

3RD SMU-CAMBRIDGE ROUNDTABLE ON CORPORATE INSOLVENCY LAW

Implementing a Simplified Insolvency Framework for Micro and
Small Enterprises

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Programme

8pm (SGT). Welcome and introduction

- **Dr. Aurelio Gurrea-Martinez**, Assistant Professor of Law and Head of the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative, Singapore Management University, Yong Pung How School of Law.
- **Dr. Felix Steffek**, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law.
- **Mr. Scott Atkins**, President, INSOL International; Partner, Head of Risk Advisory and Chair, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia.

8.10-9.05pm. International initiatives for the adoption of a simplified insolvency framework for MSMEs (Chair: Dr. Felix Steffek)

- The World Bank Principles on MSMEs and Insolvency
 - o Speaker: **Mr. Andres Martinez**, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank Group's Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice.
- The UNCITRAL Principles on MSMEs and Insolvency
 - o Speaker: **Mr. Harold Foo**, Assistant Director (Policy Advisory Division), Ministry of Law, Singapore; Chair, UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency).
- Insolvency Principles for MSMEs: Lessons from the OHADA Unified Insolvency Act and other developments in Africa
 - o Speaker: **Professor Juanitta Calitz**, Associate Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Mercantile Law, University of Johannesburg; Chair, INSOL International Academic Group.
- OECD perspectives on SMEs and insolvency
 - o Speakers: **Mr. Christophe André**, Senior Economist, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); **Ms Miriam Koreen**, Senior Counsellor on SMEs and Head of the SME and Entrepreneurship Finance Unit at the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD.
- Q&A

9.05-10.10pm. Insolvency Reforms for MSMEs: National Experiences (Chair: Professor Wai Yee Wan)

- The Small Business Reorganization Act in the United States
 - o Speaker: **Professor Jason Kilborn**, Professor of Law, University of Illinois Chicago School of Law.
- Simplified Insolvency Framework for MSMEs in Myanmar
 - o Speaker: **Mr. Scott Atkins**, President, INSOL International; Partner, Head of Risk Advisory and Chair, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia.

- Insolvency Framework for MSMEs in Colombia
 - o Speaker: **Judge Susana Hidvegi**, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, Colombian Superintendence of Companies.
- Simplified Insolvency Proceedings for Small Companies in Australia
 - o Speaker: **Professor Jason Harris**, Professor of Corporate Law, The University of Sydney, Sydney Law School.
- Singapore's Simplified Insolvency Programme
 - o Speaker: **Ms Smitha Menon**, Partner and Deputy Head, Restructuring & Insolvency Practice, WongPartnership.
- Q&A

10.10-10.55pm. Academic and Policy Proposals for the Design of Insolvency Frameworks for MSMEs (Chair: Professor Louise Gullifer)

- A Modular Approach to MSMEs in Insolvency
 - o Speaker: **Professor Ignacio Tirado**, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT.
- The Design of Insolvency Frameworks for MSMEs
 - o Speaker: **Ms. Anjum Rosha**, Counsel, International Monetary Fund.
- Implementing an Insolvency Framework for Micro and Small Firms
 - o Speaker: **Dr. Aurelio Gurrea-Martinez**, Assistant Professor of Law and Head of the Singapore Global Restructuring Initiative, Singapore Management University, Yong Pung How School of Law.
- Q&A

10.55-11pm. Concluding remarks

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