

# Speakers' Overview

**Yundan Bao M.A.**

*"Chinese Corporate Investments in Duisburg"*



Yundan Bao was born in China and received her bachelor's degree at Shanghai University of International Business and Economics in 2008 and achieved her master's degree at the Universität Duisburg-Essen in 2014. She has been working with the tax and audit firm PKF Fasselt and leads the team of PKF China Desk in Duisburg. PKF China Desk in Duisburg assists more than 50 Chinese companies from various industries establishing and expanding their business in Germany. Her professional focus is business development, marketing as well as project coordination.

**Professor Dr. Yuanshi Bu**

*"Chinese Tort Law"*



In November 2006, Professor Dr. Bu, LL.M. (Harvard) was appointed professor at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität in Freiburg and since then has headed the chair for international business law with a focus on East Asia. Professor Bu holds the Chinese bar qualification as well as that of the State of New York. She studied German and computer science, did her doctorate on the subject of "The barriers to copyright in the Internet" and completed an LL.M. degree at Harvard Law School. Her main research interests are German and Chinese civil and commercial law, in particular the reception of German law in East Asia, the protection of intellectual property and technology transfer in East Asia and the arbitration of the People's Republic of China. She has published a large number of monographs and commentaries on these topics.

**Professor Donald Clarke**

*"Order and Law in China"*



Professor Donald Clarke is Professor of Law and David A. Weaver Research Professor at George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., where he specializes in modern Chinese law, with a particular focus on corporate governance, Chinese legal institutions, and the legal issues presented by China's economic reforms. He served as an expert witness on Chinese law matters in a number of legal cases and has advised organizations.

Professor Clarke holds an A.B. degree from Princeton University, an M.Sc. degree from the School of Oriental & African Studies of the University of London (SOAS), and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. Prior to his current position, he was on the faculty of SOAS and the University of Washington School of Law, and he has been a visiting professor at New York University Law School, UCLA School of Law, and Duke Law School. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

## Katja Drinhausen, LL.M.

*“China’s Social Credit System: Conceptual Evolution, Regulatory Framework and Current Implementation”*



Katja Drinhausen is a Senior Analyst at the Mercator Institute of China Studies (MERICS). Her research focuses on the development of China’s legal and governance system, including digital governance and the social credit system, as well as human rights in China and state policies towards minorities. She also coordinates research in the Politics & Society team at MERICS.

Ms. Drinhausen studied Sinology, International Law and Chinese Law at the universities of Leipzig, Erlangen-Nuremberg and the China University of Political Science and Law. Before joining MERICS, she worked as a researcher and project manager in Beijing where she tracked the development of Chinese law, governance and civil society in China.

## Dr. Ge Chen

*“Freedom of Expression and Its Regulation in China”*



Dr. Ge Chen is assistant professor at Durham Law School. He is the author of “Copyright and International Negotiations: An Engine of Free Expression in China?”, a monograph published by Cambridge University Press in 2017. The book was featured in Harvard Law Review.

Dr. Ge Chen did his PhD in Göttingen. He has held the posts of postdoctoral research associate in IP and freedom in Cambridge (affiliated to Wolfson), Visiting Academic in Oxford (Programme for Comparative Media Law and Policy), and visiting fellow at Yale Law School (Information Society Project). Dr. Ge Chen was a senior legal expert at the Mercator Institute for China Studies in Berlin, and advised the European governments on a variety of legal projects under the Sino-EU-Dialogue of the State of the Rule of Law.

## Dr. Joachim Glatter

*“Arbitration in China”*



Dr. Joachim Glatter studied law and the Chinese language at the universities of Münster, Lausanne, Göttingen and Nanjing. He wrote his doctoral thesis on a Chinese economic law topic. From 1991 to 2014 he worked as partner of international law firms (such as Clifford Chance, Taylor Wessing) in Beijing, Shanghai and Frankfurt. He advised foreign companies regarding their business transactions in China including establishment and restructuring of foreign invested enterprises, M&A, technology transfers, commercial contracts and arbitration.

Since 2015 he is working as independent arbitrator. He is nominated on the Panel of Arbitrators of major Chinese arbitration institutions such as the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, the Shanghai International Arbitration Center and the Beijing Arbitration Commission.

## Dr. Philipp Großkopf

*"Legal Challenges to Supply Chain Management"*



Dr. Philipp Großkopf heads the Risk Management & Compliance department of an international corporation. He is an experienced manager and specializes in the implementation of global legal, compliance and risk management processes. He studied law at the LMU München, did his PhD in law in Göttingen and has an operations management qualification. After starting to work in an international lawfirm, Philipp went inhouse as a lawyer and headed the legal department until his current position.

