

About the Contributors

Sam B. Edwards III obtained his Juris Doctor from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College and his LL.M. in international environmental law from Nagoya University, Graduate School of Law in Nagoya Japan. He is a professor of environmental law and policy at Green Mountain College in Vermont, USA and a visiting professor of law at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand. Professor Edwards holds a license to practice law in California, the Territory of Guam, The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Yap State in the Federated States of Micronesia. Professor Edwards' research focuses on the intersection of law, culture, and technology. Professor Edwards has practiced, studied, and taught law in the United States, Kenya, The Federated States of Micronesia, Japan, and Thailand. He has published in the areas of law and culture, international trade in endangered species, business law, environmental valuation in Micronesia, and online business transactions for small and medium enterprises.

Diogo Santos obtained his Bachelors of Laws in 2003 from the Federal University of Maranhão, in Brazil. Diogo Santos was granted a Japanese Ministry of Education (MEXT) scholarship to pursue a masters of law degree at the Graduate School of Law in 2007 and a PhD in International Development at the Graduate School of International Development in 2010, both at Nagoya University. Since returning to Brazil, Dr. Santos has served in various academic positions, such as Director of the School of Law of the State University of Maranhão, professor of International Law, economics and Constitutional Theory at the Dom Bosco University in São Luís, Brazil, and professor of International Law in the Federal University of Maranhão. Diogo has also published a number of articles in the fields of Intellectual Property Law, Environmental Law, Democracy, Legitimacy and Presidential decrees in various international journals.

* * *

Fernando Barrio has a Ph.D. in International Cooperation from the Nagoya University in Japan and has taught, written, and spoken on computer law and intellectual property law issues in several countries. In 2008, the British Higher Education Academy named him the UK Law Teacher of the Year. He is currently Professor of Law and the Director of the Law Program in the Universidad Nacional de Rio Negro.

About the Contributors

Leonardo Bento received a PhD in Law from the Federal University of Santa Catarina. He is currently a Professor of Administrative Law at Dom Bosco University in São Luís (MA). He is also an Auditor in the Federal Government Office of the General Comptroller. His professional and research experience includes Administrative Law, right to information, government transparency, and mechanisms to prevent and combat corruption.

Alfredo Bozzetti obtained his Programmer Analyst and Systems Engineer degrees at the Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires in Argentina and carried out postgraduate studies in Business Administration. He was the senior manager of informatics in diverse private media and banking companies, and he is currently the Coordinator of the Organizational and Informatics Development Plan of the Judiciary of Rio Negro Province.

András Gábor is a managing director of Corvinno Ltd and an Associate Professor and Head at the IT Institute of Corvinus University of Budapest. He is an economist, graduated from the then Karl Marx University of Economics. He has a second degree in Computer Science (1979) and earned his PhD in 1983, CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor) since 1999. His research field includes systems design, information management, intelligent systems, and knowledge management. He is participating in several national and international research projects and author of several Hungarian and international publications. He was a visiting scholar at DePaul University, Chicago, Imperial College, London, and the University of Amsterdam. He worked as a consultant on behalf of the Ministry of Education concerning MIS development in Higher Education between 2003 and 2006.

Dashbalbar Gangabaatar was born in Baruun-Urt, Mongolia. He is an associate professor at the School of Law, National University of Mongolia. After his graduation from the School of Law, National University of Mongolia, he started teaching at the university in 2002. He also attended the Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University at Nagoya, Japan, where he had his LLM and LL.D degrees. He worked as a visiting scholar at John Marshall Law School, Chicago and did research at Utrecht University, the Netherlands and Queens University Belfast, UK. Professionally, he teaches Constitutional law, Public International law, and Human Rights courses. He has written many research articles and authored several books in his native language. He is actively involved in research projects for the government and international donors for furthering the quest for democracy and the rule of law in Mongolia.

