

Workshop on
GAS MARKET REFORM ALONG THE BELT AND ROAD
Hong Kong, 17 June 2021, 2-4pm

The gas markets in China and in key energy jurisdictions along the Belt and Road Initiative are being reformed in order to ensure energy supply in a more cost effective, energy efficient and socially and environmentally responsible way. Law has an important role to play for the success of gas market reforms, yet its function has been insufficiently studied in the Asian context. This workshop examines the legal and regulatory aspects of gas market reforms in China, the Eurasian Economic Union, Russia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, with a focus on third party access to pipelines, unbundling, and tariff regulation, and taking into account the limits to the role of gas in the context of decarbonization.

14.00 Welcoming remarks

Anatole Boute (CUHK LAW) and Mandy Fang (CityU School of Law)

14.05 The trailblazer in China's natural gas market reform? Guangdong's experience

Mandy Fang (CityU School of Law)

14.20 Reform of pipelines and its impact on China's natural gas sector regulation

Hao Zhang (CUHK LAW)

14.30 Discussion

Philip Andrews Speed (NUS), Dong Liang (CityU Dep. of Public Policy), Yan Qin (Refinitiv), Xu Yuan (CUHK Geography) and Lixia Yao (NUS)

15.00 The law and geopolitics of Eurasian gas market integration

Anatole Boute (CUHK LAW)

15.10 Gas market reform in Russia and Kazakhstan

Shaimerden Chikanayev (Grata Law, Almaty)

15.20 Gas market reform in Uzbekistan

Bobur Shamsiev (Dentons, Tashkent)

15.30 Discussion

Andrei Belyi (University of Eastern Finland), Daria Shapovalova (Aberdeen University), Kanat Botbaev (Energy Charter), Yawen Zheng (CUHK LAW), Peng Wang (Xi'an Jiatong University) and Kaho Yu (Verisk Maplecroft)

15.45 Roundtable discussion

Moderator: *Christian Hübner (KAS RECAP)*

Lead discussant: *David Haverbeke (Fieldfisher)*