## Dipl.-Kfm. Christian Müller-Kemler

*"Chinese Corporate Investments in Duisburg"*



Christian Müller-Kemler received his degree of Diplom-Kaufmann in 1991 after studying at Albert-Ludwig-Universität Freiburg and Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. Since 1996 he also works in the tax and audit firm PKF Fasselt, where he became a Partner in 2003. Meanwhile he is spokesman of the management board of PKF Deutschland as well as vice chairman of the executive committee.

He is long-term experienced in auditing and consulting of listed companies and other groups oriented to capital market and attends Chinese and Russian investors to business in Germany. Furthermore, he cares for family-owned businesses and their shareholders.

He is also co-founder as well as vice chairman of the China Business Network Duisburg e.V. and promotes the economical collaboration between the Duisburg/Düsseldorf region and China.

## Professor Dr. Eva Pils

*"China's Human Rights Lawyers: Rifts and Schisms in an Era of Human Rights Backlash"*



Professor Dr. Eva Pils is Professor of Law at The Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London. She studied law, philosophy and sinology in Heidelberg, London and Beijing and holds a PhD in law from University College London. Her scholarship focuses on human rights, authoritarianism, and law in China. Before joining King's in 2014, Eva was an associate professor at The Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law. At King's, she is affiliated with the Lau China Institute, the Transnational Law Institute and the Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre for Politics, Philosophy and Law.

Her current research addresses the challenges to human rights and the rule of law from authoritarian conceptions and practices of governance and the boundaries of legal and political resistance. Professor Pils is author of *China's human rights lawyers: advocacy and resistance* (Routledge, 2014) and of *Human rights in China: a social practice in the shadows of authoritarianism* (Polity, 2018).

## Professor Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A.

*"Chinese Business Law"*



Professor Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler has headed the China Unit at the Max Planck Institute for Private Law since 2002. He is also Professor of Chinese Law at the University of Göttingen and Cologne. Pißler completed degrees in law and in law and sinology and conducted doctoral research at the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies at the University of Nanjing until 2002. He was Visiting Professor of Sinology at the Freie Universität Berlin in 2014/2015 and Visiting Professor of Law at Columbia Law School in New York in October 2015. In November 2017 he was a visiting lecturer on civil procedure law at the University of Nanjing.

Professor Pißler is a member of the Board of Directors of the German-Chinese Jurists' Association (DCJV), the co-editor of the "Schriften zum chinesischen Recht" series on Chinese law, and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Current Chinese Affairs and the Editorial Boards of the China-EU Law Journal and the German Journal of Chinese Law (Zeitschrift für Chinesisches Recht). He is also a founding member of the European China Law Studies Association (ECLS).

## Mareike Seeßelberg

*"Enforcement of IP rights – How to Fight Counterfeiting in China"*



Mareike Seeßelberg is an economic law specialist for German and Chinese law and currently works as Senior Consultant at CHINABRAND IP CONSULTING GmbH

Ms. Seeßelberg has extensive experience and expertise in the field of Anti-Counterfeiting and Know-how protection in China and Asia and advises leading European companies from various sectors (mostly B2B) in the areas of Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement, Cyber and Data Security Compliance and Trade Secret Protection.

## Dr. Simon Werthwein

*"Property Law - A Cornerstone of China's "Socialist Market Economy"*



Dr. Simon Werthwein is a corporate and M&A lawyer in the legal department of the Voith Group, a global technology company. He started his legal career in 2010 when he joined the Frankfurt office of an international law firm.

During his legal studies and postgraduate training Simon spent one and a half years in China. Since 2005 he has been publishing on a variety of areas of Chinese law, including property law. Simon is a part-time lecturer at the University of Cologne and Goethe University Frankfurt.

## Dr. Xiaopeng Zhao

*“Recent Legal Developments of Personal Data Protection in China”*



Dr. Xiaopeng Zhao is a founding partner of the law firm Kanzlei Dr. Zhao in Hamburg. He is also a doctor in media law from the University of Göttingen, a licensed attorney in the People's Republic of China and a state-approved Chinese translator in Germany.

Dr. Zhao specializes in intellectual property (IP) law and data protection and has worked as a senior manager for a consulting company and as an office manager for the Hamburg subsidiary of a leading international IP law firm. Dr. Zhao has published two monographs: "The Legal Regulation of Human Flesh Search Engine (Menschenfleischnsuche) - A Comparative Study between China and Germany" in German by the publisher Peter Lang in Germany and "Case Study of the German Federal Supreme Court - Patent Law" in Chinese by China Law Press in China. Dr. Zhao is also a certified Data Protection Officer, Data Protection Auditor and IT Security Officer by TÜV.