

Guangdong -Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA): Special Economics Zones Rules and Policies

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Prior to joining CityU Law School, Dr. Chaisse taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law (2009-2019) where he served as Director of one of the Faculty's research centres as well as Director of PhD & MPhil Program. Before moving to Hong Kong, he worked as deputy head of the working group on the rules and regulations for multilateral trade and investment agreements at the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland (2006-2009), as a lecturer at Elite School Sciences Po Aix in France (2004-2006), and as a diplomat for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France at the French Embassy in New Delhi, India (2001-2004).

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Course Objective:

The Greater Bay Area (GBA) was conceived as an integrated economic and commercial hub. Although the various free trade and high-tech zones do make GBA an attractive place to do business, there are challenges. It is not easy to understand which preferential policies are offered and which one is right for a specific business which can be confusing.

This seminar focuses on Special Economic Zones (SEZs) because it is one of the most notable institutions of unilateral economic law and SEZ have an ever-increasing importance for the international economic system. To be more specific, in this lecture I want to explain why the special economic zones will play an important role in the GBA. This seminar also explains that the GBA and its SEZ have a more fundamental relevance and significance for international economic law. This course reviews the main conditions, steps and actors in the development and regulatory management of the GBA SEZs.

Course Outline:

In this course you will have an opportunity to explore recent developments of key issues such as:

- Differences between State-level new area, Economic & technological development zone, High-tech zone, Free trade zone, and Special economic zone in the GBA
- Understand why SEZs are unilaterally established by States (which means that they can be modified at will without having to engage in any bilateral or multilateral negotiations with other States)
- Identify the advantages of SEZs which are different from international trade and investment norms because of the carving out of a special jurisdiction for the application of a separate economic regime within the country
- Learn about “fork-in-the-road” clauses
- Consider the potential overlap between domestic causes of action and international investment law claims
- Consider the advantages of international arbitration vs. national courts

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