Andrea Kő is an Associate Professor in the Department of Information Systems of Corvinus University of Budapest from 2005. She has an MSc in Mathematics and Physics from Eötvös Lóránd University of Budapest, Hungary (1988), a University Doctoral degree in Computer Science (1992) from Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary, and a PhD degree in Management and Business Administration (2005) from Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. She participated in several international and national research projects in the areas of: knowledge management; semantic technologies and e-government (recently she was a researcher in Ubipol (Ubiquitous Participation Platform for Policy Making; FP7- ICT-2009.7.3, ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling; 2009-2012) project. She has published more than 50 papers in international scientific journals and conferences.

Jon Linden received a BS in Biology in 1978 and an MBA in 1980 both from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. He then started working for the largest privately owned Food Service Distribution Company in the New York Metropolitan Area. Mr. Linden first acted as the Dir. of MIS. He then gradually took over all Operations related functions including Warehousing, Order Selection, Delivery, Transportation, Truck Maintenance, Union Contract Negotiations, and Annual Budgeting and Capital Investment Planning, acting as the Sr. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The company, Ritter Food Corporation, eventually was sold to SYSCO Corporation, one of the 3 largest companies of its kind in the country. He continued in his capacity as the C.O.O. at what then became the SYSCO New York Metro Company. In 1990, Mr. Linden left SYSCO to pursue a career as a Dispute Resolution Mediator for the New Jersey Superior Court, Civil Division. He continues to mediate for the New Jersey Court system as well as other private clients. In addition, Mr. Linden works as a Facilitator and he performed that function for the Meetings in the Jacob Javitz Center in Manhattan, shortly after the 9/11 disaster. During the last 15 years, he has expanded his work in Mediation and Facilitation and has written many articles on the topic, most of which are on the Internet at www.mediate.com. Mr. Linden also became a book reviewer and acted as the Book Section Editor for Mediate.com for 8 years, reviewing books in the field of Mediation and Facilitation. Mr. Linden continues to actively work as a book reviewer for Amazon.com in this capacity as a top 10,000 reader/reviewer.

Atzimba Baltazar Macías is an independent consultant to public, private and civil society organizations on transparency and access to information. In 2014 she was the Executive Director of Queremos Mexicanos Activos, a civil society organization that promotes physical activity to fight obesity in Mexico. During 2013, she was the Director of Coordination of the Secretary General at the Federal Institute of Access to Information (IFAI) in Mexico, where she previously served from 2002 to 2007 as a case researcher of appeals submitted to IFAI related to denials of information requests. From 2010 to 2013, Ms. Baltazar worked as the Program Officer for the Mentoring Government Capacity for Budget Transparency and the Participation Program at the International Budget Partnership where she assisted in the development of training, learning, and technical materials to strengthen government capacities for budget transparency, particularly in the provision of useful information and opportunities for citizen participation. Ms. Baltazar also was a research assistant at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching in Mexico City in the Municipal Reform Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation. She holds a Masters of Public Administration in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy from New York University and a BA in Public Administration from El Colegio de Mexico. Ms. Baltazar has also published various articles on transparency, access to information, agrarian and decentralization policies in Mexico.

Samreth Mammoun completed his doctoral program at Nagoya University, Japan and received his Masters Degree in Law from the same University and his Bachelors Degree in Law from the Royal University of Law and Economics, Cambodia. With international experiences, Dr. Samreth's practice focuses on intellectual property, commercial, media and information technology, corporate, banking, finance, and security. As *Executive Director/Partner* at P&O Legal-Associates, Dr. Samreth advises clients on matters related to the securities market, bank-

About the Contributors

ing, finance, property and real estate, labor supply, investment, and acts as the coordinator of the Japan Desk. Dr. Samreth also has extensive experience working in different capacities in Cambodia ASEAN and Japan, including as associate to patent law office and visiting lecturer at universities. He is an Adjunct Professor of ASEAN Legal Systems and Advance Business Law at Pannasastra University in Cambodia.

