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Monday, Sep. 22 nd , 2025	
8:30 – 8:50	Check-in
8:50 – 9:00	Greetings and Introduction <i>Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Krause</i> <i>Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Göttingen,</i> <i>Chair of Civil Law and Labor Law, University of Göttingen</i>
9:00 – 10:30	Chinese Business Law I – Chinese Legal System <i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Break
11:45 – 12:15	Chinese Business Law II – Chinese Legal System <i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	From Orange Juice to the Panama Canal- Chinese Merger Control <i>Dipl.-Kfm. Dr. Markus Masseli, MBA LL.M. eur</i> <i>M&A Project Manager, Volkswagen Financial Services AG, Braunschweig</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 16:45	Order and Law (ONLINE) <i>Prof. Donald Clarke</i> <i>Professor of Law Emeritus, George Washington University Law School</i>
Tuesday, Sep. 23 rd , 2025	
8:30 – 8:45	Check-in
8:45 – 10:15	Chinese Business Law III – Chinese Contract Law <i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	Chinese Business Law IV – Chinese Contract Law

	<i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pijßler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Tort Liability Law of the People's Republic of China (ONLINE) <i>Prof. Dr. Yuanshi Bu, LL.M. (Harvard)</i> <i>Professor and Head of Chair “International Economic Law with a Focus on East Asia”, University of Freiburg</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 16:45	Property Law – A Cornerstone of China’s “Socialist Market Economy” <i>Dr. Simon Werthwein</i> <i>M&A lawyer, Voith Group, Heidenheim an der Brenz</i>
Wednesday, Sep. 24 th , 2025	
8:30 – 8:45	Check-in
8:45 – 10:15	Chinese Criminal Law (ONLINE) <i>Prof. Dr. Su Jiang</i> <i>Associate Professor, Peking University Law School</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	International Arbitration in China (ONLINE/In Präsenz) <i>Dr. Joachim Glatter</i> <i>Independent arbitrator, Frankfurt,</i> <i>Vorstand der Deutsch-Chinesischen Juristenvereinigung e.V.</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Freedom of expression in the PRC: A comparative perspective <i>Prof. Dr. Ge Chen</i> <i>Associate Professor in Global Media and Information Law & Director of the Centre for Chinese Law and Policy, Durham Law School</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 16:45	Chinese Business Law V – The Anatomy of Chinese Business Organizations

	<i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
17:00 – 19:30	Movie Night – “A Touch of Sin 天注定” von Jia Zhangke <i>Katja Pessl</i> <i>Coordinator Centre for Modern East Asian Studies</i>
Thursday, Sep. 25th, 2025	
8:30 – 8:45	Check-in
8:45 – 10:15	Chinese Business Law VI – The Anatomy of Chinese Business Organizations <i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	Chinese Business Law VII – Regulations on Foreign Invested Enterprises <i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i> <i>Vice Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Nanjing</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Break
13:30 – 15:00	Human Rights Law <i>Prof. Dr. Eva Pils</i> <i>Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Chair of Human Rights Law, FAU Research Center for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg</i>
15:15 – 16:45	Commercial Law Questions in Chinese-German Contract Relationships: An Inhouse Lawyer's Perspective (ONLINE) <i>Dr. Philipp Großkopf</i> <i>Klüber Lubrications, TÜV Süd AG</i>
Friday, Sep. 26th, 2025	
8:30 – 8:45	Check-in
8:45 – 10:15	Chinese Business Law VIII – Regulations on Foreign Invested Enterprises <i>Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler, M.A. (Sinologie)</i>

10:15	Handing out of take-home exam
	A certificate of attendance will be issued. In addition, a certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the take-home examination, which also serves as proof of participation in a foreign language course (§ 4 I No. 1 lit. d NJAG). The conference fee is €150. Students are exempt from paying the conference fee. Legal trainees only have to pay a reduced fee of €60. For registration options and further details, please visit: www.deutschchinesischesinstitut.uni-goettingen.de
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 12:00	China's Social Credit System: A Tool for Legal Compliance or Political Control? (ONLINE) <i>Katja Drinhausen, LL.M. (Beijing)</i> <i>Head of Program of "Politics & Society" at Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), Berlin</i>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Navigating Chinese Investments in Germany – Challenges in Foreign Trade Law and Emerging Trends <i>Dr. Madeleine Martinek, LL.M. Göttingen, LL.M. (oec.) Nanjing</i> <i>Corporate/M&A lawyer at CMS Hasche Sigle, Berlin</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Break
15:15 – 15:45	Introducing the Youth Assembly of the German-Chinese Jurists' Association: "Junge DCJV" (ONLINE) <i>Ass. Jur. Sandra Michelle Röseler, LL.M. (Göttingen/Nanjing)</i> <i>Ph.D. Candidate at Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Closing words <i>Prof. Dr. José Martínez</i> <i>Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies, University of Göttingen</i>

