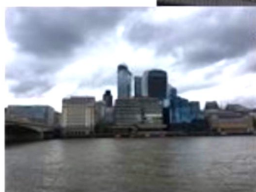


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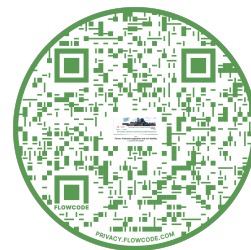
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Papers are invited on a broad range of topics around commercial contracts in context with international trade law. Themes may include tariffs, security law, the law of the sea, WTO dispute settlement, investment disputes.

Panels:

Panel 1: Research questions - Is the WTO still relevant in today's trade landscape?

What impact do tariffs and protectionist measures have on the global flow of goods?

How can contract law respond to the uncertainty created by shifting political dynamics and trade policies?

How to embed sustainability in international trade?

Can contract law shape trade policy and practice?

Panel 2: Research questions - There will also be a panel on finance law dealing with related aspects such as securitisation and enforcement.

The increasing penetration of trade law into commercial relationships has direct and often underexplored consequences for the financial dimension of contracts. From this perspective, securitisation and enforcement may be understood not merely as technical subfields, but as key transmission channels through which trade-related constraints affect contractual value, circulation and enforceability.

1—with regard to securitisation, the focus could be placed on the transformation of commercial claims (such as trade receivables, export credits and supply-chain finance instruments) into financial assets (or rather crypto-assets). Trade law measures (including sanctions, export controls, trade defence instruments and sustainability-related restrictions) increasingly affect the legal quality, bankability and risk profile of such claims, with significant

implications for structured finance transactions and - at the very end - investor protection.

2 – enforcement raises equally topical issues. Trade law and related public measures may directly or indirectly limit the enforceability of commercial contracts and associated security interests, particularly in cross-border settings. This brings to the fore questions concerning the interaction between private law remedies and public law constraints, the growing role of regulatory barriers to enforcement, and the emergence of an 'enforcement gap' between contractual entitlements and their practical realisation.

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