INSOL International Academics’ Group, 16th Colloquium
Hong Kong 22-23 March 2014

This colloquium is dedicated to the memory of Ron Harmer (1941-2013)

PROGRAMME
Saturday 22 March 2014

8.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.  Delegate Registration
Grand Ballroom Foyer, Lower Level I

Welcome Breakfast
Kowloon Room II, Mezzanine Level

Technical Sessions:
Kowloon Room I, Mezzanine Level
Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel

9.00 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.  Welcome and opening remarks

Memorial tribute to Ron Harmer
Professor Ian Fletcher, University College London
Chairman of the INSOL International Academics’ Group

9.10 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.  Session 1: Enterprise failure and workout issues

Session Chair: Dr. Juanitta Calitz, University of Johannesburg

Does one size fit all?
Dr. Colin Anderson, Associate Professor, Queensland University of Technology

Binding dissenting creditors to a business rescue plan in South African law: Cram-down or oppression?
Professor Anneli Loubser, University of South Africa

EU Commission plans for minimum standards for rescue of failing companies
Professor Michael Veder, Radboud University and Professor David Burdette, Nottingham Trent University

The rescue procedures in Romania.
Dr. Lavinia Iancu, Tibiscus University

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.  Coffee Break, Kowloon Room II

11.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon  Session 1 (continued)

Resolving classification issues for creditor schemes: rethinking Re Hawk.
Professor Charles Zhen Qu, Griffith Business School
12.00 noon – 1.00 p.m.  
**Session 2: International initiatives in the field of cross-border insolvency (EU, UNCITRAL and others)**

Session Chair: Dr. Colin Anderson, Associate Professor, Queensland University of Technology

**Corporate Groups – Canadian law responses**
Professor Janis Sarra, University of British Columbia

**Security rights and reforming the EU Regulation**
Professor Gerard McCormack, University of Leeds

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.
Delegate Lunch, Harbour Room, Mezzanine Level

2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.  
**Session 2 (continued)**

*Comments on the applicability to the Australian context of the ALI-III Transnational Global Principles for Cooperation*
Professor Rosalind Mason and Dr. Colin Anderson, Associate Professor, Queensland University of Technology

2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.  
**Session 3: Special focus on empirical research into insolvency matters**

Session Chair: Professor Lienne Steyn, University of Kwazulu-Natal

**Empirical research into insolvency issues**
Dr. David Morrison, University of Queensland

**Empirical research into the use and outcomes of deeds of company arrangement under Australia’s voluntary administration regime**
Mark Wellard, Queensland University of Technology

**An empirical research study of the Jackson reforms of insolvency litigation**
Professor Peter Walton, University of Wolverhampton

4.00 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.  
Coffee Break, Kowloon Room II

4.15 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.  
**Session 3 (continued)**

*Research into insolvency of franchisors*
Jenny Buchan, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales

4.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.  
**Session 4: Employees’ rights and insolvency**

Session Chair: Professor Ian Fletcher, University College London

*Obstacles to cross-border insolvency and employment protection coordination in the EU: examples from the UK and France*
Jenny Gant, Nottingham Trent University

5.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.  
**Session 5: Business meeting of the Academics’ Group**
Academic Steering Committee

5.45 p.m.  
**Conclusion of Day 1**
Free Evening
Sunday 23 March 2014

8.00 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.  Welcome Breakfast
Kowloon Room II, Mezzanine Level

Technical Sessions:
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Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel

8.30 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.  Welcome Back
Professor Ian Fletcher, University College London
Chairman of the INSOL International Academics’ Group

8.45 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.  Session 6: Special focus on Asian Insolvency Law
Session Chair: Professor Lienne Steyn, University of Kwazulu-Natal

*Hong Kong Insolvency Law Reform*
Professor Say Goo, University of Hong Kong; Director, Asian Institute of International Financial Law

*Provisional Supervision reforms in Hong Kong*
Professor Angus Young, Hang Seng Management College, Shatin and Professor Ted Tyler, University of Hong Kong

*Problems of judicial recognition and enforcement in insolvency matters across the border of Hong Kong and China*
Dr. Emily Lee, University of Hong Kong

10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.  Coffee Break, Kowloon Room II

10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.  Session 6 (continued)

*Cross-Border Insolvency: A transaction cost economics analysis*
Michael Guihot, The University of Newcastle, New South Wales

11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  Session 7: The insolvency of banks and other financial institutions
Session Chair: Professor Rosalind Mason, Queensland University of Technology

*“Strong like Bull, not weak like Hamster”: A global cross-border bank insolvency regime*
Dr. Annika Wolf, European University Institute, Florence

*Insolvency of Banks – Italian perspectives*
Rita Gismondi, Fellow, INSOL International, Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli

*Bail-in legislation*
Samantha Bewick, Fellow, INSOL International, KPMG
Richard Heis, INSOL Director; KPMG LLP

12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.  Delegate Lunch, Harbour Room, Mezzanine Level
1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. **Session 8: Personal insolvency and Human Rights issues**

Session Chair: Professor Anneli Loubser, University of South Africa

*Repeat bankruptcies and the integrity of the Canadian bankruptcy process*
Professor Thomas Telfer, Western University

*Human Rights and Insolvency*
Stewart Maiden Fellow, INSOL International, Barrister

*Personal insolvency law reform in Israel*
Professor David Hahn, Bar-Ilan University

3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. **Session 9: Recent developments in insolvency law reform**

Session Chair: Professor Lienne Steyn, University of Kwazulu-Natal

*Update on the operation of the new Austrian insolvency law*
Professor Walter Rechberger, University of Vienna

3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. **Coffee Break, Kowloon Room II**

3.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. **Session 10: Research Forum**

Session Chair: Professor Ian Fletcher, University College London

Presentations on current research projects, including reports on their work by the following:

Anne Matthew, Queensland University of Technology
Rachel Lee, Queensland University of Technology
Catherine Brown, Queensland University of Technology
Xinyi Gong, Leiden University
Teo Chindar, Bond University

5.00 p.m. Chairman’s closing remarks and conclusion of the colloquium

7.30 p.m.– 10.00 p.m. **Welcome Reception & Dinner**

Harbour Room, Mezzanine Level