

COMPLETION REPORT

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The results of the research include Pasha L. Hsieh's monograph entitled "New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law," published by Cambridge University Press in 2022. This book provides the first systematic analysis of new Asian regionalism as a paradigm shift in international economic law. It argues that new Asian regionalism has emerged amid the Third Regionalism and contributed to the New Regional Economic Order, which reinvigorates the role of developing countries in shaping international trade norms. To substantiate the claims, the book introduces theoretical debates and evaluates major regional economic initiatives and institutions, including the ASEAN+6 framework, APEC, the CPTPP and the RCEP. It also sheds light on legal issues involving the US-China trade war and the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as trade policies of Asian powers, the European Union and the United States. Hence, the legal analysis and case studies offer a fresh perspective of Asian integration and bridge the gap between academia and practice.

Supported by the grant, the Centre for Commercial Law in Asia of the Singapore Management University (SMU) Yong Pung How School of Law also organized the online 7th Asian International Economic Law Network Conference on December 9 and 10, 2021. With a focus on Asia's role in building a sustainable future, the conference brought together leading academics and practitioners from across the globe. Over the course of six panels, a wide range of topics were raised, ranging from sustainable development, financial controls, to global health law in the wake of the pandemic, as well as dispute settlement in Asia. With all six panels concluded, the final event of the conference was the launch of Pasha L Hsieh's new book, *New Asian Regionalism in International Law*. He shared his hopes that the book can promote interdisciplinary dialogue and provide a comprehensive yet concise overview of frameworks of new Asian regionalism. The book received high praise from Rafael Leal-Arcas (Professor, Queen Mary University of London), who described the book as the richest and most comprehensive text on the topic of Asian regional trade. Both Yuka Fukunaga (Professor, Waseda University) and Bryan Mercurio (Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong) also encouraged the audience to purchase the book, which in their view discussed important issues with wider implications to the multilateral trading system.

The selected papers were published in the special issue of the *Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy*, Volume 17: Number 1 (2022). The special issue, entitled "Building a Sustainable Future: New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law," includes Pasha L. Hsieh's forward and 8 articles on various aspects of trade law and politics involving Japan, ASEAN and other Asia-Pacific countries. Moreover, the monograph and the special issue will serve as course materials for Pasha L. Hsieh's course on Law of International Trade, which will be offered to both law and business students.

Publication of the Results of Research Project:

<p>Verbal Presentation (Date, Venue, Name of Conference, Title of Presentation, Presenter, etc.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. “Book Discussion: New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law,” Department of Law, North South University, Bangladesh, June 2022 (webinar)2. “Book Launch: New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law,” Bureau of Foreign Trade, chaired by Deputy Director Henry Liu, Taiwan, Dec. 2021
<p>Thesis (Name of Journal and its Date, Title and Author of Thesis, etc.)</p> <p>Special issue of the Asian Journal of WTO & International Health Law and Policy, volume 17: number 1 (2022), including Pasha L. Hsieh, Forward, pp. 1-3.</p>
<p>Book (Publisher and Date of the Book, Title and Author of the Book, etc.)</p> <p>Pasha L. Hsieh, New Asian Regionalism in International Economic Law, Cambridge University Press, 300 pages (online 2021; print 2022).</p>