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Preface

Xiamen Academy of International Law (Xiamen Academy), located in the beautiful seaside city of Xiamen, China, was established in April 2005. That following July, the first meeting of the Curatorium was convened at the Peace Palace, The Hague.

Xiamen Academy aims to provide the highest level of legal education to individuals interested in the development and application of international law, including university students, young lecturers, diplomats, practitioners of law, government officials in charge of foreign affairs, and officials from international organizations. The mission of the Academy is to promote academic exchange among legal communities across the globe, to encourage open discourse related to contemporary and traditional international issues, and in doing so, to facilitate realization of the fundamental tenets of international law, and to promote international peace and cooperation through an improved understanding of international law.

The courses are delivered in English, and the programme has been designed to be both scholarly and practical. The courses, distinctive from educational programmes offered by national schools and universities, are targeted at those who are already familiar with international law and whose professional interests and intellectual curiosity drive them to pursue enhanced professional development in this field.

Xiamen Academy has successfully convened and hosted seventeen summer programmes (since 2006), featuring more than ninety world-renowned professors, ICJ judges and experts from around the world. Over one thousand participants from some forty countries and regions have joined the summer programmes in Xiamen, contributing with enthusiasm and dedication, and leaving with lasting positive impressions. Our Academy alumni testimonials highlight an appreciation not only for the cutting-edge knowledge of international law they have gained, but also the happy memories and new relationships that they made during their time in Xiamen.

Xiamen Academy is pleased to announce that the 18th Summer Programme will be convened in Xiamen from 30 June–11 July 2025. Keeping with tradition, this session will include lectures by leading international legal experts and address core issues in international law. We look forward to welcoming you!

The 18th Summer Programme (2025)

30 June–11 July 2025

Lecturer	Topic
Prof. Paul Stephan John C. Jeffries, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Law Miller Center of Public Policy, University of Virginia	International Law and Big Data
Prof. Frederick M. Abbott Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of Law College of Law, Florida State University	Intellectual Property at the Science and Technology Frontier
Prof. Ulrich G. Schroeter Professor of Law and Dean of Research Faculty of Law, University of Basel	Contemporary Challenges of International Uniform Law for Commercial Sales
Prof. Chin Leng Lim Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law Chinese University of Hong Kong	International Arbitration
Dr. Dong Fang Associate Professor of International Law and Director of International Economic Law Institute Xiamen University	The Legitimacy of Unauthorized Unilateral Countermeasures in the WTO System: From the Perspective of General International Law

(The schedule is subject to adjustment without prior notice.)

Lecturers

Prof. Paul Stephan



Paul Stephan is the John C. Jeffries, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Law and a senior fellow at the Miller Center of Public Policy at the University of Virginia. Much of his research and teaching concentrate on international and comparative law. He has taught at universities and diplomatic academies in Australia, Austria, Brazil, China, France, Georgia, Germany, Israel, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. He served as Counsellor for International Law to the Legal Adviser of the Department of State in 2006-2007, and as Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense in 2020-21. He was coordinating reporter for the American Law Institute's Restatement (Fourth) of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States from 2012 to 2018. Stephan joined the UVA Law faculty in 1979 after completing clerkships with Judge Levin H. Campbell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., of the Supreme Court. In 2023 he published *The World Crisis and International Law – The Knowledge Economy and the Battle for the Future* (Cambridge University Press) and taught a special course at the Hague Academy of International Law on municipal law in international disputes, which was published in 2024 as *Municipal Law in International Disputes* (Brill Nijhoff). His current work focuses on big data as a basis for national empowerment and a source of international disputes.

Prof. Frederick M. Abbott



Frederick M. Abbott is Edward Ball Eminent Scholar Professor of Law at Florida State University College of Law, USA. He has served as expert consultant and legal representative for international and regional organizations, governments and nongovernmental organizations, mainly in the fields of intellectual property, technology transfer, public health, competition, trade and sustainable development. He is Chair of the WHO Technology Advisory Group (TAG) on Local Production and Technology Transfer. He regularly serves as panelist for the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center. He is on the panel of arbitrators of the South China International Arbitration Center (Hong Kong) (SCIAHK) and the Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA). Professor Abbott has authored many books and articles. He is Co-Chair of the Committee on Global Health Law of the International Law Association. He has served as counsel to governments in WTO dispute settlement proceedings, and in national court proceedings. He is on the editorial board of the WIPO-WTO Colloquium Series.

