



Second International Conference

Consumer Policy in China: New Trends and Challenges

6-7 December 2016

Faculty of Law of the University of Macau (Macau, China)

I. The Theme

China's 12th Five-Year Plan shifted the strategy from export-led growth to one that focuses more on the domestic market. Furthermore, the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China emphasized the importance of moving towards an ecological civilization. The construction of an ecological civilization requires a global effort to improve people's well-being while guaranteeing the future of the country. This concept balances economic development and environmental protection, putting ecological civilization on an equal footing with the civilizations of politics, economy, society, and culture. These different dimensions relate to diverse societal aspirations and concerns and must be addressed by Chinese policymakers. The second largest economy in the world is now also a true consumer society, raising new problems and challenges. On 16 December 2015 the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau hosted the first conference in this series. The purpose of the second conference is to continue the debate on a wide range of issues in modern-day China that have a direct or indirect impact on consumer protection. The scope of the conference is interdisciplinary and submissions from backgrounds other than Law are especially welcome.

II. Topics

The organizing committee welcomes proposals on any topic relating to consumer policy in China. Subject areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Access to water and food
- b) Product safety
- c) Services of General Economic Interest
- d) Environmental protection
- e) E-commerce
- f) Trade, Investment, and Consumer Protection
- g) Healthcare and Patients' Rights
- h) Resolution of Consumer Disputes

III. Submission Guidelines

Abstracts in English should be no more than 800 words long and contain the name, institutional affiliation and contact details of the author. Abstracts should be sent by 6 November 2016 in Word or PDF format to consumerpolicychina@gmail.com.

IV. Publication

The organizers have publication plans for the presented papers. The precise format of publication will be discussed during the conference. Therefore, all selected contributions must be original and not published elsewhere. Selected presenters will be required to submit full papers by 31 March 2017.

V. Organizing Committee

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