Lecture Venue: VG 4.101, Central Campus, 37073 Göttingen

Movie Night Venue: ZHG 008, Central Campus, 37073 Göttingen

Speaker's Overview

(The speakers are listed in alphabetical order by last name.)

Prof. Dr. Yuanshi Bu

"Tort Liability Law of the People's Republic of China"



In November 2006, Professor Dr. Bu, LL.M. (Harvard) was appointed University Professor at the University of Freiburg and has since held the chair "International Economic Law with a Focus on East Asia." Ms. Bu has extensive experience and expertise in German and Chinese Civil and Commercial Law, International and Chinese Investment Law or the Reception of German Law in East Asia. Moreover, she possesses in-depth knowledge in Intellectual Property Protection and Technology Transfer in East Asia and Arbitration Law of the PRC.

Prof. Dr. Ge Chen

„Freedom of expression in the PRC: A comparative perspective“



Professor Chen is Associate Professor in Global Media & Information Law and director of the Centre for Chinese Law & Policy at Durham Law School. His primary research interests are free speech law and constitutionalism, with a focus on China. He did his PhD at the University of Göttingen. He has held the posts of Visiting Academic of the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at the University of Oxford, Postdoctoral Research Associate in IP and Freedom at the University of Cambridge, and a research associate at Mercator Institute for China Studies, the largest China-related think tank in the European Union. He was a Resident Fellow, and remains an Affiliated Fellow, of the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. He is the author of "Copyright and International Negotiations: An Engine of Free Expression in China?" (Cambridge University Press 2017), a research monograph featured in Harvard Law Review.

Prof. Donald Clarke

"Order and Law"



Prof. Donald Clarke is a specialist on modern Chinese (PRC) law, engaging in research, consulting, and teaching. He has worked on a wide range of subjects, including corporate governance, human rights, and how China's political and economic environment shapes the development of Chinese law. Prof. Clarke has also researched how US law deals with the Chinese legal system in cases involving the enforcement of Chinese judgments and forum non conveniens motions. His most recent academic position was on the faculty of the George Washington University Law School, from which he retired in 2024. Prof. Clarke is currently writing a book on China's legal system to be published by Edward Elgar in their Advanced Introduction series.

Katja Drinhausen, LL.M. (Beijing)

"China's Social Credit System: A Tool for Legal Compliance or Political Control?"



Ms. Katja Drinhausen is Head of Program of "Politics & Society" at 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 studied Sinology at the universities of Leipzig and Erlangen-Nuremburg and worked as a researcher and project manager in the Beijing Office of the Hanns Seidel Foundation where she tracked the development of Chinese law, governance and civil society in China. She received an LL.M. in international law from China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing where she focused on Chinese and international public law.

Dr. Joachim Glatter

"International 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

"Commercial Law Questions in Chinese-German Contract Relationships: An Inhouse Lawyer's Perspective"



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 Ph.D. in law in Göttingen and has an operations management qualification. After starting to work in an international law firm, Philipp went inhouse as a lawyer and headed the legal department until his current position.

Prof. Dr. Su Jiang

“Chinese Criminal Law”



Prof. Dr. Jiang is an Tenured Associate Professor and doctoral supervisor at Peking University Law School. His research focuses on criminal law and criminology, in which he has extensive expertise. From 2004 to 2005, he worked as a legal editor at Wuhan University Press. From 2007 to 2008, he participated in a joint PhD training program between China and the United States at the School of Law, University of California, Berkeley. From 2009 to 2010, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law in Germany. Currently, Prof. Jiang teaches the course “Introduction to the Chinese Criminal Justice System” at the PKU Summer School International.

