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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024-Present **Max Planck Research Group: ‘The hidden heritage of the European Union: the legacy of the law of the League of Nations’, Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory**, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
PhD Researcher (October 2024 – Present)
Mentor: Dr. Michel Erpelding
- 2024 **Amsterdam Law Clinic**, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Assistant Legal Researcher (February 2024 – July 2024)
Mentor: Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz

EDUCATION

- 2025-Present **Amsterdam Centre for International Law, University of Amsterdam**, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
External PhD Researcher (September 2025 – Present)
Supervisors: Dr. Ingo Venzke; Dr. Wiebe Hommes
- 2023 - 2024 **Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam**, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Master of Laws, Public International Law (cum laude)
Dissertation: ‘The Origins of the Non-Violation Nullification and Remedy during the Interwar Period: the Contributions of the League of Nations, 1919-1932’. Awarded 9 out of 10; shortlisted as the Best Master’s Thesis of the Amsterdam Law School
Supervisor: Dr. Silvia Steininger
- 2022 - 2023 **Durham Law School, Durham University**, Durham, the United Kingdom
Master of Laws, European Trade and Commercial Law (Merit)
Supervisor: Dr. Eleni Frantziou
- 2017 - 2021 **Nankai University, Faculty of History; School of Law**, Tianjin, China
Bachelor of History; Minor in Law (with distinction)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Provisional PhD Project: ‘On the International Origin of European Economic Integration: the Legal Legacies of the League of Nations, 1919-1957.’**
- **History of International Economic Law** (International trade regulations during the interwar period; international commercial treaty-making process)
- **Regional Economic Integration** (European Economic Integration)

- **Knowledge Production and National Reception of International Law** (Knowledge production of international law in China; reception of supranational common market law in Europe)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles & Academic Reports

- 2025 **Li, J.**, Bunnik, J, Gobillon, A, Melck, J, and Wendt, Z, “Transparency in European Arms Exports: Access to Information and Accountability”. Published by the Asser Institute for International and European Law, The Hague, the Netherlands, June 2025, [Law Clinic Report](#).

MANUSCRIPTS

Articles In-Progress

Li, J., “Benefits over Equality: Revisiting China’s Encounter with International Economic Law during the Interwar Period (1919-1933).”

Finished draft (Target Journal: *Asian Journal of International Law*)

Li, J., “Producing, Disseminating, and Mobilising Knowledge on the European Common Market through Private Organisation: The Union Douanière Européenne as the Epistemic Community in the 1930s.” (Target Journal: *European Journal of International Law*)

Li, J., “No Enchanted Place: Knowledge Production of International Law in China, 1949-1989.” (Target Journal: *Journal of the History of International Law*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 **Li, J.**, “Producing, Disseminating, and Mobilising Knowledge on the European Common Market through Private Organisation: The Union Douanière Européenne as the Epistemic Community in the 1930s”. Informed, ignorant, or indifferent? Knowledge of international and European law since 1945, University of Oslo, Oslo, 18–19 June 2026

2026 **Li, J.**, “Benefits over Equality: Revisiting China’s Encounter with International Economic Law during the Interwar Period (1919-1933)”. Legal History in Asia and Beyond: Lessons from the Past for the Present, University of Oxford, Oxford, 23 March 2026

2025 **Li, J.**, “Benefits over Equality: Revisiting China’s Encounter with International Economic Law during the Interwar Period (1919-1933)”. 5th Asian Legal History Conference, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, 31 July - 1 August 2025

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), **English** (fluent in speaking, writing, and reading), **French** (advanced in reading, intermediate in speaking and writing)