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Gérardine Goh Escolar is First Secretary at the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH). Her portfolios span family law and child protection, and international commercial and financial law. In family law and child protection, she has primary responsibility over the 1980 Child Abduction Convention, the 1996 Child Protection Convention, and the project on Family Agreements involving Children, as well as joint primary responsibility over the International Hague Network of Judges. In international

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Dr Goh Escolar was previously in practice, acting as counsel, advocate and consultant in international litigation and arbitration proceedings, first with a specialist international law boutique, and then with a top-tier global law firm headquartered in Amsterdam (the Netherlands). Prior to that, she was Legal Advisor to the President of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, and principal legal officer in the chambers of a Judge at the International Court of Justice, the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. She has also served as legal officer in the service of the government of Germany, in-house counsel at a technology company, and vice-president of external relations at an information technology startup.

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japonais' ", in C. Guérin-Bargues; H. Yamamoto (dir.), in: *Aux sources nouvelles du droit. Regards comparés français-japonais*, Mare et Martin, coll. Droit public, Paris, déc. 2018, p. 47-61. I was an invited scholar at Tokyo University, Kobe University, Gakushuin University, Osaka University, Fukuoka University and the Max Planck Institute for International Private and Comparative Law

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## **Yuko Nishitani**

Yuko Nishitani is a Professor of International Private and Business Law at Kyoto University Graduate School of Law in Japan since April 2015. Prior to this, she held a Chair at Tohoku University (1997-2007) and Kyushu University (2011-2015). Among various research stays abroad, she visited Duke Law School in the U.S. (2009/12) and the University of Brescia in Italy (2007/08). She was also a Director of Studies (2004) and Lecturer (2011) at the Hague Academy of International Law.

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