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Legal Foundations of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

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12:30 - 1:30 pm

Room 319, 3/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower

The University of Hong Kong

This seminar looks at the creation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, with particular reference to the institution’s basic documents. A focus of the seminar will be on how the Articles of Agreement compare with those of other multilateral development banks. Critical points of continuity with, and departure from, the constitutional documents of comparator organisations will be highlighted and explained.



Gerard Sanders joined the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) as General Counsel in August 2016. For the previous two years, he was General Counsel at the International Fund for Agricultural Development, a specialized agency of the United Nations, working at its headquarters in Rome. Previously, Gerard held various positions at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development working in its principal office in London, most recently as Deputy General Counsel. Earlier in his career, Gerard worked for the law firms of Simpson Grierson in Wellington and

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