

# Direct Jurisdiction in Asia

The book *Direct Jurisdiction* is the second thematic volume in the series *Studies in Private International Law - Asia*. It considers the situations in which the courts of 15 key Asian states are prepared to hear a case involving cross-border elements. For instance, will the courts of an Asian state accept jurisdiction in a dispute that has only some, little or no connection with an Asian state, and (if so) on what conditions? As a comprehensive survey across multiple jurisdictions and areas of law, the book suggests that enacting suitable rules of direct jurisdiction requires an Asian state to strike a delicate balance between affording certainty and protecting its nationals. It involves sometimes difficult policy considerations and is not just about drawing up lists of jurisdictional grounds and exceptions to them.

In this webinar, the editors and contributors will summarise the practical and theoretical findings in the book. It will consider the possibility of a multilateral convention or soft law instrument articulating principles of direct jurisdiction for Asia. It will also discuss possible trajectories that Asian states may be taking in respect of direct jurisdiction in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the political tensions currently besetting the world. The editors and contributors will also talk about the process of putting the book together, especially in the face of lockdowns and other restrictions imposed in various jurisdictions.

There will be ample time for Q&A.

## Speakers

- Professor Anselmo Reyes, Singapore International Commercial Court; Doshisha University, Editor of *Direct Jurisdiction*
- Wilson Lui, University of Hong Kong; University of Oxford, Editor of *Direct Jurisdiction*
- Dr Nobumichi Teramura, University of Brunei Darussalam; University of Sydney, Contributor of *Direct Jurisdiction*

**Moderator: Professor Vivienne Bath, University of Sydney Law School**

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