On 28 May 2020, the Third Plenary Meeting of the 13th National People’s Congress (NPC) passed the Decision on Establishing and Improving the Legal System and Enforcement Mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to Safeguard National Security (“NPC Decision”). According to this NPC Decision, when needed, relevant national security organs of the Central People’s Government may set up agencies in the HKSAR; the NPC Standing Committee is entrusted to formulate relevant laws on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security (“National Security Legislation of the HKSAR”), and decides on including relevant laws into Annex III of the Basic Law of the HKSAR to be promulgated and implemented by the HKSAR locally.

The NPC Decision does not only arouse great concerns both within and outside Hong Kong and mainland China; it also brings forth many academic issues which have to be examined in depth urgently. This online symposium, jointly organized by the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) and the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, will convene a group of legal, political and social science scholars and experts from Hong Kong and mainland China to discuss various academic issues related to the NPC Decision, such as the legal basis of the NPC Decision; the relationship between the NPC Decision and the Basic Law of the HKSAR; the legislative principles to be adopted by the NPC Standing Committee in formulating the National Security Legislation of the HKSAR; the impact of the National Security Legislation of the HKSAR on human rights protection, etc..

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Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm (HKT)
Venue: This Symposium will be conducted via Tencent Meeting
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