



INSOL London Academic Colloquium

19-20 April 2026

Venue: Challenge Room, etc.venues Marble Arch, 86 Edgware Rd, London W2 2EA

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Sunday 19 April

8.00 – 9.00 **Registration & Welcome Breakfast**

9.00 – 9.15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Michael Veder, Radboud University, The Netherlands, Chair of the INSOL Academic Group

9.15 – 10.00 **Keynote Address**
“Theorising the under-theorised cram down rule”

Prof. Sarah Paterson, London School of Economics, UK

10.00 – 11.00 **Cross-border Insolvency I**

Chair: **Neeti Shikha**, University of the West of England, UK

Ilya Kokorin, Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets, The Netherlands
“The UNCITRAL MLCBI and the Rise of Contractualised Restructurings”

Oriana Casasola, University of Leeds, UK
“An Evaluation of the Proposed EU Avoidance Rules against the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency”

Juan L. Goldenberg, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
“A Latin American Approach to the Presumption of COMI”

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30 – 12.30 **Emerging Markets I**

Chair: **Ishana Tripathi**, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, India

Ravindran Navaratnam, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Hong Kong





"The Role of Power Dynamics: Towards an Efficient and Effective Outcome in Large and Complex Debt Restructuring in Emerging Markets"

Kudzai Mpfu, Walter Sisulu University, South Africa
"Cross-Border Insolvency in Southern Africa: From Territoriality to Cooperative Sovereignty"

Hamiisi Nsubuga, City St George's University of London, UK
"Legal absurdity, coerced cooperation and the quest for fairness in corporate insolvency proceedings in emerging economies"

12.30 - 13.30

Lunch

13.30 - 14.30

ESG and Insolvency

Chair: **Rebecca Parry**, Nottingham Trent University, UK

Eugenio Vaccari, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK
"Comparative Investigation into Climate Change"

Neeti Shikha, University of the West of England, UK
"Climate Risk, Financial Stability, and Insolvency: Limits of Governance-Led Global Regulation"

Xiahong Chen, China University of Political Science and Law, China
"Judicial-Made ESG in Chinese Insolvency Proceedings"

14.30 - 15.15

New Technologies & Old Ideas

Chair: **Defne Taşman**, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Charles Mak, University of Bristol, UK
"Evaluating Reform Proposals in Sovereign Debt Restructuring: A Path Towards Resilience and Fairness"

Pier Mario Lupinu, University of Glasgow, UK, and **Monica Maria Fuentes Mancipe**, Universidad La Gran Colombia, Colombia
"Algorithmic accord: Leveraging artificial intelligence to standardise and facilitate alternative dispute resolution in cross-border insolvency"

15.15 - 15.45

Coffee Break

15.45 - 16.45

Personal Insolvency

Chair: **Charles Mak**, University of Bristol, UK

Debanshu Mukherjee, Vidhi Center for Legal Policy, India
"Population, Politics and Personal Bankruptcy: Lessons from India and China"





Gillian Goldblatt, msi Spergel Inc., Canada
"Debt, Distress and Dignity: The Psychological Dimensions of Consumer Insolvency in Canada"

Catherine Robinson, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
"Understanding Personal Insolvency Risk: Evidence for Early Intervention and Policy Design"

17.00

Colloquium Close

Monday 20 April

8.00 - 9.00

Welcome Breakfast

9.00 - 9.30

Welcome back & INSOL ERA Workshop Winner

Michael Veder, Radboud University, The Netherlands, Chair of the INSOL Academic Group

Shuai Guo, China University of Political Science & Law, China, Chair of the INSOL ERA Committee

9.30 - 10.30

Cross-Border Insolvency II

Chair: **Anthony Casey**, University of Chicago, USA

Shimin Wu, Beijing Normal University, China
"From Patchwork to System: Reconstructing Asset Tracing and Recovery in Chinese Insolvency Law"

Gerard McCormack, University of Leeds, UK
"UK Cross Border Insolvency and Restructuring Law and the Common Law"

Shuai Guo, China University of Political Science and Law, China, and
Defne Taşman, University of Antwerp, Belgium
"Information Governance: Confidentiality, Secrecy, and Privilege in Corporate Insolvency"

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 11.45

Comparative Papers

Chair: **Ilya Kokorin**, Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets, The Netherlands

Benjamin Liu, University of Auckland, New Zealand
"Non-consensual Third-party Releases in Corporate Debt Restructuring: A Comparative Analysis"





Andre Boraine, University of Pretoria, South Africa, and **Ishana Tripathi**, SAM & Co, India
"Insolvency Courts and Tribunals: An Indo-South Africa Comparative"

11.45 - 12.45

Emerging Markets II

Chair: **Ravindran Navaratnam**, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Hong Kong

Ruowei Du, Yantai University, China
"Modernized Transformation of China's out-of-court Restructuring from a Comparative Perspective"

Geleite Xu, University of Derby, UK
"The Bankruptcy Administration System in China—A Flawed Court-Based System"

Natalie Mrockova, University of Oxford, UK
"Government Interference in Corporate Insolvencies"

12.45 - 13.45

Lunch

13.45 - 14.30

ADR and Insolvency

Chair: **Eugenio Vaccari**, Royal Holloway University of London, UK

Rosa Rojas-Vertiz, ITAM, Mexico
"Rethinking Arbitrability: The Strategic Use of Arbitration and Mediation in Insolvency"

Stephen Ware, University of Kansas, USA
"ADR in Insolvency Cases"

14.30 - 15.15

Balancing Principles in Insolvency

Chair: **Shimin Wu**, Beijing Normal University, China

Anna Lund, University of Alberta, Canada
"A More Inclusive Insolvency Law and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities"

Jennifer Gant, University of Derby, UK, and **Lezelle Jacobs**, ARITA, Australia
"An Australian Perspective on Vulnerability in Practice: Designing Personal Insolvency for Dignity and Equity"

15.15 - 15.45

Coffee Break





15.45- 17.00

Panel Discussion: Pre-Filing Negotiations and Procedures

Chair: **Jared Ellias**, Harvard Law School, USA

Judge June Young Chung, Seoul Bankruptcy Court, South Korea

Judge Thomas Horan, US Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, USA

Kate Stephenson, Kirkland & Ellis, UK

Wei Wang, Queen's University, Canada

17.15 - 17.30

Closing Remarks

18.00 - 20.00

Welcome Cocktail Reception, JW Marriott Grosvenor House Hotel,
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