



# HAMBURG LECTURE SERIES

## ON CHINESE LAW

*Anja Geller*

**“Data Protection Law as an Instrument  
for Regulating State Use of Data in the  
EU and China?”**

**Friday, 18 February 2022 – 5:00 pm (CET)**

The lecture will be held as a video conference via Zoom.

Please register no later than Thursday, 17 February 2022 for the lecture using this [LINK](#).

You will receive the login details on Thursday afternoon.

All employees and guests of the institute as well as other interested parties are cordially invited to the lecture.

Knut Benjamin Pißler



### About the speaker:

Anja Geller is a doctoral researcher at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Germany). She recently submitted her dissertation, which deals with European constitutional and data protection law and contains a comparative study of China. Previously, she worked as a junior research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition. In April, she will begin her legal clerkship for her second state examination in Munich.

### About the topic:

Attention to data use is growing. Not only private companies but also states are increasingly visible as important players. As this is a very dynamic field, it is insightful to look at different regulatory approaches.

In China, the regulation of data protection started comparatively late, but with the Personal Information Protection Law passed last year, there is finally a comprehensive law at the national level. It has many similarities with the General Data Protection Regulation of the EU.

Nevertheless, the question remains whether such a law can effectively restrict state use of data in China. To answer this question, this lecture examines not only data protection law, but also the underlying constitutional system and state structure. Due to the differences with the fundamental rights system of the EU, the role of data protection law diverges.

### About the Hamburg Lecture Series on Chinese Law:

The "Hamburg Lecture Series on Chinese Law" was established in 2002 as a series of guest lectures from notable legal scholars and legal practitioners, who engage in research stays at the Hamburg Institute. It aims to provide insight into legal fields under development in the People's Republic of China and which are thus attracting great international interest.