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# **CPLR PhD Seminar Series(III):**

### Consent of the Governed:Resistance as a Constitutional power

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On March 23, 2023, the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) held its third PhD seminar online, with a total of 65 registered attendees. The theme of the seminar was "Consent of the Governed: Resistance as a Constitutional power."

Dr. Fang Meng (Assistant professor, SLW, CityU), served as the host, while Leigha Crout, a PhD student at King's College London, was the guest speaker. Prof. Cora Chan (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, HKU) and Dr. Peter Wang served as the discussants (Associate Professor, SLW, CityU).

The seminar aimed to explore the role of consent of the governed and resistance in forming the



power of a government. Leigha Crout shared her views and insights on this issue based on her research in political philosophy and law. She believed that resistance is an effective political means to safeguard citizens' freedom and rights while promoting social change and democratic development.

Prof. Chan and Dr. Wang expressed their opinions on Leigha Crout's presentation. They believed that the methods and means of resistance should be considered according to the actual situation of different countries and regions, while respecting the law and order to avoid social chaos and instability. The seminar was held successively and it provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to further understand the issues related to constitutional rights. The event demonstrated how City University's CPLR

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