

Exploring New Ideas in Dispute Resolution: International Trade, Human Rights and Selective Adaptation of Legal Cultures

An Academic Conference at The Institute of Asian
Research
(The University of British Columbia, Canada)
C.K. Choi Building, Conference Room
1855 West Mall
November 5-6, 2004

Academic Conference Day One – November 5 - Friday

9 – 10:45 am

Session One: International Norms and Local Adaptation

▪ Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Pitman Potter
▪ Globalization and Local Culture in Contracts: Japanese Companies in Thailand	Yoshitaka Wada
▪ How Can We Compare Legal Consciousness?: The Legal System Rationalized and Legal Culture Localized	Akira Fujimoto
▪ The Dispute Resolution System in China and Its Concerns	Xianchu Zhang

➤ **Discussant: *Malcolm Smith***

10:45 – 11:00 am

Refreshment Break

11:00 – 12:30 pm

Session Two: Discussions on Policy Capacity: Governance

▪ Ideas of Peace and Cross-cultural Dispute Resolution	Bee Chen Goh
▪ Impasse in the Himalayas: Negotiating Rights and Obligations in a Refugee Scenario	Suzanne Duska
▪ Norms, Laws and Social Order	Sarah Biddulph
▪ Selective Adaptation and Local Governance	Pitman Potter

➤ **Discussant: tbc**

12:30 – 1:30 pm

**Lunch Break: For project co-investigators, conference presenters and discussants only
(served in IAR Atrium)**

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Session Three: Social Relations (I): Health, Environment and Education

▪ Rights at Work During the SARS Crisis in Canada and China	Lesley Jacobs
▪ Globalization and Impacts on Domestic Environmental Policy in China	Caroline Gravel
▪ The Social Construction of a Problem: The Shortage of Lawyers in Japan (with comments on Japan's Law School Reform by Julian Dierkes)	Mayumi Saegusa Julian Dierkes

➤ **Discussant: Natasha Affolder (tbc)**

3:00 – 3:30

Refreshments

Dinner at 6:30pm: Conference Paper Presenters and Discussants Invited (Location TBC)

Conference Day Two – November 6 - Saturday

9:00 – 10:45 am

Session Four: Social Relations (II): Equality Rights, Labour, Housing and Local Development

▪ Selective Adaptation and Equality Rights in Canada	Bill Black
▪ A Study on the Cooperative Medical System in China's Rural Areas	He Weidong
▪ Hope for Protection and Hopeless Choices: Legal Aid for Labour in the PRC	Mary Gallagher
▪ Contentious Politics of Unemployment in China	Jaeyoun Won

➤ **Discussant: Ruth Buchannon (tbc)**

10:45 – 11:00 am

Refreshment Break

11:00– 12:30 pm

Session Five: Trade and Dispute Resolution Systems

▪ Sino-Japanese Disputes in Intellectual Property Rights	Liu Yigong
▪ International Dispute Settlements in Japan: A Combination of Judicial and Other Systems	Maomi Iwase
▪ Foreign Trade: The Notion of National Treatment in China's Courts	Shuliang Wang
▪ Global Competition Governance: A Step Towards Constitutionalisation of the WTO	Ljiljana Biukovic

➤ **Discussant: Donald Lewis**

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Lunch Break: For Project Co-investigators, Conference Presenters and Discussants Only (served in Atrium)

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Plenary Session: Social Science Research and Legal Studies in China

▪ Cultural Conflicts in Arbitration Affairs Between China and Foreign Nations	Xiaorong Gu
▪ Conflicts of Legal Culture in Cooperative Affairs Between China and Japan	Yinmao Lin
▪ A Discussion on Subsidies in China's Trade Practices	Fang Hou
▪ Labour Rights: A Comparative Study on the Understanding Between China and the West (U.S., E.C. and Japan)	Pengfei Yang

3:30 – 4:00 pm

Reflections and Final Remarks

Lead Discussant: **Pitman Potter**

Dinner at 7:00pm: Paper Presenters and Discussants Invited (Location TBC)