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**Dr Nobumichi (Nobu) Teramura** is Assistant Professor of the Institute of Asian Studies, University of Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and Affiliate at the University of Sydney Law School Centre for Asian and Pacific Law (CAPLUS), specialising in business law, with a particular interest in arbitration, private international law, contract law and Asian law. He has published and presented his research in various journals and academic conferences in different jurisdictions in English and Japanese. He has received scholarships and fellowships from leading research institutions and foundations and from the Japanese Government. As an early-career academic, he is passionate about teaching international business law, international dispute resolution, and contract law. He has taught private international law and commercial law as a Lecturer at the Adelaide Law School (2019). He has lectured at the College of Law of De La Salle University in the Philippines in 2016, 2017 and 2019 on international arbitration and trade law. His goal is to contribute to promoting legal dialogue among countries in the Asia-Pacific, to enhance the economic integration of the region. He is active in developing institutional academic links among these countries, not only for himself, but also for his colleagues and students.

**EDUCATION**

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<b>PhD</b>	University of New South Wales (UNSW) Faculty of Law, – <b>Conferred 21 November 2018 with two ‘A’s.</b> <b>Thesis:</b> <i>Ex Aequo et Bono</i> as a Response to the ‘Over-Judicialisation’ of International Commercial Arbitration <b>Supervisors:</b> Professors Leon Trakman (UNSW) and Luke Nottage (University of Sydney)	
<b>MA</b>	University of Sheffield	March 2014
<b>LLM</b>	Doshisha University Graduate School of Law	March 2014
<b>LLB</b>	Doshisha University Faculty of Law	March 2012

**RESEARCH GRANT**

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<b>UBD Grant Project: Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration – BND 23,630</b>	2022–2023
- Principal Investigator	

**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

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<b>UNSW PhD Excellence Award</b>	2019
<b>JASSO Scholarship for PhD Students</b>	2017
<b>Suenobu Foundation Overseas Research Scholarship</b>	2016
<b>JASSO Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Students</b>	2014
<b>Doshisha University Graduate School of Law Scholarship</b>	2012 & 2013
<b>Japan National Vis Moot Competition: First Place (leader of Doshisha team)</b>	2011

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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<b>The University of Brunei Darussalam, Brunei</b> – Assistant Professor	December 2020 – Present
- Subject: International Legal Issues (Course Coordinator) and Business Law (Core Module, Course Coordinator)	
<b>Adelaide Law School, Adelaide, Australia</b> – Lecturer (fixed-term)	February 2019 – December 2019
- Subject: Commercial Law and Private International Law (Course Coordinator)	
<b>Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia</b> – Visiting Lecturer	November 2018
- Subject: International Trade Law, International Business Law, International Commercial Arbitration, International Investment Law and Japanese Legal System (in English)	
<b>De La Salle University Law School, Manila, Philippines</b> 2016, 2017 and 2019 – Visiting Lecturer (September 2016), Distinguished Visiting Professor (September 2017) and Visiting Professor (January-March 2019).	
- Subject: International Commercial Arbitration and International Commercial Transaction (in English)	

## Details of Teaching Interests and Experience

- My teaching interests are in the field of international business law. I have extensive international teaching experience in the subject. For example, from March to December in 2019, I taught as a Lecturer (Fixed Term) at **the Adelaide Law School in Australia**. My responsibilities included teaching Private International Law (PIL) as course coordinator and Commercial Law I and II as tutor. I delivered 12 two-hour lectures and held 12 one-hour seminars for PIL, 198 one-hour seminars for Commercial Law I and 44 one-hour seminars for Commercial Law II. In addition, I have experience teaching in Southeast Asia. I lectured in international commercial arbitration at **the College of Law of De La Salle University in Manila (DLSU)**. I taught this course twice, in September 2016 and September 2017. In each case, I designed and taught 12 three-hour seminars to 20 students in the first year and 40 the following year. In January 2019, I was asked to teach international trade law for two months at DLSU. In November 2018, I taught various topics relating to international business transactions as a visiting lecture at **the Faculty of Law of Brawijaya University in Malang, Indonesia**. I prepared and taught 5 two-hour lectures to up to 300 students. Topics covered included international economic law; international investment law; international business law; international commercial arbitration; and Japanese law.

