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Dr Nobumichi (Nobu) Teramura is Assistant Professor at 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

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

RESEARCH GRANT

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

HONOURS AND AWARDS

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Brunei Darussalam, Brunei – Assistant Professor	December 2020 – Present
- Subjects: International Legal Issues (Course Coordinator) and Business Law (Core Module, Course Coordinator)	
Adelaide Law School, Adelaide, Australia – Lecturer (fixed-term)	February 2019 – December 2019
- Subjects: Commercial Law and Private International Law (Course Coordinator)	
Brawijaya University, Malang, Indonesia – Visiting Lecturer	November 2018
- Subjects: International Trade Law, International Business Law, International Commercial Arbitration, International Investment Law and Japanese Legal System (in English)	
De La Salle University Law School, Manila, Philippines 2016, 2017 and 2019 – Visiting Lecturer (September 2016), Distinguished Visiting Professor (September 2017) and Visiting Professor (January-March 2019).	
- Subjects: 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 of teaching in Southeast Asia. As an Assistant Professor at **Universiti Brunei Darussalam**, I am currently teaching International Legal Issues (ie, basics of private international law) and Business Law (core module) as course coordinator. Moreover, I lectured in international commercial arbitration at **the College of Law of De La Salle University (DLSU) in Manila**. 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 lecturer 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

The University of Brunei Darussalam Institute of Asian Studies

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

Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney (CAPLUS)

June 2019—Present

- CAPLUS Associate and 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

Research Monograph

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

Edited Volume

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and Bruno Jetin (eds), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (Springer, 2024)
- 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

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'JICA's Legal Technical Assistance Projects in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos since the 1990s' in Liam Kelly (ed), *Vietnam Over the Long Twentieth Century* (Springer, 2024) [forthcoming]
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and Bruno Jetin, 'Bribery and Other Serious Investor Misconduct in Asian International Arbitration' in Nobumichi Teramura, Luke Nottage and Bruno Jetin (eds), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (Springer, 2024)
- Luke Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, 'Foreign Investment, Treaties, Arbitration and Corruption: Comparing Japan' in Nobumichi Teramura, Luke Nottage and Bruno Jetin (eds), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (Springer, 2024)

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, Luke Nottage and Bruno Jetin, ‘Towards a More Harmonised Asian Approach to Corruption and Illegality in Investment Arbitration’ in Nobumichi Teramura, Luke Nottage and Bruno Jetin (eds), *Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration* (Springer, 2024)
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Cambodia’ in Anselmo Reyes, Wilson Lui and Kazuaki Nishioka (eds), *Choice of Law and Recognition in Asian Family Law* (Hart Publishing, 2023)
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Cambodia’ in Kazuaki Nishioka (ed), *Treatment of Foreign Law in Asia* (Hart Publishing, 2023)
- **Nobumichi Teramura** and Salim Farrar, ‘Online Legal Education in Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore: Comparing the Members of the Commonwealth in Southeast Asia’ in Luke Nottage and Makoto Ibusuki (eds), *Comparing Online Legal Education: Past, Present and Future* (Intersentia, 2023) 91-127
- 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) 101-118
- **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) 229-242
- 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) 201-219
- 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) 71-94
- 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) 237-260
- **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) 355-368
- **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** and Leon Trakman, ‘Confidentiality and Privacy of Arbitration in the Digital Era: Pies in the Sky?’ (2024) *Arbitration International* [forthcoming]
- Luke Nottage, **Nobumichi Teramura** and James Tanna, ‘Lawyers and Non-Lawyers in International Arbitration: Discovering Diminishing Diversity’ (2024) 47(2) *Loyola of Los Angeles International & Comparative Law Review* [forthcoming]
- **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Giorgio Fabio Colombo: Justice and International Law in Meiji Japan: The María Luz Incident and the Dawn of Modernity’ (2023) 28(56) *Journal of Japanese Law* 289
- Luke Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Japan’s International Investment, Evolving Treaty Practice and Arbitration Related to Corruption and Illegality’ (2023) 28(55) *Journal of Japanese Law* 63
- **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

- Luke Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Corruption Control Needs a Clean-up in Asia’ (2024) *East Asia Forum* 18 July 2024
- **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>

Encyclopedia Entries

- **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Brunei Darussalam: Commercial Dispute Resolution and Arbitration’, Elgar Encyclopedia of Asian Law (2025) [forthcoming]
- Luke Nottage and **Nobumichi Teramura**, ‘Japan: Commercial Dispute Resolution and Arbitration’, Elgar Encyclopedia of Asian Law (2025) [forthcoming]

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- ‘Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration’. Presentation in ‘Collaborative Research Network 33 East Asian Law and Society Book Introduction Session’ organised by Law & Society Association at Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Centre in the US (6 June 2024)
- ‘Corruption and Illegality in East and South Asian Investment Agreements: An Empirical Analysis’. Presentation with Professor Luke Nottage in ‘Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration: Book Launch and Symposium’ at the Attorney General’s Chambers of Brunei Darussalam (28 May 2024)
- ‘Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration: Implications for the Mekong Subregion’. Presentation in ‘Mekong International Forum: Promoting Synergy among Mechanisms for Sustainable Growth’ organised by the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Vietnam (24 November 2023)
- ‘Corruption and Illegality in Asian Investment Arbitration’. Presentation in ‘International Conference on Natural Resources Policy 2023 (ICNRP 2023) at Lambung Mangkurat University, Indonesia (4 November 2023)
- ‘Confidentiality and Privacy of Arbitration in the Digital Era: The Elephant in the Room?’. Presentation in ‘Contract Law in Digital Environment’ at Brawijaya University, Indonesia (30 October 2023)
- ‘The History and Potential of International Arbitration in Japan’. Paper presentation in ‘Comparative History of International Arbitration: Australia, Japan and Beyond’ seminar at the Sydney Law School (21 September 2023)
- ‘Cambodian Perspective on the 2015 Choice of Law Principles’. Panel presentation in ‘HCCH Asia Pacific Week 2023 – Access to Justice and Sustainable Development: The Impact of the HCCH in an Inter-Connected World’ at the University of Hong Kong (13 September 2023)
- ‘Cambodian Private International Law: History and Overview’. Paper presentation in the 14th Engaging with Vietnam Conference in Hue, Vietnam (3 August 2023)
- ‘Opening Remarks’ as the organiser of ‘Symposium on Corruption and Foreign Direct Investment in the Asia-Pacific Region’ at University Brunei Darussalam (29 May 2023)

- ‘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 70th 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

- 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

- ASEAN Law Research Network (The Centre for Commercial Law in Asia, Singapore Management University)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Organising Committee for Hikone East High School International Science Forum (Japan) 2022-2023

LANGUAGES

Japanese; English

REFERENCES

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