

4th ANNUAL ASPER INTLAW CONFERENCE

APRIL 23-24, 2018

SPEAKERS:

Aly Haji

Aly is a recent graduate of the joint Law-MBA program at McGill University. He will be clerking at the Supreme Court of Canada under Madam Justice Andromache Karakatsanis beginning in August 2018. Prior to entering law school, Aly completed a degree in pharmacy at the University of Toronto and worked in the areas of health policy and economics. He is interested in constitutional law, corporate law, and business strategy. His current research focuses on responsive innovation and disruption within professional service firms; his paper "The Illusion of Innovation at Canadian Law Firms" was accepted by the Academy of Management at their Annual Meeting in 2017 and was covered extensively in the media, including in the National Post, Lawyers' Weekly and Lexpert. A more recent paper adapted from his thesis, "An Exodus Explained: Millennials at Law Firms" has garnered significant attention in the legal community and is currently undergoing peer review

Janelle Orsi

Janelle Orsi is a lawyer, advocate, writer, and cartoonist focused on economic democracy and social justice, emphasizing development of cooperatives for worker-ownership, renewable energy, housing, farmland, and finance. She is Co-founder and Executive Director of the Sustainable Economies Law Center, which facilitates the growth of more sustainable and localized economies through education, research, and advocacy. Janelle has also worked in private law practice at the Law Office of Janelle Orsi, focusing on shared housing, urban agriculture, and worker cooperatives since 2008. Janelle is the author of *Practicing Law in the Sharing Economy: Helping People Build Cooperatives, Social Enterprise, and Local Sustainable Economies* (ABA Books 2012), and co-author of *The Sharing Solution: How to Save Money, Simplify Your Life & Build Community* (Nolo Press 2009), a practical and legal guide to cooperating and sharing resources of all kinds. In 2014, Janelle was selected to be an Ashoka Fellow, joining a robust cohort of social entrepreneurs who are recognized to have innovative solutions to social problems and the potential to change patterns across society. In 2010, Janelle was profiled by the American Bar Association as a Legal Rebel, an attorney who is "remaking the legal profession through the power of innovation." In 2012, Janelle was one of 100 people listed on The (En)Rich List, which names individuals "whose contributions enrich paths to sustainable futures."

Tom Slee

Tom Slee writes about technology, politics, and economics and in the last three years has been a consistent critic of the sharing economy. He has a PhD in theoretical chemistry, a long career in the software industry, and his 2015 book "What's Yours is Mine: Against the Sharing Economy" has now been translated into five languages.

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Azar Mahmoudi

Azar Mahmoudi is an LL.M. candidate at McGill Faculty of Law, and her background spans the fields of international law, international trade law, and transnational business law. Her primary research interest is anti-corruption laws and regulations in international trade and business law, with particular emphasis on economic sanctions regimes. Azar, also, holds an LL.M. in American Legal system from University of Richmond, Virginia, a bachelor's degree in law and a bachelor's degree in social sciences from University of Tehran, Iran.

Kaja Zaleska-Korziuk, M.A. (University of Gdańsk, Poland)

Kaja Zaleska-Korziuk is a research and teaching assistant in the Department of Commercial Law and Private International Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk and advocate trainee at the District Bar Council in Gdańsk. Her main research areas are international commercial arbitration and corporate law. Currently, Kaja is working on Ph.D. in third-party funding. Since 2016 Kaja is participating in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Moot as a coach of the UG Vis team and arbitrator.

Anna Patricia Chuc Gambo

Anna is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Law at Queen's University, Kingston. Her research explores the relationship between International Trade Law and International Human Rights Law. She is conducting her research under the supervising of Dr. Nicolas Lamp. She obtained an LLB (Bachelor of Laws) at the University of Yucatan (UADY) in Mexico; She has a Master's degree in International Law from the Graduate School of Government and Public Policy in which she focused on international trade and a second Master's degree in Constitutional Law from the University of Yucatan where she focused on human rights. She worked in Mexico for five years as a lawyer advising foreign companies who import and export raw materials in Mexico. These experiences are all coming together for her PhD project in which she attempts to find a better coordination between free trade agreements and human rights.

Mahan Ashouri

Mahan Ashouri a national of Iran, is an LL.M. student at McGill University, faculty of law, whose interest is in the field of international trade law. He is currently the president of McGill International Business and Trade Law Society, and his research focuses on the influence of economic sanctions on international trade law. He also holds an LL.M. degree in American Laws from the University of Richmond, Virginia, an LL.B. in Law, and a B.A. in sociology from the University of Tehran, Iran.

Bryan Schwartz

Dr. Bryan Schwartz (JSD Yale) is the Asper Professor of International Business and Trade Law at the University of Manitoba Law School. He is the founding editor of the *Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law*, and the principal author of ten books and over eighty academic articles.

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Abbey Stemler

Abbey Stemler is an assistant professor of business law and ethics at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. Her research interests explore the complexities and possibilities of innovation law. In particular, she is a leading scholar on the sharing economy and has published multiple articles on the subject—including in the *Emory Law Journal* and the *Maryland Law Review* (forthcoming). Professor Stemler is also a practicing attorney, entrepreneur (she sold her first business at age 29), avid traveler, and blogger (www.themillennialprof.com). She currently teaches a variety of courses including entrepreneurship law, business law, and critical thinking. .

