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Research and Results: The Sixth Year of APDR Project

The Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Project committed its sixth year's research activities on continuing working together to generate the series of six edited volumes organized around themes of Coordinated Compliance between International Trade and Human Rights Regimes.

Topic and teams are as follows:

- Volume: Trade and Development

"The Right to Development: Making it Work in India", edited by Ashok Kotwal, Bharat Ramaswami and Moshe Hirsch.

Six chapters will be included in this volume covering the topics such as food security and WTO agreement on agriculture, Indian agriculture and intellectual property rights, labour market discrimination and MNCs, food price policy in Indonesia and India, and right to education act and the quality of education.

- Volume: Trade and Government Accountability
"Transparency and Accountability in China", edited by Sarah Biddulph, Gu Xiaorong, and Ljiljana Biukovic.

This volume aims to unfold the process of evolution of the notion of the good governance policy in both international and domestic institutions in the globalization of societies and economies, and provide evidence on domestic public discussions and regulatory practice as impacted by the international rules and norms on openness and by the accountability of domestic actors involved in decision making about economic development.

MAJOR 2014 / 2015 WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- **Government Accountability Thematic Volume workshop**
Law Institute, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China, June 20, 2014
- **Development Thematic Volume workshop**
Indian Statistical Institute
New Delhi, India, July 14, 2014
- **Poverty/Inequality Thematic Volume Workshop**
Faculty of Law at Allard Hall
UBC, Vancouver, October 28, 2014
- **Thematic Volumes Workshop**
Faculty of Law at Allard Hall, UBC, December 11-12, 2014
- **Mapping the Impact of International Trade and Human Rights Rules on Local Practice**
International Institute of Sociology and Law, Antigua University, Onati, Spain, July 17-18, 2014.

MAJOR 2014/2015 PUBLICATIONS

- Jacobs, Lesley, Nachshon, Goltz & McManus, Matthew, *Privacy Rights in the Global Digital Economy: Legal Problems and Canadian Paths to Justice* (Toronto: Irwin Law Books, 2014).
- Wada, Yoshitaka & Masayuki Otsuka, *Essence of Family Dispute Resolution: Theory and Skills of Mediation* (Japan: Judicial Association, 2014).
- Kotwal, Ashok & Bharat Ramaswami, "Delivering Food Subsidy: The State and the Market" in Ronald Herring, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Food, Politics and Society* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).

- Volume: Trade and Labour

“Grey Zones of Global Governance: The Elusive Quest for Consensus”, edited by Daniel Drache and Lesley Jacobs. This volume investigates the realms of grey zones of global governance where there is an immense amount of flexibility, non-conformity and diversity much of it shaped by the dynamic between the countries involved in the dispute or negotiation. These grey zones provide opportunities for proximal development.

- Volume: Trade, Poverty and Inequality

“Trade, Poverty and Income Distribution: The Indonesian Experience”, edited by Richard Barichello and Richard Schwindt. This volume focuses on the relationship between globalization and two important aspects of the distribution of income: poverty and inequality. Most of the papers relate to Indonesia.

- Volume: Trade and Public Health

“Health and Safety in Asia in A Global Setting”, edited by Yoshitaka Wada, Ilan Vertinsky and Lesley Jacobs. This volume collects papers and with focus

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MAJOR 2014/2015 PUBLICATIONS (To be continued)

- Wadhwa, Wilima and Suman Bhattacharjea, “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend in India: Can Primary Education Deliver?” in Ashima Goyal, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of the Indian Economy in the 21st Century: Understanding the Inherent Dynamism* (Delhi: OUP, 2014).
- Wang, Hai Feng, “The international legal regime of the negative list for our reference” in Shen Open Yan, Huang Zhong, *China (Shanghai) Free Trade Pilot Zones: Theoretical Analysis and Practice*, (Shanghai: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2014).

Workshop on “Mapping the Impact of International Trade and Human Rights Rules on Local Practice”

Chairs: Ljiljana Biukovic, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, Sarah Biddulph, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne

The workshop brought together scholars from Australia, Canada, the European Union, Israel, and Switzerland, whose research focuses on the engagement of local practice and international economic law and international human rights norms. Papers presented by the participants of this workshop broadly focused on two major themes: the interaction between international law regimes and the construction of the international realm. The participants’ individual presentations involved in analysis of global regulation and study of the impact of international organizations on domestic law of states by focusing on variety of modes of interaction of global norms and local practice. The presented papers will be published in an edited volume.