

ALSA Inaugural Deans' Forum: COVID-19 and the post-pandemic world: Rethinking law schools and legal education (Online)

Date: 15 January 2021 (Friday)

Programme

9:30 am – 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome remarks by Dean CityU• Brief introduction on the intent of ALSA and virtual signing of the ALSA MOU• ALSA website showcase
10:00 am – 11:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel Discussion 1 (chaired by Dean HKU)
11:15 am – 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break
11:30 am – 12:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panel Discussion 2 (chaired by Dean CityU)
12:45 pm – 12:55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean CityU on instructions on voting for the Board of Governors members
12:55 pm – 1:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General discussion and final words

Panel Discussion 1: Rethinking the future of legal education (chaired by Dean HKU)

Five panel members will lead the discussion, each speaking for 5 minutes on the following sub-topics of their choice, followed by general discussion:

1. Do you foresee re-designing the curriculum for legal education at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral levels? Would there be more inter-disciplinary components in legal education, given that COVID 19 has demonstrated the need for graduates to be prepared for having a broader set of skills in view of the challenging environment for employment?
2. How can law schools better prepare the graduates for the real world, whether it is for employment or good graduate programme?
3. Would there be more emphasis on student learning outside the classroom, such as competitions, internships and other forms of experiential learning, particularly at the undergraduate and taught postgraduate levels?
4. How can we better leverage technology in delivering legal education?

Panel members are from: Nagoya University, NTU (Taiwan University), Shanghai Jiaotong University, Singapore Management University, Sun Yat-Sen University (in alphabetical order)

Panel Discussion 2: Rethinking the future of law schools in Asia (chaired by Dean CityU)

Five panel members will lead the discussion, each speaking for 5 minutes on the following sub-topics of their choice, followed by general discussion:

1. How would COVID 19 will impact the future of mutual co-operation and collaboration among the law schools in Asia in terms of research and teaching?

2. How would COVID 19 impact research direction, how research is to be evaluated and how to measure the research impact on society? For example, would there be more interdisciplinary research conducted given that problems are going to be multi-faceted and more complex? Do you foresee the pressures on funding sources and how would such gaps be addressed?
3. Are there stakeholders (such as the legal profession, employers, funding agencies, education bureau) who require changes in the way legal education is delivered? What are your thoughts on their views?

Panel members are from: Kobe University (TBC), National Law School of India, Thammasat University, and Tsinghua University (in alphabetical order)