The inaugural Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop for Junior Scholars is a new initiative led by Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA) to promote empirical legal studies. The Workshop’s objective is to nurture junior scholars (including post-doctoral fellows and PhD students) who are interested in empirical methodology and to provide a platform for them to learn about the new developments in empirical legal studies. The Forum also hopes to increase the sense of community among legal scholars in empirical studies and to promote the application of social science research methods in legal research.
The one-day Workshop features one introductory session to empirical legal studies and one advanced seminar on the latest development in the field.

**Programme**

**Opening Remarks** (9am - 9:10am)
Prof. Shen Weixing, Vice-President, ALSA; Dean, School of Law, Tsinghua University

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**Session I** (9:10am - 12:10pm)
**Topic:** Introduction to Empirical Methods in Legal Studies
**Presenter:** Assoc. Prof. Xu Wenming, Assoc. Dean, School of Law and Economics, China University of Political Science and Law
This session will cover the basics of empirical legal research, including framing research questions and hypothesis, collection of data, ensuring integrity of data, data cleaning, two-sample t-test and regression analysis.

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**Lunch Break** (12:10pm - 2pm)

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**Session II** (2pm - 5pm)
**Topic:** Big Data, Machine Learning, and Empirical Legal Studies
**Presenter:** Prof. Chang Yun-Chien, Research Professor & Director of Center for Empirical Legal Studies, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica
This session will discuss the new developments in empirical legal studies in relation to the use of big data and application of artificial intelligence.

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**Closing Remarks** (5pm - 5:10pm)
Prof. Wan Wai Yee, General Secretary, ALSA; Assoc. Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

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