Prof. Ulrich Schroeter



Ulrich Schroeter is Professor of Law at the University of Basel (Switzerland), where he currently serves as Dean of Research of the Faculty of Law. He has published extensively on matters of international trade law, commercial law, contract law, treaty law, arbitration, European Union law and financial markets regulation, and has received awards for both his research and his teaching. Much of his research deals with the 1980 United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and other uniform commercial law-making conventions, where one area of his focus are treaty law and other public international questions relating to such instruments (reservations, effects of State successions, status of territorial units etc.). Professor Schroeter's works have been cited by courts in Australia, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United States of America, as well as by Advocates General at the European Court of Justice. He is an elected member of the Council of the European Law Institute (ELI) and serves as national correspondent for Switzerland to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). Prior to taking up his position in Basel in 2017, Ulrich was professor of law at the University of Mannheim (Germany) (2012–2017). He holds a Doctor iuris from the Freie Universität Berlin.

Prof. Chin Leng Lim



Chin Leng Lim is the Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, an associé of the Institut de droit international, visiting professor at King's College London, honorary senior fellow of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, and an editorial board member of the I.C.L.Q. His publications include the Cambridge Companion to International Arbitration (Cambridge, 2021), with a foreword by Lord Neuberger; International Investment Law and Arbitration (Cambridge, 2d. ed., 2021), with a foreword by Gaillard; and "The Aims and Methods of Postcolonial International Law", *Recueil des cours* (Collected Courses of the Hague Academy of International Law), vol. 437, 2024, 9-193. He practises as a barrister from Keating Chambers, London; has acted as counsel, arbitrator, or expert in various international arbitrations; and he has been nominated to act as presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator, or sole arbitrator by parties and institutions such as the PCA. Professor Lim is appointed to the European Commission's list of persons suitable for appointment as chairperson for arbitrations under the EU's bilateral trade agreements. He is a member of the ICC/UNIDROIT Working Group on International Investment Contracts, and has attended UNCITRAL Working Group III regularly on behalf of an observer entity.

Dr. Dong Fang



Dr. Dong Fang is an associate professor of international law at School of Law, Xiamen University and Director of International Economic Law Institute there. He is also performing the duty of Secretary General of China Society of International Economic Law (CSIEL). He has been retaining extensive research interests in the areas of international commercial & trade law, general international law, as well as interpretation of international agreements, with abundant publications both in English and Chinese. He is an appointed arbitrator at XMAC and frequently counseled by Chinese government agencies and enterprises with international economic legal issues. He had been research fellow/visiting professor at Washington University in St. Louis and Trier University.

Admission

General Information	Application Documents Checklist
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The closing date of applications for admission is 15 May 2025 2. Applicants to Xiamen Academy should be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) law students; or (2) teachers, lawyers or officials, etc. with at least a bachelor's degree; and (3) fluent in English. 3. The admission office of Xiamen Academy retains the right to require applicants to supply related documents or certificates to show their qualifications or competency. 4. Admissions are granted on the basis of academic criteria. All applicants are required to fill out the registration form clearly and completely, with accurate and truthful information. 	<p>Application Document Checklist (to be submitted via email – only electronic submissions will be accepted):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A registration form; 2. Two letters of recommendation from two professors of international law (sent by the referee directly to the Academy via email); 3. A curriculum vitae; 4. A certified copy of your examination certificates OR list of the courses that you have taken in international law (private and public), with the number of credits and your results, issued by your university (please send the scanned copy via email). If this is not possible please do so yourself and certify on your honor.
Other Information	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visa Application: attendees shall bear the costs for obtaining a China entry visa. Xiamen Academy may provide necessary assistance to facilitate the attendees' visa application. 2. If applicants intend to apply for a scholarship, please make clear the type of scholarship you intend to apply in the application documents. 3. Attendees are responsible for their accommodation in Xiamen. If possible, Xiamen Academy will provide relevant information. 4. If there are any questions, applicants are free to contact the Academy via email. 	

Registration Fee

Registration Fee for the 18th Summer Programme (2025) (2 weeks)	
<p>For Chinese attendees, including attendees from Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Chinese Taipei:</p> <p>(1) University Students: RMB 1,000; or</p> <p>(2) University Teachers: RMB 2,000; or</p> <p>(3) Others: RMB 3,000.</p> <p>For Non-Chinese attendees: USD 600.</p> <p>Please note that the registration fee covers course materials, but does not cover any other expenses including but not limited to accommodation, transport, etc.</p> <p>Payment shall be made by following the instructions below once the attendee receives formal official letter via email.</p>	
<p>For Attendees from Outside China, please pay to:</p>	<p>For Attendees from China, please pay to:</p>
<p>Intermediary Bank: JPMorgan Chase Bank New York NY US (SWIFT BIC: CHASUS33)</p> <p>Account With Bank: China Everbright Bank, H.O. Beijing (SWIFT BIC: EVERCNBJ)</p> <p>Beneficiary Bank: China Everbright Bank, Xiamen Br. (SWIFT BIC: EVERCNBJAM1)</p> <p>Beneficiary: Xiamen University Chen An International Law Development Foundation</p> <p>Beneficiary's Acct. No.: 3751 1488 0000 72977</p> <p>Beneficiary's Add and Tel No.: Room 320 School of Law, 422 Siming South Road, Xiamen City Fujian Province, 361005, P.R.C Tel: +86-592-2181983</p> <p>Please indicate 'Registration fee for Xiamen Academy' on the remittance note.</p> <p>NOTE: Please ENSURE that the Beneficiary is indicated in its FULL NAME, i.e., Xiamen University Chen An International Law Development Foundation.</p>	<p>(1) 银行转账 户名: 厦门大学陈安国际法学发展基金会 开户银行: 中国光大银行厦门厦大支行 账号: 3752 0188 0000 21776</p> <p>(2) 支付宝支付 账户: ieli@xmu.edu.cn 请在转账/支付时注明“XX(姓名)厦门研究院暑期班注册费”</p>

