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The Future of the Commercial Contract in Scholarship and Law Reform

Fifth Annual Conference

Friday 16 October 2020 10.00-17.30, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC2B 5DR

– CALL FOR PAPERS –

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London Centre for Commercial and Financial Law (LCF) continues research undertaken at the IALS Centre for Corporate and Financial Law based at Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London) 1997–2019.
The 2020 conference explores topics in commercial contract law with a focus on sustainability, not only to combat climate change by contracts to promote the use of green energies but by supporting an ethical approach to supply chains. Commercial contract topics may also cover the impact of contemporary and post-Brexit international trade law on trade in goods and trade in financial products and services on the development of contractual relationships. They may include challenges for the legislator challenges as well as in international dispute settlement.

The conference is organised in four panels:

Panel 1: This panel continues to look at the general theory of commercial contracts such as their definition and distinction from consumer contracts as well as general legislative challenges. The latter may include aspects of climate policies impacting on supply chains, standard contracts, contracts by adhesion. Another legislative influence may come from the role of model laws and non-state law, uniform law conventions and and other international treaties.

Panel 2: This panel focuses on 1) how commercial contract law can be used to promote sustainable trade, particularly with respect to global supply chain, and how commercial contract law can mitigate the risks that cross border trade is exposed to, 2) global regulation of transnational commercial contracts; and 3) post-Brexit international trade law.
Panel 3: The panel focuses on 1) how private law such as commercial contract law can be used to promote green & sustainable financing and the relevant legal risks and legal uncertainties; 2) how financial regulation, including platform regulation, can act as an enabler in parties' arrangements in promoting green & sustainable financing i.e. closing the legal gap or promoting contractual opportunity; and 3) how soft law initiatives and other legal innovations can reduce transaction costs in green financing & sustainable financing.
Panel 4: Dispute resolution including international commercial arbitration. This panel will look at emerging trends in international arbitration including investment treaty dispute settlement. A focus is on challenges to arbitration such as arguments on impartiality or the effectiveness of arbitration clauses.

The deadline for submitting an abstract is 31 May 2020. Please email abstracts of up to 500 words to either of the convenors at the contacts below:

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