
Contributors' Profiles

BJÖRN AHL

Björn Ahl is Professor and Chair of Chinese Legal Culture at the University of Cologne. He is also President of the European China Law Studies Association. Professor Ahl has considerable experience in China law research. His research focuses on constitutional development, in particular on judicial reforms and rights litigation, in China. Chinese administrative law and practice of public international law are further focal points in his research. Areas of research interest include comparative law, legal transfers, and legal culture, especially as related to Greater China and Chinese legal development. Professor Ahl has also recently taken up a position as a visiting professor at the University of Helsinki's Finnish-China Law Centre, where he will work with colleagues on issues of Chinese law, including comparative law, in China, public law, the social credit system, court practice, and Chinese understandings of international law. Email: bjorn.ahl@uni-koeln.de.

PATRICK BIRKINSHAW

Patrick Birkinshaw is Emeritus Professor of Public Law at the University of Hull. He was Editor in Chief of the quarterly journal *European Public Law* between 1995

and 2018. He has authored numerous books including: *Government and Information* (with Dr Mike Varney 2019) and *European Public Law—The Achievement and the Brexit Challenge* (2020). He worked as a specialist adviser to the Commons Public Administration Select Committee and frequently acted as a government adviser. He was a member of the transparency team for Nirex and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and was an ombudsmen on information requests. He has worked on several national research councils. Email: p.birkinshaw@emeritus.hull.ac.uk.

EJIKE EKWUEME

Ejike Ekwueme graduated from the University of Calabar in Nigeria with degrees in History and Law. He is a member of the Nigeria Bar and was also admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He holds a doctorate degree in law with emphasis on financial crime, and a Masters' in Law in International Corporate Governance, Financial Regulation and Economic Law from IALS, University of London. He also holds a Masters' degree in International Transport and Maritime Law from London Metropolitan University. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK. He has previously, published on issues

relating to money laundering. His research interests are in financial crime, corporate governance, international arbitration and maritime law. Email: ejike.ekwueme@postgrad.sas.ac.uk and eeejike@hotmail.com.

AMY KELLAM

Amy Kellam is an Associate Research Fellow at IALS, University of London. She holds a PhD from SOAS, University of London, and went on to become a Visiting Fellow at the University of Hong Kong. Her early published research focused upon the history of law and diplomacy between Britain, China and Tibet. In particular, it examined the evolution of legal mechanisms governing religious and minority rights in China and placed these mechanisms within the context of the transition from colonialism to post-colonialism in international law. This early research developed into a wider interest in socio-legal issues in comparative perspective. She is currently engaged in research on law and violence and is hosting a public event on domestic abuse for this year's [Being Human Festival](#). Email: amy.kellam@sas.ac.uk.

MARIA FEDERICA MOSCATI

Maria Federica Moscati is Senior Lecturer in Family Law at the University of Sussex. An Italian advocate and trained mediator, she holds a PhD from SOAS, University of London. Before undertaking her

doctorate, she worked for Save the Children Italy, specializing in children's rights. Her main research interests lie at the intersection of dispute resolution, access to justice, comparative family law, children's rights, sexual orientation and gender identity, reproductive health and rights. Several of her research projects have been awarded funding. Dr Moscati is co-director of the Centre for Cultures of Reproduction, Technologies and Health at the University of Sussex and joint editor of the journal *Mediation, Theory and Practice*. Email: m.f.moscati@sussex.ac.uk.

BARRIE LAWRENCE NATHAN

Barrie Nathan is a Visiting Professor at Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, and a Visiting Lecturer at SOAS, University of London. After graduating with an LLB (Hons) from King's College, University of London, he was called to the bar and has spent most of his working life practising as a barrister in a wide range of common law and chancery areas. He has appeared in virtually every type of court except the House of Lords/Supreme Court, although he was a pupil when he observed the leading trusts case of *Gissing v Gissing* argued in the House of Lords. He was the Principal Lecturer on the Lord Chancellor's Training Scheme for Young Chinese Lawyers for 10 years until the scheme came to an end. He has had articles published in *Trusts*

and Trustees, the *Journal of Comparative Law*, the *New Law Journal* and the *Solicitors' Journal*. He currently teaches Contract Law at SOAS on the LLB course and has previously taught Civil and Commercial Conflict of Laws, and Procedural Principles and Ethical Standards on the LLM. His research interests include the judiciary. He has an MA in Applied Linguistics from Birkbeck College, University of London. He is a keen photographer and some of his photos may be viewed on his [website](#).

PATRICIA NG

Patricia Ng currently works as an Access to Legal Services Adviser at the Mary Ward Legal Centre in London. She holds a PhD in law from SOAS, University of London. Her research interests include dispute processing and access to justice, particularly from law in context and socio-legal perspectives. She has mainly worked for the not-for-profit sector, in two main areas—housing and homelessness, and violence against women and girls.

She has contributed in a range of voluntary sector roles including as housing adviser and caseworker, campaigner, and through policy and research work in relation to gendered violence and its many impacts on black and minoritized women and girls. Email: patricia.ng@btinternet.com.

ALEX SCHWARTZ

Alex Schwartz teaches in the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong. His research is focused on courts and judicial behaviour, particularly in the context of deeply divided, transitional, and crisis-prone polities. He is currently working towards a book on judicial power in 'difficult' contexts. Email: schwartz@hku.hk.

XU TING

Xu Ting is of Professor of Law at the University of Essex. She graduated with an LLB from Sun Yat-Sen University and then gained her LLM (with Distinction) and PhD from the London School of Economics. Professor Xu is the author of *The Revival of Private Property and its Limits in Post-Mao China* (Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publishing, 2014), and co-editor of *Property and Human Rights in a Global Context* (edited with Jean Allain, Hart Publishing, 2015) and *Legal Strategies for the Development and Protection of Communal Property*, Proceedings of the British Academy, vol 216 (edited with Alison Clarke, Oxford University Press, 2018). Her research interests are situated in the fields of property law; comparative property law; Chinese law; law, governance and development; property and human rights; socio-legal studies; comparative law; political economy; and the travel of legal and political ideas from society to society.

Professor Xu is currently a British Academy Mid-Career Fellow (2019-2020) working on a project entitled 'Harold Laski and his Chinese Disciples: Using Biographical Methods to Study the Evolution of Rights in Republican China (1911-1949)'. Email: ting.xu@essex.ac.uk.

ZHANG XIAOYANG

Zhang Xiaoyang is a professor in the Law School of Beijing Foreign Studies University. He is now an Advisory Board Member of the *European Journal of Comparative Law and Governance*; Editorial Board Member of the *International Journal of Private Law*; Editor on the International Advisory Committee of the *International Journal of East Asian Studies*; and Advisory Board

Member of the *Journal of Philosophy of International Law*.

Xiaoyang has many papers to his credit released through international outlets such as the *International Company and Commercial Law Review*, *Business Law Review*, the *International Business Law Journal*, the *International Trade Law and Regulation*, *The Company Lawyer*, the *Denning Law Journal*, *Deakin Law Review*, the *Journal of International Commercial Law*, the *Journal of Business Law* etc. His sole-authored book *Chinese Civil Law for Business* is widely read by the international community. Email: zhangxiaoyang2002@hotmail.com.