## EXPERIENCE

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### **The University of Brunei Darussalam Institute of Asian Studies**

- Assistant Professor of ASEAN and Asia-Wide Regionalisation January 2021—Present

### **The University of Sydney Law School Centre for Asian and Pacific Law**

June 2019—Present

- CAPLUS Associate and (then) Affiliate

### **Bun & Associates (Cambodia)**

February 2020—December 2020

- Legal Consultant (Advising to Litigation & Arbitration Practice Group)

### **The University of Sydney Law School**

December 2019—January 2020

- Research Assistant for A/Professor Jeanne Huang

### **The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law**

February—August, December 2019, February 2020

- Research Assistant for Professor Shahla Ali

### **The University of Sydney Law School**

October 2018—February 2020

- Research Assistant for Professor Luke Nottage

### **The University of New South Wales**

November 2018—January 2019 and January—March 2020

- Research Assistant for Professor Leon Trakman

### **Transnational Dispute Management/ Oil Gas and Energy Law**

May 2018—May 2019

- YO Rapporteur Australasia and East Asia

### **Hague Conference Asia-Pacific Regional Office, Hong Kong**

September 2014

- Marshall (Personal Assistant Intern for the Representative of the Institution)

### **Doshisha University Faculty of Law, Kyoto, Japan**

April 2012—July 2015

- Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Research Monograph**

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, *Ex Aequo et Bono as a Response to the 'Over-Judicialisation' of International Commercial Arbitration* (Wolters Kluwer, 2020)

### **Edited Volume**

- Luke Nottage, Shahla Ali, Bruno Jetin and **Nobumichi Teramura** (eds), *New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution* (Wolters Kluwer, 2021)

### **Book Chapters**

- Luke Nottage, **Nobumichi Teramura** and James Tanna, 'Developing Diversity within Diversity Discourse: Remembering Non-lawyers in Arbitration' in Shahla F. Ali, Filip Balcerzak, Giorgio Fabio Colombo and Joshua Karton (eds), *Diversity in International Arbitration: Why It Matters and How to Sustain It* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022)
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Challenging the Arbitrariness Perception of Ex Aequo et Bono to (Re-) discover Procedural Diversity' in Shahla F. Ali, Filip Balcerzak, Giorgio Fabio Colombo and Joshua Karton (eds), *Diversity in International Arbitration: Why It Matters and How to Sustain It* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022)
- Shiro Kawashima and **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Summary Proceedings' in Shiro Kawashima (ed), *Introduction to Civil Procedure with Leading Cases* (Nippon Hyoron Sha Publishing, 2021)
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Cambodia' in Anselmo Reyes and Wilson Rui (eds), *Direct Jurisdiction: Asian Perspectives* (Hart Publishing, 2021)

- Albert Monichino and **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'New Frontiers for International Commercial Arbitration in Australia: Beyond the "Lucky Country"' in Luke Nottage, Shahla Ali, Bruno Jetin and Nobumichi Teramura (eds), *New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution* (Wolters Kluwer, 2021)
- James Claxton, Luke Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Disruption as a Catalyst for International Dispute Services in Japan: No Longer Business as Usual?' in Luke Nottage, Shahla Ali, Bruno Jetin and Nobumichi Teramura (eds), *New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution* (Wolters Kluwer, 2021)
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Shahla Ali & Anselmo Reyes, 'Expanding Asia-Pacific Frontiers for International Dispute Resolution: Conclusions and Recommendations' in Luke Nottage, Shahla Ali, Bruno Jetin and Nobumichi Teramura (eds), *New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution* (Wolters Kluwer, 2021)
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and James Morrison, 'International Commercial Arbitration in Australia: Judicial Control over Arbitral Awards' in Larry A. Di Matteo, Marta Infantino and Nathalie Potin (eds), *The Cambridge Handbook of Judicial Control of Arbitral Awards* (Cambridge University Press, 2020) 175-197
- **Nobumichi Teramura** and Luke Nottage, 'Arbitration Reform in Japan: Reluctant Legislature and Institutional Challenges' in Weixia Gu and Anselmo Reyes (eds), *Arbitration Reform in Asia* (Hart Publishing, 2018) 83-108

