

The 3rd APELIA Conference cum an Event to Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong: Where is the boundary of national security in international and domestic law?

Host: Centre for Judicial Education and Research/School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

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Venue: City University of Hong Kong

After 911 event, national security has become an important agenda for both the international community and sovereign states. Over the years thereafter, national security issues have come up not only in its traditional security sense, but also in international trade and investment, bilateral relationship between sovereign states, and domestic law. There is a tendency that the concept of national security has been without proper justifications in some occasions. For example, in international and bilateral trade and investment, national security has been invoked by some countries to prohibit certain trade and investment activities. In domestic law, the implementation of national security law enacted by mainland China in Hong Kong has attracted attention of international community.

While acknowledging the importance of national security of each sovereign state, arbitrary use of national security as an excuse to achieve other objectives amounts to a serious challenge to the rule of law in both international and domestic context.

This conference aims to examine the boundary of national security in both international and domestic law, as well as how national security should be balanced with other interests and/or rights.

Topics: in order to focus discussion, we propose two topics:

1. National security issues in international trade and investment law;
2. National security issues in domestic law;

Interested parties may propose any other relevant national security issues.

These are the RELEVANT DATES:

Abstract (max 350 words) submission deadline: 1 March 2022 (Tue)

Draft paper submission: 1 May 2022 (Sun)

Publication plan: we may either publish an edited book or a special issue of a journal. We keep both options open at this stage.

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