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**School of Law** Tsinghua University

International Conference on

## CHINESE AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE RULE OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

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During the last decade, international practice has increasingly seen efforts to apply the concept of rule of law to the international legal order (especially in activities of international organizations). The key objective of this conference is to inquire into the theoretical foundations and practical manifestations of the rule of law from a Chinese and European perspective and explore the implications for the development of a rule of law concept at the international level. The conference is the result of a research project conducted by the School of Law of Tsinghua University and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies of the University of Leuven. Speakers include academic experts and high level officials from the People's Republic of China, the European Union and the United Nations.

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## PROGRAMME

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08.30-09.00 **Registration** and coffee/tea

### I. General Perspectives on the Rule of Law

Chair: Prof Dr **Jan Wouters**, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven

09.00-09.10 Welcome by Prof Dr **Bart De Moor**, Vice-Rector International Affairs, KU Leuven

09.10-09.20 Welcome by the Chair

09.20-09.30 Introduction to the Conference by Prof Dr **Wang Zhenmin**, Dean of the Tsinghua University School of Law

09.30-09.50 Mr **Edric Selous**, Director of the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General  
*The Rule of Law and the United Nations*

09.50-10.10 H.E. Mr. **Wu Hailong**, Head of the People's Republic of China Mission to the European Union (tbc)  
*The Rule of Law in China*

10.10 -10.30 H.E. Dr **Michael Reiterer**, Senior Advisor, Asia & Pacific Department, European External Action Service  
*The Rule of Law in European External Relations*

10.30-10.50 Prof Dr **André Nollkaemper**, Professor of Public International Law, University of Amsterdam  
*The Rule of Law and Global Governance*

10.50-11.10 **Debate**

11.10-11.40 **Coffee and Tea Break**

## II. A History of the Rule of Law in China and Europe

Chair: Prof Dr **Benjamin Van Rooij**, Director, The Netherlands China Law Centre, University of Amsterdam

- 11.40-12.00 Prof Dr **Tim Heysse**, Professor of Political Philosophy, KU Leuven  
*The Rule of Law and Democracy in Modern European Political Thought. Sketch of Two Fundamental Models*
- 12.00-12.20 Prof Dr **Nie Xin**, Associate Professor of Chinese Legal History, Tsinghua University School of Law  
*Rule of Law in China in the First Half of the 20th Century. The Continuity & Discontinuity of the Chinese Central Judicial Branch*
- 12.20-12.40 Prof Dr **Cheng Jie**, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Tsinghua University School of Law  
*Rule of Law in China Post-1979*
- 12.40-13.00 **Debate**
- 13.00-14.10 **Lunch**

## III. International Law and the Rule of Law

Chair: Prof Dr **Pierre Defraigne**, Director of the Madariaga-College of Europe Foundation

- 14.10-14.30 Ms **Nathalie Prouvez**, Chief Rule of Law Section, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, OHCHR  
*The Relationship between Rule of Law, Democracy and Human Rights*
- 14.30-14.50 Prof Dr **Jia Bingbing**, Professor of International Law, Tsinghua University School of Law  
*International Rule of Law: In Which Hue?*
- 14.50-15.10 Prof Dr **Li Zhaojie**, Professor of International Law, Tsinghua University School of Law  
*The principle of Solidarity as an Emerging Constitutional Principle in the Contemporary International Legal Order*
- 15.10-15.30 Prof Dr **Jan Wouters**, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and Mr. **Matthieu Burnay**, Researcher at the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven

*Europe and China in the United Nations Security Council: Implications for the International Rule of Law*

15.30-15.50 **Debate**

15.50-16.20 **Coffee and Tea break**

#### **IV. Rule of Law and Interactions between Domestic and International Law**

Chair: Prof Dr **Li Zhaojie**, Professor of International Law, Tsinghua University School of Law

16.20-16.40 Prof Dr **Lu Xiaojie**, Assistant Professor of WTO Law, Tsinghua University School of Law

*What Influence Does WTO Membership Have on the Rule of Law in China?*

16.40-17.00 Prof Dr **Karin Buhmann**, Associate Professor of Public Law, University of Copenhagen:

*Corporate Social Responsibility and the Rule of Law: Comparing Chinese and European approaches*

17.00-17.20 Dr **Joëlle Hivonnet**, China Division, European External Action Service

*Rule of Law and Sustainable Development*

17.20-17.40 Prof Dr **Li Bin**, Professor of Public International Law, Beijing Normal University and Mr **Rik Hansen**, Researcher at the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven

*Chinese and European Practices towards a Rule of Law in Outer Space: Divergence or Convergence?*

17.40-18.00 **Debate**

18.00-18.20 Prof Dr **Rene Foqué**, Emeritus Professor of Legal Theory, KU Leuven:

*Rule of Law and the Limits of Global Legal Thinking*

#### **Conclusion**

18.20 - 18.30 Concluding Remarks by the Chair