Program of the AWRN 2019 Retreat

1: Purpose of the AWRN 2019 Retreat
The Asian WTO Research Network (AWRN) will be holding the 2019 Retreat sessions on July 6th to July 8th of 2019 at Shonan Village Center, Hayama town, Kanagawa, Japan.
Its purpose is to exchange views among the members of the AWRN on the pressing issues of WTO law and international economic law. Topics to be discussed will include: WTO Reform; International Investment Court System; Asian Regional Mediation Organization (ARMO); and Emerging Issues of International Economic Law.

2: Schedule of the Retreat
July 6 (Sat.)
14:00 – 14:30 Registration and coffee at the Conference Lobby on Level CF
14:30 – 14:35 Welcome remarks by Junji Nakagawa (Chairperson-nominated, AWRN) and Chang-fa Lo (Chairperson, AWRN)
14:35 – 15:45 Session 1: WTO Reform (1)
   Moderator: Junji Nakagawa
   Panelists:
   Mitsuo Matsushita, “National Security Regulation in the Context of International Trade”
   Joseph Wira Koesnaidi, “The Use of PMS in Antidumping Investigations”
15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break
16:00 – 17:10 Session 2: WTO Reform (2)
   Moderator: Yuka Fukunaga
   Panelists:
   Chang-fa Lo, “Milder but Effective WTO Reform – A New Use of the Old Plurilateral Approach to Create Smaller Organizations within the Bigger Organization”
   Colin Picker, “WTO 1.2, 2.0 or ITO 1.0: Competing Conceptions of the Best Way to 'Fix' the WTO”
17:10 – 18:00 AWRN Business Meeting
18:30 – 20:30 Casual dinner at the venue

July 7 (Sun.)
10:00 – 10:45 Session 3: WTO Reform (3)
   Moderator: Tomohiko Kobayashi
   Panelists:
   Jaemin Lee, “The WTO Appellate Body as a Trailblazer – Facilitation of Appellate Mechanism in Other International Courts”
   Yuka Fukunaga, Comments on Jaemin Lee’s paper
10:45 – 11:00  Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00  Session 4: ARMO
   Moderator: Chang-fa Lo
   Presenter: Lisa Toohey, “Mediation of trade disputes: prospects and possibilities”
   Open floor discussion
12:00 – 13:00  Lunch
13:00 – 14:10  Session 5: Emerging issues of international economic law (1)
   Moderator: Jaemin Lee
   Panelists:
   Heng Wang, “Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): A Game Changer for International Economic Law in Digital Age?”
   Lawan Thanadsillapakul, “An Appropriate New Model of Competition Law for the Current International Trade Environment”
14:10 – 14:25  Coffee break
14:25 – 16:10  Session 6: Emerging issues of international economic law (2)
   Moderator: Colin Picker
   Panelists:
   Tomohiko Kobayashi, “Role of Critical Mass Agreements on Export Subsidies for Sustainable Development in the Arctic Region”
   Rajesh Babu, “Denunciation of BITs by India: Issue and Trends in International Investment Law”
16:10 – 16:25  Coffee break
16:25 – 17:35  Session 7: International investment court system
   Moderator: Yuka Fukunaga
   Panelists:
   Chin Leng Lim, “The Permanent International Investment Court and the Link with WTO Reform”
   Fernando Dias Simões, “Politics and the Investment Court System - Lessons from the Appellate Body”
18:30 – 20:30  Dinner at a restaurant near the venue

July 8 (Mon.)
Morning  Departure; or
         Chartered bus tour to Kamakura
3: Side Events
Following events are scheduled. Attendants of the AWRN 2019 Retreat will be cordially invited.

3-1: Public Seminar on WTO Reform
Co-sponsors: Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo/Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), The University of Tokyo
Date/Time: July 9 (Tue), 10:00 – 11:30
Venue: Institute for Future Initiatives, University of Tokyo Hongo Campus
Ito International Research Center, 3rd Floor, Middle Conference Room
https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/adm/iirc/en/access.html
Access: Metro/Toei Subway Hongo Sanchome St. E08/M21 or Metro Subway Todaimae St. N12.
Moderator: Junji Nakagawa
Panelists: Joseph Wira Koesnaidi & Yuka Fukunaga

3-2: Seminar on Investor-State Arbitration Reform
Date/Time: July 9 (Tue.), 14:00 – 17:00
Venue: Anderson, Mori & Tomotsune Tokyo Office
Otemachi Park Building (Reception: 20th Floor)
Access: Metro/Toei Subway Otemachi St. F09/C11/Z08/M18/I09 (Exit C6a leads directly into the building.) or JR Tokyo St. JY01/JC01 (15 min. walk from the Marunouchi North Exit)
Moderator: Junji Nakagawa
Panelists: Chin Leng Lim
Fernando Dias Simoes “The Judicialization of Investment Arbitration: Towards Full-time Arbitrators?”

4: Emergency Contacts
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