#### **Journal Publications**

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and James Tanna, 'Declining Professional Diversity in International Arbitration' (2022) *ACICA Review-June* 31
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Developing Brunei Darussalam as an ASEAN Hub for International Islamic Finance Dispute Resolution: Opportunity or Over-ambition?' (2022) 1(3) *SMU ASEAN Perspectives* 1
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Japan as a Source of Legal Ideas: A View from the Mekong Subregion of ASEAN' (2021) 13 *New Voices in Japanese Studies* 19
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Ex Aequo et Bono and Arbitration Theories: An Arbitrator's Subjective Perspective of Fairness as the final 'Gap-Filler'' (2020) 38(2) *ASA Bulletin* 350
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'The Strengths and Weakness of Arguments pertaining to Ex Aequo et Bono' (2019) 17(2) *Asian International Arbitration Journal* 63
- James Claxton, Luke R Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Developing Japan as a Regional Hub for International Dispute Resolution: Dream Come True or Daydream?' (2019) 47 *Journal of Japanese Law* 109
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Australian Perspectives on International Commercial Dispute Resolution for the 21st Century: A Symposium' (2018) *ACICA Review-June* 38
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Case Note: Indirect Compulsory Execution for Conflicting Obligations [in Japanese]' (2016) 68(5) *Doshisha Law Review* 1945
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Case Note: Indirect Grounds of Jurisdiction and a Legal Action Relating to a Tort [in Japanese]' (2015) 67(6) *Doshisha Law Review* 239
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Recognisability and Enforceability of Annulled Foreign Arbitral Awards: Practical Perspectives of Enforcing Countries' (2014) 66(4) *Doshisha Law Review* 1148
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Doshisha University Private International Law Research Group: The Annulment of an International Arbitral Award for Violation of Procedural Public Policy [in Japanese]' 66(3) *Doshisha Law Review* 879

#### **Academic Blog Postings**

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and James Tanna, 'Declining Professional Diversity in International Arbitration' (2022) *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* 3 April 2022
- Luke Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Australia's (In)Capacity in International Commercial Arbitration' (2018) *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* 20 September 2018
- **Nobumichi Teramura** and Luke Nottage, 'Japan's (In)Capacity in International Commercial Arbitration' (2018) *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* 17 November 2018
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Ex Aequo et Bono: An Overlooked and Undervalued Opportunity for International Commercial Arbitration' (2018) *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* 25 November 2018

#### **Journal Publication (Translation)**

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Part 8 of the Civil Procedure Act 2005 (NSW) and Parts 39-40 of the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005 (NSW) [in Japanese]' (2016) 68(3) *Doshisha Law Review* 1151

#### **Conference Paper**

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and James Morrison, 'International Commercial Arbitration in Australia: Judicial Control over Arbitral Awards' (April 10, 2019). Sydney Law School Research Paper No. 19/24. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3379494> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3379494>

