

School of Law holds Round Table Discussion on Constitutional Law

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School of law at City University of Hong Kong held a round table discussion on “issues in constitutional law” on 22 November 2010.



Rector Jan Svak (right) and Slavomir Rudenko, Chancellor of Pan-European University

The round table discussion was facilitated by **Professor Dr Bea Verschraegen**, of Department of European, International and Comparative Law, Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, Austria. Attending scholars at the round

table discussion included **Professor Dr Jan Svak**, Rector of

the Pan European University, Slovak Republic, **Professor Dr Heinz Mayer**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Vienna, Austria and **Professor Wang Zhenmin**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Tsinghua University, Mainland China.



Professor Dr Bea Verschraegen

Professor Svak presented a paper on “Legal Constitutional Sources of the Slovak Republic”. Members noted that the paramount status of the constitution in the Slovak legal system. Professor Mayer shared his views on the impact of European law on Austrian Law. Professor Wang discussed constitutional law and “democratic legitimacy” in the context of Chinese law. The discussion among members allowed better understanding of jurisdictions of East and West.



Professor Wang Zhenmin (left) and Professor Dr Heinz Mayer

Professor Wang Guiguo, Dean of SLW stated that, “the Law School is pleased to hold the round table discussion. Hong Kong, as in most common law jurisdictions, does not have wholly rely on a written constitution, but a written constitution supplemented by a range of legal sources, such as international treaties or precedents. The round table discussion provides a platform to learn the role of constitutional law in a comparative perspective”.

