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# Reorienting International Economic Law for the Digital Economy

## From Addressing the Digital Divide to Enabling Digital Development

January 8 - 9, 2025

Auditorium, Minaretein,  
Education City



# Agenda

## Day 1 – Wednesday, January 8, 2025

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome and Introduction to the Conference
	<p><b>Dr. Susan Karamanian</b> Dean College of Law, HBKU</p> <p><b>Dr. Mélida Hodgson</b> Partner Arnold &amp; Porter President American Society of International Law (ASIL)</p> <p><b>Dr. Georgios Dimitropoulos</b> Professor and Associate Dean for Research College of Law, HBKU</p> <p><b>Dr. Neha Mishra</b> Assistant Professor of International Law Geneva Graduate Institute</p>
09:15 - 10:00	Keynote Speech – The Transnational Legal Ordering of Digital Economies: Opportunities and Constraints for a Development Focus
	<p><b>Dr. Gregory Shaffer</b> Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of International Law Georgetown Law</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Umar Azmeh</b> Registrar Qatar International Court &amp; Dispute Resolution Centre (QICDRC)</p>

10:00 - 11:00	Panel 1 – International Economic Law and Digital Development: From an Obstacle to an Enabler?
	<p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Dr. Mélida Hodgson</b> Partner Arnold &amp; Porter President American Society of International Law (ASIL)</p> <p><b>Enabling Digital Development in International Economic Law: Can a Human Rights Perspective Help?</b> <b>Dr. Neha Mishra</b> Assistant Professor of International Law Geneva Graduate Institute</p> <p><b>International Investment Law: A Constraint, an Enabler, or Irrelevant to Overcome the Digital Divide?</b> <b>Dr. Rodrigo Polanco</b> Senior Researcher and Lecturer World Trade Institute, University of Bern Legal Adviser Swiss Institute of Comparative Law</p> <p><b>International Tax Law, Digital Divides and Digital Development</b> <b>Dr. Irma Mosquera Valderrama</b> Full Professor Tax Governance Leiden Law School</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30

**Panel 2 – The Making and Re-Making of International Economic Law for Digital Development: Global and Regional Perspectives**

**Chair:**

**Dr. Gregory Shaffer**

Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of International Law  
Georgetown Law

**Regionalization and the Prospect of Economic Development**

**Dr. Mira Burri**

Professor of International Economic and Internet Law  
University of Lucerne

**Industrial Policymaking, New Economic Agreements and Digital Development**

**Dr. Georgios Dimitropoulos**

Professor and Associate Dean for Research  
College of Law, HBKU

**Sehrish Javid**

S.J.D. Candidate and Doctoral Fellow at the IPDD Project  
College of Law, HBKU

**The Implications of the Competition between the United States and China on the Process of Digitalization in Africa: An International Law Perspective**

**Dr. Kehinde Olaoye**

Assistant Professor  
College of Law, HBKU

12:30 - 13:45

**Lunch Break**

13:45 - 14:45

**Panel 3 – The Making and Re-Making of International Economic Law in the Digital Economy: The Role of Emerging Powers**

**Chair:**

**Dr. Clinton W. Francis**

Professor of Law  
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law  
Visiting Professor  
College of Law, HBKU

**Emerging Powers and the Shaping of International Economic Law for Digital Development**

**Arindrajit Basu**

PhD Candidate  
Leiden University  
Member of the Digital Democracy Network  
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

**The Role of China in Shaping and Re-Shaping Digital Economic Law and Digital Economic Relations**

**Dr. Raymond Gao**

Assistant Professor  
Macau University of Science and Technology

**Supply Chain Control and the Digital Economy: The Roles of Emerging Economies in Shaping Global Semiconductor Governance**

**Dr. Han-Wei Liu**

Associate Professor of Law  
Singapore Management University

**Dr. Ching-Fu Lin**

Professor of Law  
National Tsing Hua University

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## Day 2 – Thursday, January 9, 2025

14:45 - 16:15

### Roundtable – Middle Powers in the Digital Geoeconomic Competition

**Chair:**

**Dr. Georgios Dimitropoulos**

Professor and Associate Dean for Research  
College of Law, HBKU

**Panel:**

**Ahmed Al-Sulaiti**

Director  
Office of the State of Qatar to the WTO, WIPO and UNCTAD  
President  
International Law Association GCC Branch

**Dr. Ahmet Aysan**

Professor and Program Coordinator of PhD and  
MS programs in Islamic Finance  
College of Islamic Studies, HBKU

**Dr. Amine Bermak**

Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean  
College of Science and Engineering, HBKU

**Dr. Ching-Fu Lin**

Professor of Law  
National Tsing Hua University

**Dr. June Park**

Senior Research Fellow  
National University of Singapore

**Dr. Steven Wright**

Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, HBKU

End of Day 1

08:30 - 09:00

### Registration

09:00 - 10:15

### Panel 4 – New Digital Frontiers: Obstacles and Prospects for Economic Development

**Chair:**

**Dr. Neha Mishra**

Assistant Professor of International Law  
Geneva Graduate Institute

#### Socioeconomic Impacts and Opportunities for Digital Development with the Use of Generative AI

**Dr. George Mikros**

Professor  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, HBKU

#### Quantum Computing Divides in Asia

**Dr. Kim Moloney**

Associate Professor  
College of Public Policy, HBKU

#### Global Value Chains, Digital Development and Developing Countries

**Dr. Emmanouil Chatzikonstantinou**

Assistant Professor  
Georgetown University in Qatar

#### Digital Transformation Strategies in the Financial Sector: An Assessment Framework

**Dr. Dalal Aassouli**

Assistant Professor  
College of Islamic Studies, HBKU

10:15 - 11:30

**Panel 5 – Digital Development in International Economic Law:  
A Rule or an Exception?**

**Chair:**

**Luigia Ingianni**

Commissioner

Employment Standards Office, Qatar Financial Centre Authority

Adjunct Professor

College of Law, HBKU

**Digital Security as National Security: Not So Exceptional After All**

**Dr. Alexandros Bakos**

Post Doctoral Research Fellow

College of Law, HBKU

**Servicification, International Trade Law and the Prospect  
of Digital Development**

**Hamoudah Al-Zaini**

Head of Compliance

Qatar Financial Centre Authority

S.J.D. Candidate

College of Law, HBKU

**The Role of International Organizations in Digital Development**

**Safaa Jaber**

S.J.D. Candidate

College of Law, HBKU

**Digitalization-Sustainability Nexus in the New Economic Internationalism:  
Prospects for Developing Countries**

**Amna Zaman**

S.J.D. Candidate and Fellow at the IPDD Project

College of Law, HBKU

11:30 - 11:45

**Coffee Break**

11:45 - 12:30

**General Discussion and Conclusions**

**Chair:**

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**Lunch Break**

**End of Conference**