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Sadeq Z. Bigdeli holds an LLB from Tehran University and an LLM from Harvard Law School. At Harvard, Sadeq was a member of submission committees of Harvard International Law Journal and Harvard Environmental Law Review. He is also a *summa cum laude* graduate of the Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) programme of the World Trade Institute (University of Bern). His PhD on "Energy and Climate Subsidies in International Economic Law" was awarded *summa cum laude* by the University of Berne (Faculty of Law) and was recognized by examiners as a 'significant contribution to the field'.

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Sadeq teaches Transnational Business Law in the undergraduate fourth year programme and International Trade Regulation at postgraduate level at the University of Waikato. His main research interests are international trade both from public (regulatory) and private (commercial transactions) perspectives, global governance and the evolution of global administrative law, comparative regulatory policy and trade and climate change.