Dr. Madeleine Martinek, LL.M. (Göttingen/Nanjing)

“ Navigating Chinese Investments in Germany – Challenges in Foreign Trade Law and Emerging Trends”



Dr. Madeleine Martinek works as a Corporate/M&A lawyer at the law firm CMS Hasche Sigle in Berlin. From 2019 until 2021, she headed the legal department of the German Industry and Commerce Greater China in Beijing and was an assistant professor at the China-EU School of Law of China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. From 2021 until 2024 she worked as a Corporate/M&A lawyer at the law firm Luther in Cologne, was part of the China Desk and completed a secondment in the Shanghai office in 2023.

Dr. Markus Masseli

“ From Orange Juice to the Panama Canal - Chinese Merger Control “



Dr. Markus Masseli is M&A Project Manager at Volkswagen Financial Services AG in Braunschweig where he manages national and international M&A transactions. He has more than 15 years of finance, legal and project management experience at Volkswagen Financial Services and leading international law firms, including five years in Beijing (China). Dr. Masseli studied business administration and law at the Universities of Hagen, Passau, and Nanjing (China), and holds an Executive MBA from IMD Business School in Lausanne (Switzerland) as well as a PhD in law from the University of Passau. His publications are mainly about Chinese competition and merger control law.

Katja Pessl

“Movie Night”



Ms. Katja Pessl is CeMEAS coordinator and joined the Department of East Asian Studies as lecturer for Chinese film in 2014. With a background in China studies, media, and film studies from Vienna University, Beijing Film Academy and Tsinghua University Katja brings more than 10 years' experience in China-related research, teaching and education programs.

Prof. Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler

“Chinese Business Law”



Professor Dr. Knut Benjamin Pißler has been Deputy Director of the Sino-German Institute for Legal Studies at the University of Nanjing. He is also Professor of Chinese Law at the Universities of Göttingen and Cologne. Pißler holds degrees in Law and in Law and Sinology. He was Visiting Professor of Sinology at the Free University of 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 in civil procedure at Nanjing University. Professor Pißler is a member of the board of the German-Chinese Jurists' Association (DCJV), co-editor of the series "Schriften zum chinesischen Recht" on Chinese law, and a member of the editorial 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. He is also a founding member of the European China Law Studies Association (ECLS).

Prof. Dr. Eva Pils

“Human Rights Law”



Prof. Dr. Eva Pils is an interdisciplinary expert on international human rights law with special focus on China. Ms. Pils is an Alexander von Humboldt Professor at FAU and holds the Chair of Human Rights Law. She is also a member and part of the collegiate directorship team of the FAU Center for Human Rights Erlangen Nuremberg.

Ms. Pils studied law, philosophy and sinology in Heidelberg, London, and Beijing and holds a PhD in law from University College London. Before joining FAU in 2024, she held tenured positions at the Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law (2007-2014) and at King's College London (2014-2024), where she was appointed Professor of Law in 2018. She is also an affiliated scholar at the US-Asia Law Institute of New York University Law School (since 2012), an Affiliate with the King's College London Lau China Institute and Transnational Law Institute (since 2014), and a Visiting Professor at Queen Mary University of London School of Law (since 2024).

Ass. Jur. Sandra Michelle Röseler, LL.M. (Göttingen/Nanjing)

"Introducing the Youth Assembly of the German-Chinese Jurists' Association: 'Junge DCJV'"



Ms. Röseler is a PhD candidate at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory and Goethe University Frankfurt. With specialized qualifications in Chinese law and comparative law, her research focuses on the knowledge history of Chinese and German administrative law from a global perspective. From February to August 2024, she completed a research stay at the China University of Political Science and Law. Earlier this year, she was also a visiting scholar at the Sino-German Institute for Law Studies in Nanjing (February to June 2025).

At the MPI, she coordinates the Translating China cooperation project and is part of the Chinese Legal Tradition Working Group. As a co-organizer of both the "Junge DCJV" and the Max Planck Law Initiative China, Law, and Society, Ms. Röseler actively promotes ongoing dialogue and collaboration between the German and Chinese legal academic communities.

Dr. Simon Werthwein

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



Dr. Simon Werthwein is M&A lawyer in the legal department of the Voith Group, a global technology company. During his legal studies and postgraduate training Simon spent one and a half years in China. He has been working as a lawyer since 2010 and publishing on Chinese law, including property law, since 2005. Simon is a part-time lecturer at the University of Cologne and Goethe University Frankfurt.

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