalkilic, Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany)

FRIDAY, 30 JUNE

10:30 – 11:00 Registration and coffee

11:00 – 12:00 Session IV: Consumer Policy and Intellectual Property Rights

Chair: Rostam J. Neuwirth, University of Macau (Macau)

– Intellectual Property, Biodiversity and Traditional Knowledge and the Implications for Food Security: A Focus on Indigenous People and Farmers’ Rights – Paolo Davide Farah, West Virginia University (United States)
– Protection of EU Wine via GIs in China: Not Too Sparkling for Innovation, Not Too Clear for Consumers – Danny Friedmann, Simone Intellectual Property Services Asia (Hong Kong)
– The Reform of the Chinese Geographical Indication System Amid the International Evolution – Shujie Feng, Tsinghua University, and Ye Xia, Beijing Labour and Social Security College (China)

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:45 Session V: Trade and Investment Policies and Consumer Protection

Chair: C.H. (Remco) van Rhee, Maastricht University (Netherlands)

– The Protection of Intellectual Property Rights under Investment Law: from Treaties to ISDS – Flavia Marisi, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)
The Right to Water in Investment Law: between Human Rights and Consumer Protection – Fernando Dias Simões, University of Macau (Macau)

The Application of Positive-Sum Game Theory in International Investment Arbitration: New Paradigms Developed in Water Disputes – Xu Qian, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:50 Session VI: Consumer Policy and Dispute Resolution

Chair: Guangjian Tu, University of Macau (Macau)

The Dutch Consumer Complaints Boards: An Interesting Approach to Solving Consumer Complaints Outside the State Courts – C.H. (Remco) van Rhee, Maastricht University (Netherlands)

Strengthening the Consumer Collective Action through Litigation Funding – Wei Wang, University of Macau (Macau)

Domain Name Dispute Resolution and Its Implications to the Future Development of Online Dispute Resolution – Zhao Yun, University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Public Interest Litigation in China: Challenges and Prospects for the Protection of Consumers in Anti-Monopoly Cases – Alexandr Svetlicinii, University of Macau (Macau)

17:50 – 18:00 Closing remarks

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