Preface

The intent of this book is to highlight the main characteristics of the flow of investments from China to the EU, and to the United States. The main focus of the book is on the EU, however the chapter on investments in the United States provides a detailed analysis of those transactions as well, thereby allowing the reader to make a comparison of the investments made in both of these entities, and providing the reader with points of reference.

The book introduces a fairly new perspective to the study of international trade law. It provides an exceptional amount of information about restrictions on the outflow of investments from China, especially the internal restrictions imposed by the Chinese government.

The eight chapters within illustrate specific topics related to different aspects of Chinese Outbound Direct Investments (ODIs). Each of the chapters can be seen as individual parts that complement each other—in fact, the authors specifically discussed and agreed on this perspective. However the chapters are not simply stitched together. We used a specific logic to connect and link each of the eight chapters. Subsequently, each chapter completes the others in a fashion that presents the reader with a picture of Chinese ODIs that is complete and intelligible.

The information discussed in all of the chapters is complete and updated as of December 2015. The reader will note that although, from time to time, similar information appears in some of the chapters, the information is not duplication but is extra information, there to assist the reader in making connections between the diverse pattern of investment that China is making in multiple targets in the EU and in the United States.

We do hope that the information offered in this book helps the reader understand the complicated background and policies that pertain to Chinese ODIs flows into the EU and the United States. And we hope to provide valuable information to lawyers and businessmen who may wish to take advantage of the massive amount of money China is pouring into offshore investment.