James Robert Masterson is an Assistant Professor of Government at Morehead State University and Director of International Education. He also serves as Director of MSU's Chinese-American Reading Room at Guangxi University, in Guangxi SAR, PRC. Dr. Masterson has a PhD in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati. His research focuses on international relations theory and research methodology with specialization in international political economy. His research interests include the international relations of East Asia in general and analyzing the nexus between Chinese foreign and economic relations with the world in particular. His publication in *China Information* examines the effects economic factors have on Chinese political relations with its neighbors from 1987-2001. Dr. Masterson also co-published an article titled "Thirty Years of Growth in Kentucky's Prison Population" and "Spending: A Multi-causal Analysis" in the *Contemporary Journal of Anthropology and Sociology*. This research seeks to advance our understanding of the factors that contribute to the state's prison population growth and capital expenditures for state corrections. Professor Masterson teaches courses on International Relations Theory, Current World Problems, US Foreign Policy, Asian Politics and Comparative Politics.

Iqbal Mohammed has practiced law at the bar of England and Wales since 2008, specialising in commercial and employment litigation. He is a tenant at St Philips Chambers, practising in London and Birmingham. Iqbal is a member of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple and a guest lecturer at the University of Law, England, teaching civil litigation. He graduated from the University of Warwick, England after reading English law and completed postgraduate study at the Nagoya University, Japan. He competed his bar exams at BBP Law School, London.

Colin Rule is the Former Director of Online Dispute Resolution at eBay and PayPal. He is the author of *Online Dispute Resolution for Business* (Bass, 2002). He is a non-Resident Fellow at the Gould Center for Conflict Resolution at Stanford Law School, and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board for the National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution at Umass-Amherst.

Vince Eng Teong See is the first Malaysian to have completed doctorate study in competition law and policy. He obtained his LLB. (Hons) from the School of Law, King's College London. After a few years in legal practice, he obtained a full scholarship to pursue postgraduate studies. He successfully completed his doctorate dissertation and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University. He has been widely involved in regulatory and competition law-related consultancy work, including giving competition law briefings to foreign governments, State development corporations, trade

associations, chambers of commerce and industries, listed companies, and the Japan Fair Trade Commission. He has published a number of articles in international journals and launched the first Competition Law course in Malaysia. He has also been interviewed on the national radio on competition-related topics. He is a consultant to Antitrust Consulting International.

Monica Teresa Sousa holds a degree in law from the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (2007) and is a law professor at Universidade Federal do Maranhão. She is the Chief Editor of “Cadernos de Pesquisa” Review. She has academic experience in law with an emphasis in international law and international relations.

Diliana Stoyanova is a PhD candidate at the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki, Finland. In 2012, she was a research assistant at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. She holds a Bachelors of Law from the Nagoya University in Nagoya, Japan and a Masters of International Law and Economics from the World Trade Institute in Bern, Switzerland. After finishing her studies she worked as an intern at the World Trade Organization’s External Relations Division in Geneva, where she wrote her Masters thesis on the use of Web 2.0 technologies in the WTO. She also did a traineeship at the European Commission DG INFSO (now DG CONNECT) in Brussels, Belgium.

Zoltán Szabó is an Associate professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. He is Head of the Department of Information Systems. He has an MSc in Management and Business Administration (1994) from Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary and a PhD degree in Management and Business Administration (2001) from Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary. He has an expert certificate in IT infrastructure management (British Computer Society - ISEB – service management examination, 1997 and 2009). He participated in several international and national research projects in the areas of information management and e-government. He has published several papers in international scientific journals and conferences. His research interests include information management and e-government.

Mark Wilson is Senior Product Manager at MODRIA.COM, INC., working with Modria’s property assessment appeal solution. Over the past year and a half, Mark has worked closely with multiple property assessment jurisdictions to help design and implement the most efficient online dispute resolution systems to address their appeals. This system manages appeals across multiple states. Prior to working at Modria, Mark held information technology positions in the healthcare and local government sectors. Mark earned a graduate degree from the Werner Institute at Creighton University in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution and graduated department valedictorian, magna cum laude with an undergraduate degree at Brigham Young University in Sociology.