Scholarships

Types and Eligibility for Scholarships	
<p>1. Subject to the Regulations for Obtaining Scholarships, Xiamen Academy provides a limited number of scholarships to qualified applicants based on financial need and merit, as set out in section 4.</p>	
<p>2. Xiamen Academy offers two types of scholarships:</p> <p>2.1. A-type scholarship includes:</p> <p>(1) Full exemption of the registration fee;</p> <p>(2) A limited subsidy for the trip to and from the recipient's city to Xiamen:</p> <p>a. RMB 3,000 for recipients from Asian countries (excluding recipients from China), or</p> <p>b. RMB 4,500 for recipients from non-Asian countries, or</p> <p>c. Full reimbursement of round-trip hard-seat train tickets or second class seats D-trains (Dongche) tickets for recipients from Mainland China, or</p> <p>d. Reimbursement of travel expenses up to RMB 1,500 for recipients from Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Chinese Taipei.</p> <p>2.2. B-type scholarship includes full exemption of the registration fee.</p>	
<p>3. Selected participants will receive their scholarships during the Summer Programme. However, scholarship recipients must attend for the full duration of the summer programme. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the scholarship.</p>	
<p>4. Scholarships are granted mainly based upon consideration of academic performance and financial status, among other factors. The country of origin of the applicants will also be taken into consideration to promote a balanced representation of participants from different countries. For Chinese Mainland applicants, the granting of scholarship is solely based on financial need. Therefore, a certificate of financial status must be submitted to prove the financial status of the applicant. This certificate may be issued by the applicant's university or local authority. Before applying for the Academy's scholarship, applicants are encouraged to exhaust other possible means of financial assistance and it is recommended that applicants also consult their own universities and institutions regarding financial assistance.</p>	
<p>5. Application for scholarship shall be submitted in a separate document indicating the type of scholarship. Applicants could submit any additional documents they consider helpful to demonstrate their academic ability and financial status.</p>	

Scholarship Regulations

Regulations for Obtaining Scholarships	
<p>Article 1 Each year, Xiamen Academy makes available a series of scholarships which are awarded on the considerations of academic performance, financial status and the country of origin, among</p>	<p>Article 5 Scholarship recipients will be notified of the Curatorium's decision during the month of May.</p>

<p>other factors.</p>	
<p>Article 2 Scholarship recipients must comply with the provisions of these regulations concerning their obligations.</p>	<p>Article 6 Travel reimbursement or subsidies for A-type scholarship recipients from outside of mainland China will be paid in cash in the last week of the Summer Programme. A-type scholarship recipients from within mainland China must send by mail to the Academy all documents relating to their return trip. Travel reimbursement or subsidies will be paid through bank transfer after the reimbursement process completes.</p>
<p>Article 3 Application for scholarship must be sent via email together with the application for admission and with any supporting documents, if available. All applications for scholarships must be received by the Secretariat no later than 15 May 2025.</p>	<p>Article 7 Scholarship recipients must attend for the full duration of the summer programme.</p>
<p>Article 4 The Curatorium examines all applications received before the deadline. It establishes a list of scholarship recipients, and is in no way bound by any recommendation that it receives.</p>	<p>Article 8 Any failure by a scholarship recipient to comply with the obligations will have his scholarship revoked in full. Furthermore, the Academy reserves the right to demand the reimbursement of sums already paid to the recipient.</p>

Registration Form

Registration Form for Xiamen Academy of International Law
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Family Name	
First Name	
Gender	
Nationality	
Passport / ID No.	
Date of Birth (date-month-year)	
Country of Birth	
Country of Residence	
Marital Status	
Health Condition	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Mailing Address	
Native Language(s)	
Other Spoken Language(s)	
Profession	
Years of Legal Studies Completed	
University from which you have Graduated (list all)	
Other Law-related Training or Working Experience	
Remarks	

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