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"Financial Sector Development in East Asia and the Role of Law"

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TOPIC

Ten years after the Asian financial crisis, what has been achieved? A range of countries in the region have exerted great efforts in reforming their financial systems and related legal and regulatory arrangements.

At the same time, reforms have been relatively more successful in some countries, but relatively less successful in others. This presentation will review progress, outlook and possible future directions.

PRESENTER

Douglas Arner is the Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (www.AIIFL.com) and an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong (HKU). In addition, he is Director of the LLM (Corporate and Financial Law) Programme, a member of the Board of Management of the East Asian Economic Law and Policy Programme (www.EAIEL.org), and Co-Director of the Duke University-HKU Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law.

Prior to his appointment at HKU, Douglas was the Sir John Lubbock Support Fund Fellow at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS) at Queen Mary, University of London, a consultant with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), and Director of Research at the London Institute of International Banking, Finance and Development Law (a think-tank and consultancy).

Douglas specialises in economic and financial law, regulation and development. He has published widely, including as author, co-author or editor of eight books, including *Financial Markets in Hong Kong: Law and Practice* (Oxford University Press) and *Financial Stability, Economic Growth and the Role of Law* (Cambridge University Press).

Douglas has served as a consultant with, among others, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, APEC, EBRD, and Development Bank of Southern Africa. He has designed training programmes for Merrill Lynch, Baker & McKenzie and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. He has lectured, co-organised conferences and seminars and been involved with financial sector reform projects in over 20 economies in Africa, Asia and Europe. He has also been a visiting professor or visiting fellow at the National University of Singapore, the University of Melbourne, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Southern Methodist University, and the University of Reading.

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