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

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- ‘International Commercial Arbitration in Cambodia’. Paper presentation in ‘ASEAN’s Investment Policy and Economic Law Seminar Series’ by Centre for Social Systems Innovation at Kobe University, Japan (11 November 2022)
- ‘Japan as a Source of Legal Ideas’. Paper presentation in Symposium in Honour of Harald Baum’s 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law Hamburg: “Comparing and Transferring Law and Legal Expertise. The Role of Japan” (3 September 2022)
- ‘Developing Diversity within Diversity Discourse: Remembering Non-Lawyers in Arbitration, in Asia and Beyond’. Paper presentation in the 19th ASLI Asian Law Conference at the University of Tokyo (29 May 2022)
- ‘Cambodian Rules of Direct Jurisdiction’. Presentation in Webinar at the Sydney Law School: Direct Jurisdiction in Asia (17 February 2022)
- ‘Online Legal Education in Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore’. Research presentation in Webinar at the Sydney Law School: Asia-Pacific Online Legal Education Before and After the COVID-19 Pandemic (1 February 2022)
- ‘*Ex Aequo et Bono* as a Response to the Over-judicialisation of International Commercial Arbitration’. Lecture in “Decolonizing Arbitration” Lecture Series by Nagoya University Graduate School of Law (2 December 2021)
- ‘Developing Brunei Darussalam as an ASEAN Hub for International Islamic Finance Dispute Resolution: Opportunity or Over-ambition?’ Paper presentation in the ASEAN Law Research Network Legal Blueprints Conference Series: Sustainable Development and Commerce in ASEAN Cities (12 November 2021)
- ‘Japan as a Source of Legal Ideas: A View from the Mekong Subregion of ASEAN’. Paper presentation in Law Crisis and Revival in Asia: The Asian Law and Society Virtual International Conference (17 September 2021)
- ‘Comparative Development of Civil Law in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos: The Legal and Judicial Development Project in the Mekong Subregion since 1996’. Paper presentation in the 12th Engaging with Vietnam Conference/the 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars (26 August 2021)
- ‘Shariah as the Law Applicable to an International Commercial Contract: Challenges and Opportunities in Australia and Brunei’. Presentation in International Seminar on Private International Law in Islamic Countries: Development and Challenges at the Faculty of Law Universitas Brawijaya (24 August 2021)
- ‘Expanding Asia-Pacific Frontiers for International Dispute Resolution: Conclusions and Recommendations’. Paper presentation in New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution: Webinar at the University of Hong Kong (19 April 2021)
- ‘Japanese Law in the Mekong Region: Needs and Necessities of Assessing the Influence of Japanese Private Law in Southeast Asian Economies Emerging from the Chaos of the COVID-19 Era’. Paper presentation in ‘Beyond Japanese Studies Symposium: Challenges, Opportunities and COVID-19’ at the University of New England (18 February 2021)
- ‘How will the Dramatic Shift to Virtual Hearings in International Investment and Commercial Arbitrations, and even in Some Courts, Impact on the Attractiveness of Australia as a Seat for Arbitration?’. Panel presentation in Beyond the Pandemic: New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Dispute Resolution at the University of Sydney (4 August 2020)
- ‘International Arbitration as a Dispute Resolution Mechanism for Assisting Asian Integration is at Risk: Is an Asian Model for Arbitration a Way Forward?’ Seminar presentation to the Institute of Asian Studies at the University of Brunei Darussalam (16 March 2020)
- ‘International Commercial Arbitration in Australia: Judicial Control over Arbitral Awards’. Conference presentation in Challenges and Opportunities for Asia-Pacific International Commercial Arbitration and Investor-State Dispute Settlement at the University of Sydney (15 November 2019)
- ‘*Ex Aequo et Bono* as a Response to the “Over-Judicialisation” of International Commercial Arbitration: Is It Time to Overcome a Fear of Uncertainty?’. Conference presentation in 2018 Taipei International Conference on Arbitration and Mediation (27-28 August 2018)
- ‘*Ex Aequo et Bono* as a Response to the Judicialisation of International Commercial Arbitration’. Lecture at the University of Hong Kong (19 October 2017)
- ‘The South China Sea Arbitral Award: A Japanese Perspective’. Lecture at De La Salle University (28 September 2016)
- ‘Indirect Grounds of Jurisdiction: A Comparison between Hong Kong and Japanese Law’. Lecture at the University of Hong Kong (29 October 2015)
- ‘Arbitration Reform in Japan’. Conference presentation in ‘The Developing World of Arbitration: A Comparative Study of Arbitration Reform in the Asia Pacific’ (27 October 2015)
- ‘Setting Aside Foreign Arbitral Awards for Violation of Procedural Public Policy [in Japanese]’. Seminar presentation to the Kansai International Private Law Research Group at Kyoto University (21 June 2014)

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- The Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL-in-ASEAN Convenor)
- The Japan Association of the Law of Civil Procedure

- The Japan Association of the Law of Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- The Private International Law Association of Japan
- ASEAN Law Research Network (The Centre for Commercial Law in Asia, Singapore Management University)

#### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

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- Member of the Organising Committee for Hikone East High School International Science Forum (Japan) 2022—Present

#### **LANGUAGES**

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**Japanese; English**

#### **REFERENCES**

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**Professor Leon Trakman** ([l.trakman@unsw.edu.au](mailto:l.trakman@unsw.edu.au)); **Professor Luke Nottage** ([lukenottage@gmail.com](mailto:lukenottage@gmail.com)); and **Justice Anselmo Reyes** ([reyes.anselmo@gmail.com](mailto:reyes.anselmo@gmail.com))