

On July 11th & 12th 2019 Margarita Vladimirova, Associate Professor of Zhejiang Gongshang Law school, was invited to participate in the Sixth Annual International & Comparative Urban Law Conference at the University of New South Wales Faculty of Law, Sydney.

This annual Conference was organized by the **Fordham Urban Law Center, The University New South Wales (UNSW) Faculty of Law, and UN-Habitat.** This year legal scholars gathered at **UNSW** for its sixth global conversation about the field of urban law. As the Conference explored, the intersection of law and urbanism raises vital, pressing questions about urban governance, the structure and scope of local authority, and the role of law in the entire urban experience.

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The conference was focused on discussions of Urban law related problems, and experts from Australia, China, United States, India, Russia, Brazil, Canada, Thailand, Belgium, Israel and other countries presented their research projects.



The Conference started with a great introduction to the Urban face of Sydney by **Cathy Sherry**, who is a leading Australian expert on strata and community title. She provides advice to government and the private sector on the complexities of collectively-owned property, both nationally and internationally. Cathy's research focuses on the social implications of private communities, as well as optimal planning for children. She has a special interest in urban farming and the challenges of providing growing space in high density cities. Cathy is an academic member of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers (ACSL) and was a founding General Editor of the international property journal, *Property Law Review*. She showed participators main legally challenged points in the city.

At the Conference were discussed issues related to the production of Public Space and Infrastructure in Sydney: What Role do Voluntary Planning Agreements Play, and What are the Implications for Equity and Transparency (by **Laura Crommelin**), The Law of Lodging in Australia (by **Chris Martin**), Affordable Housing Provision in Global South: A Comparative Analysis between Global North and Global South (by **Papon Dev** and **Sahjabin Kabir**).

A lot of questions were raised concerning financially challenged citizens: Belgian Local Authorities and their Reluctant Attitude Towards Implementing Human Rights in Conflicts Concerning 'Travelers' Evictions – A Case Study Analysis (by **Tess Heirwegh**), Urban Development-induced Forced Eviction: Rule by Law or a State Crime?

(by **Nahid Rabbi**), Comparing Urban Squatters: Resilience, Territoriality, and the State (by **Marc Roark**).

Were discussed City Charters as Local Constitutions by **Professor Nestor Davidson**, the founder of the Urban Law center.



Professor Margarita Vladimirova presented her research on **Application of ADR in Disputes Arising from Urbanization**. By luring residents of the village into cities with promises of higher salary and better living conditions, urbanization caused many problems for people along with harm to the living environment. Some of the most vivid examples with implications are conflicts between people in overpopulated neighbourhoods. And, as any problem and conflict of interests, those can be advised and solved with a help of ADR tools. China's community mediation was used as an example that can be implemented in other countries and urban areas. That topic was a reason for a lively discussion after the presentation.

