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### **Using Legal Weapons in US-China Trade Disputes**

Panel: Conflict Resolution 2

The paper will feature a broad spectrum of trade war between United States and China, including US v. China solar panel antidumping and anti-countervailing duties dispute, US-China rare earth export control dispute, and US v. China RMB-denominated electronic payment transaction services market access dispute, etc.

As a business reporter with Caijing Magazine, the leading economic journal in China, I have covered some of the most dynamic and complex trade disputes between the United States and China, as mentioned above. The paper will be an extension of what I reported and wrote for the news journal, by making arguments that legal weapon has seemed to legitimize international trade disputes, but it could have stirred up the conflicts and intensified the controversies at the same time. As for whether legal channels, such as World Trade Organization, can de facto solve trade disputes, it remains an open question.