

## Research Retreat (June 2021)

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The Research Retreat was hosted on 16 June 2021 via Zoom Webinar. The event kicked off with a welcoming speech by Prof TAN Cheng-Han (Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong (SLW, CityU)). Prof Tan extended a warm welcome to all participants.



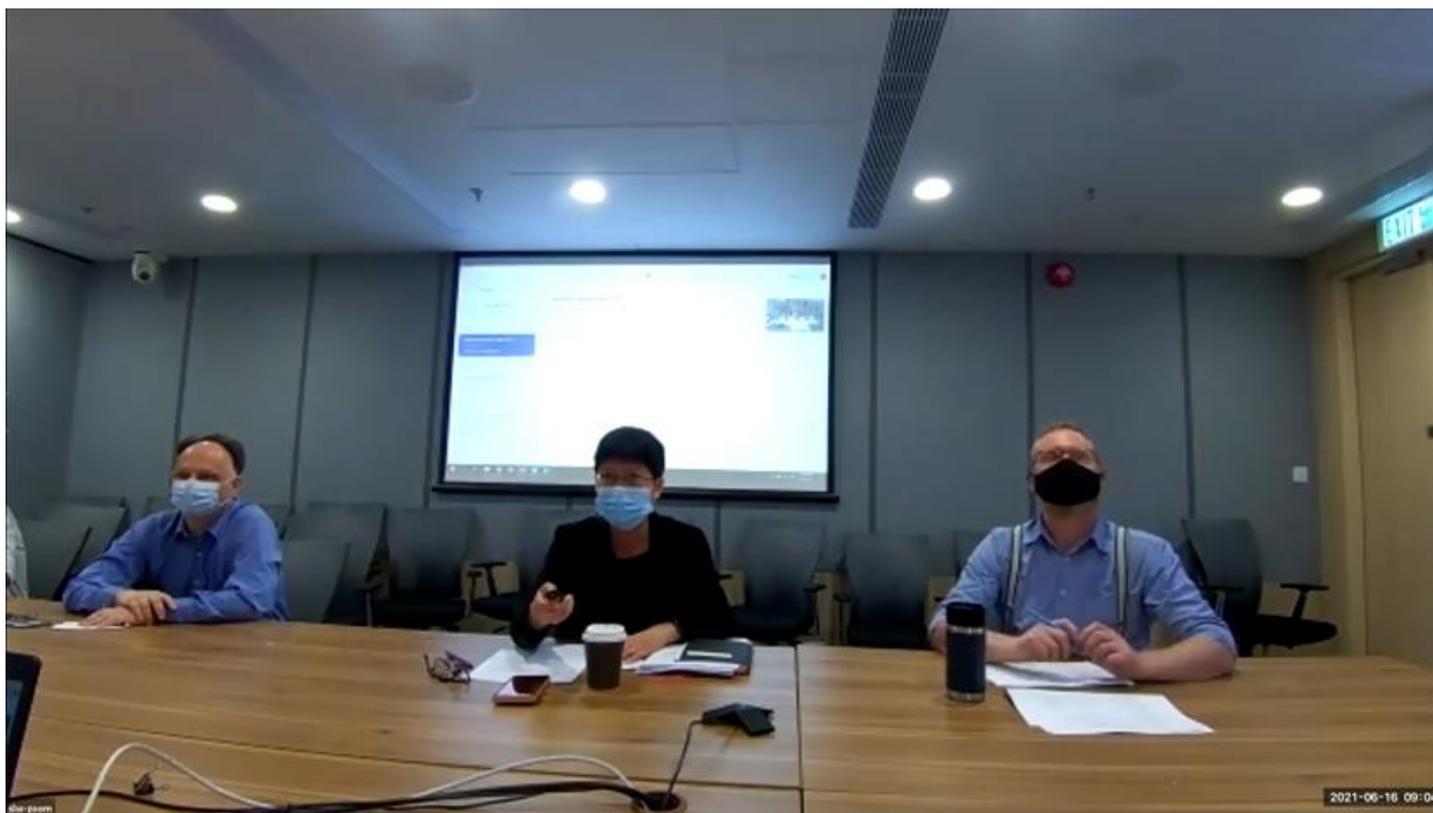
Prof TAN Cheng-Han

The Research Retreat consisted of three sessions. The first session, the discussion on Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2020, was moderated by Prof WAN Wai Yee (Associate Dean, SLW). The topics of the presentation are as follows (according to the order of presentation):

- **How to start thinking about impact**  
Prof Michael TSIMPLIS, Professor, SLW
- **Impact Case Studies**  
Prof Thomas CROFTS, Professor, SLW

To start with, Prof Wan indicated that the number of research output ranked as 4\* and 3\* in RAE 2020 had double-digit increases as with 2014. While this proved that our School achieved greater success in research output in 2020 than in 2014, there was still room for improvement. To this end, the School should work together in terms of research environment and impact case studies.

Following the brief introduction by Prof Wan, Prof Tsimplis and Prof Crofts shared their views on what constituted significant impact case studies based on the UK REF and Australian ERA exercises.



Prof Michael TSIMPLIS, Prof WAN Wai Yee and Prof Thomas CROFTS (from left to right)

The Research Retreat then moved on to the next section - the workplan and accomplishments of research centres since the last session in September 2020. Prof WANG Jiangyu (Director, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL)), Prof Alexander LOKE (Director, Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law

Centre (HKCML)), Prof ZHU Guobin (Director, Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR)) and Prof LIN Feng (Director, Centre for Judicial Education and Research (CJER)) gave detailed presentations on their centres' past events and future plans. The research centres would strive to yield more output and strengthen their influence by collaborating with more external parties through high-profile events.



Prof WANG Jiangyu



Prof Alexander LOKE



Prof ZHU Guobin



Prof LIN Feng

Before the retreat came to an end, Prof Wan shared her experiences on getting a larger-scale research grant in Hong Kong. Putting together a team from at least 2 institutions in Hong Kong and pilot studies were things she would like to stress when applying for a huge grant, worth noting that solutions or explanations would be needed when pilot studies were lacking.



## Applications for Larger-Scale Research Grants in HK

Wai Yee WAN  
Associate Dean  
School of Law, City University of Hong Kong



The day ended with closing remarks by Prof Tan. He expressed appreciation for the constructive sharing from colleagues.