Rudiger Tscherning

Rudiger Tscherning is Assistant Professor of Law and joined the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary in July 2016. He is a Ph.D. candidate at the Institute for Comparative Law, Conflict of Laws and International Business Law at the University of Heidelberg, where his doctoral research examines dispute resolution mechanisms in international energy infrastructure projects. Rudiger is Affiliated Faculty and a former research fellow of the Canadian Institute of Resources Law (CIRL).

Prior to his time at the University of Heidelberg, Rudiger was the founding Executive Director of the Center for Energy and Sustainability Law at Qatar University College of Law, where he also was a Lecturer of Law teaching on energy and sustainability law. Before joining academia, Rudiger practiced as a solicitor in London, England where his litigation practice focused on the environmental and planning law aspects of energy and infrastructure project delivery.

During his time in Qatar, he acted as legal consultant to the World Bank and the Ministry of Environment of the State of Qatar. While in the Middle East, he initiated the first regional academic conference on renewable energy and nuclear law and policy, a program on post-conflict natural resources development, and a series of professional legal education courses with the AIPN Middle East Chapter and faculty from the University of Houston Law Center.

Since joining the University of Calgary, Rudiger has secured generous funding from the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation (RMMLF) for the preparation of teaching materials for his Conflict of Laws course as well as funding from the Foundation of Legal Research for a research project examining the legal aspects of climate change on the Canadian energy and natural resources sector. He is the faculty's current Stikeman Elliot LLP Fellow in Corporate Law. Rudiger is also working on a research project funded by the Alberta Law Foundation to examine the transition towards a low carbon economy in Alberta, in particular focusing on energy-intensive sectors of Alberta's economy.

Rudiger is a member of the faculty's Mooting Committee and the faculty advisor for the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. He is also a member of the faculty's Admissions Committee.

Baskaran Balasingham

Baskaran Balasingham is a lecturer in commercial law at Deakin University. Baskaran's main research focus is on competition law/antitrust law. Baskaran wrote his PhD thesis entitled 'The Effectiveness and Fairness of the EU Leniency Policy' at King's College London, funded by a scholarship from the Centre of European Law. During his PhD he taught the undergraduate module in EU competition law at King's for two consecutive years, and worked as a legal researcher at the UK Competition and Markets Authority for one year. In Spring 2016, upon being awarded the prestigious International Scholar-in-Residence scholarship by the American Bar Association, Baskaran conducted research on US antitrust law at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington D.C. He is the founder of the Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot, an international moot court competition in competition law, which has been hosted by King's annually since 2015. Baskaran's other areas of interest include EU Law, International Trade Law and Intellectual Property Law. Baskaran holds a BA, LLB and LLM from Maastricht University, and an LLM in Competition Law and PhD from King's College London. He completed a traineeship at DG Competition of the European Commission as a blue-book stagiaire.

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Asper Chair of International Business and Trade Law

In 1999, the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba established the Asper Chair of International Business and Trade Law. The Asper Chair sponsors a variety of research including academic conferences in international business and trade law. An internship program allows up to four students a year to work with the Asper Chair and creates opportunities for students to advance their education, while gaining skills necessary to pursue careers in law or business with an international focus. Additionally, students involved in the Asper program have the opportunity to participate in international commercial dispute resolution competitions.



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AGENDA - MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

7:00am - 8:50am	Breakfast & Introduction	
9:00am - 10:30am	Aly Haji	The Illusion of Innovation at Canadian Law Firms
10:30am - 11:00am	Break	
11:05am - 11:30am	Prof. Bryan Schwartz	Conference Introduction and Some Perspectives on the Sharing Economy
11:35am - 12:00pm	Tom Slee	What Data Does and Does Not Tell Us About the Sharing Economy.
12:05pm - 12:30pm	Kasia Kieloch	Ride Sharing Comes to Winnipeg.
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch	
1:30pm - 1:55pm	Paul Moist	Policy Perspectives on the Sharing Economy from a Union Perspective
2:00pm - 2:25pm	Gerrard Lucyshyn	Policy Perspectives on the Sharing Economy from a Free Market Perspective
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Janelle Orsi	Advancing Equity in the Sharing Economy
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Break	
3:35pm - 4:00pm	Abbey Stemler	Author of "Betwixt and Between: Regulating the Sharing Economy"
4:05pm - 4:30pm	Zubair Khan	Settlement of Biodiversity Disputes Through Emerging Sharing Economy: Benefit Sharing Mechanism and Patent Co-ownership

AGENDA - TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

7:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast	
9:00am - 9:25am	Rudiger Tscherning	Construction Disputes in Major Infrastructure Delivery: Lessons from the United Kingdom for the Introduction of Statutory Dispute Adjudication in Canada
9:30am - 9:55am	Baskaran Balasingham	Most-Favoured Customer Clauses and Online Platforms: Enforcement Strategies and Priorities under EU Competition and US Antitrust Law
10:00am - 10:25am	Ana Chuc Gamboa	International Trade Law and International Human Rights Law: Siblings or Distant Relatives
10:25am - 10:55am	Break	
11:00am - 11:25pm	Kaja Zaleska-Korziuk	When a Good Samaritan is Paying Your Litigation Costs - The Phenomena of Strategic Third-Party Funding.
11:30pm - 11:55pm	Azar Mahmoudi	The Proliferation of Corruption in Sanctioned Regimes: How Economic Sanctions Undermine Anti-Corruption Reforms in Iran
12:00pm - 12:25pm	Mahan Ashouri	Regulating the Economic Sanctions under the WTO Mechanisms

**Please note that this schedule may be subject to change. Eligible for up to 11.5 hours of professional development.*