

International Conference on Legal and Institutional Cooperation in the Greater Bay Area

Saturday & Sunday, 27 & 28 January 2024
School of Law Seminar Room 6301
Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA) initiative aims to economically unify two Special Administrative Regions—Hong Kong and Macau—with nine Guangdong cities into a globally competitive economic zone. This regional integration aspires to develop an innovative powerhouse, driving economic growth in China and across Asia. However, the GBA's diversity presents challenges, particularly the need for legal and institutional harmonization. Aligning laws and regulations is essential to facilitate business operations, attract investment, and enhance the region's overall economic landscape.

Differences in legal systems across the GBA currently create complexity for businesses operating cross-border, underscoring the urgency for a standardized legal framework. The adoption of international best practices in legal procedures can streamline business activities, offering transparency and predictability.

In light of these challenges, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) at the City University of Hong Kong School of Law, in collaboration with the Guangzhou Institute of GBA (GIG), is set to convene conferences in both Hong Kong and Guangzhou. These conferences will delve into the intricacies of legal and institutional cooperation within the GBA, aiming to produce scholarly work that informs policy development and stimulates further academic discourse, thereby contributing to the GBA's vision of seamless economic integration.

Convenor
Prof. Wang Jianguo

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, 26 JANUARY 2024

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| 19:00-21:00 | Welcome Dinner |

Saturday, 27 JANUARY 2024

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| 9.00am to 9.10am 10 mins | Registration |
| 9.10am to 9.20am 10 mins | Welcome Remark Lin Feng, Dean, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law |
| 9.20am to 9.30am 10 mins | Introduction of the Conference and Programme Wang Jiangyu, Director, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law |
| 9.30am to 10.10am 40 mins | Keynote Speech *Zheng Yongnian, Dean, Director, Professor, Guangzhou Institute of GBA, the Institute for International Affairs |
| PANEL 1: Constitutional, Regulatory, and Institutional Issue (Chairperson: Pan Xuanming) | |
| 10.10am to 11.25am Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 20 min presentation and 5 min discussion (speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom) | Speakers: Lin Feng, Dean, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>Identification and Application of Foreign Law on the GBA</i> [10.10-10.35] Zhu Guobin, Director, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law, Public Law and Human Rights Forum <i>Advancing the Construction of the GBA through legislative collaboration and harmonization</i> [10.35-11.00] Wang Jiangyu, Director, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law <i>Unification, Harmonization, and Legal and Institutional Convergence in China's Greater Bay Area: A Regime Complexity based Approach</i> [11.00-11.25] |
| 11.25am to 11.35pm 10 mins | AM Tea / Coffee Break |
| 11.35pm to 1.15pm Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 20 min presentation and 5 min discussion | Speakers: Ding Chunyan, Associate Dean, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>The Harmonization of Trade Secret Law in the GBA</i> [11.35-12.00] Lu Yan, Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA <i>Research on the Current Situation, Problems and Countermeasures of Mainland Travel Permit and Residence Permit for Hong Kong and Macao Residents</i> |

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| <p>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</p> | <p>[12.00-12.25]</p> <p>Shen Taixia, Associate Professor, Jinan University <i>Pluralistic Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for the Free Movement of Persons within the Guangdong–Hong Kong–Macao Greater Bay Area</i> [12.25-12.50]</p> <p>Wang Shucheng Peter, Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>One Country, Two Systems, Greater Bay Area and Constitutional Dialogism</i> [12.50-1.15]</p> |
| <p>1.15pm to 2.30pm 75 mins</p> | <p>Group Photo & Lunch</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">PANEL 2: Market Integration and Institutional Convergence (Chairperson: Li Mingbo)</p> | |
| <p>2.30pm to 4.35pm</p> <p>Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 20 min presentation and 5 min discussion</p> <p>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</p> | <p>Speakers:</p> <p>He Dongni, Academic Deputy Dean, Guangzhou Institute of GBA <i>What Can We Learn from the Formation of EU's Common Market? Vision, Driving Force, and Pathway of Market Integration in the GBA</i> [2.30-2.55]</p> <p>Yi Da & Li Jiahao, Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA <i>Coordination Mechanisms: Towards a Foundation of the Greater Bay Area Common Market</i> [2.55-3.20]</p> <p>Yan Xing, Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA <i>Building Bridges in Trade - The Path to a Unified Service Market in the Greater Bay Area</i> [3.20-3.45]</p> <p>Lai Ge, Research Fellow, CUHK(Shenzhen), the Institute for International Affairs <i>The External Challenges to China's CPTPP Negotiation: Political Willingness and Normative Barriers</i> [3.45-4.10]</p> <p>Ke Yian, Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA <i>GBA's Role in Pioneering a China-ASEAN Common Market</i> [4.10-4.35]</p> |
| <p>4.35pm to 4.45pm 10 mins</p> | <p>PM Tea / Coffee Break</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">PANEL 3: Private and Commercial Law Harmonization (Chairperson: Wang Jiangyu)</p> | |
| <p>4.45pm to 6.25pm</p> <p>Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 20 min presentation and 5 min discussion</p> <p>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</p> | <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Liu Qiao, Associate Director, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law <i>Commercial Law Harmonisation in the GBA: Inspirations and Lessons from the CISG</i> [4.45-5.10]</p> <p>Chan Chi Hin Peter, Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>Mutual assistance in insolvency proceedings in the Greater Bay Area: Challenges and Opportunities</i> [5.10-5.35]</p> <p>He Tianxiang, Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>Towards a Harmonised Regulatory Framework of Generative AI in GBA</i> [5.35-6.00]</p> |

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| | Du Ruyi, Lecturer, Jinan University, School of Law <i>Uniform Frustration Rules for a Model GBA Contract Law: Obstacles and Opportunities</i> [6.00-6.25] |
| 6.25pm | End of Conference, Day 1 Dinner |

Sunday, 28 JANUARY 2024

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| 9.00am to 9.10am 10 mins | Registration |
| PANEL 4: Finance, Data, and Law (Chairperson: He Dongni) | |
| 9.10am to 10.50am Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 20 min presentation and 5 min discussion (speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom) | Speakers: Lin Yu-Hsin Lauren, Associate Director, Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law & Xiao Shanyun, Senior Lecturer, Hong Kong Metropolitan University <i>Cross-Border Securities Regulatory Cooperation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area</i> [9.10-9.35] Pan Xuanming, Senior Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA & Liu Aiwen, Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA <i>Financing Innovation: How Venture Capital Empowers China to Overcome the Middle Technology Trap</i> [9.35-10.00] Han Sirui, Assistant Professor, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Academy of Interdisciplinary Studies <i>Old Wine in the New Bottle? A Data-Driven Assessment of China's Venture Capital Regulation</i> [10.00-10.25] Chen Zhenzhen, Lecturer, Guangdong University of Finance and Economics <i>Governing GBA through "Understanding": Cross-Border Data Transfer as a Case Study</i> [10.25-10.50] |
| 10.50am to 11.00am 10 mins | AM Tea / Coffee Break |
| PANEL 5: Sustainable Development (Chairperson: Yan Xing) | |
| 11.00am to 12.15pm Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 20 min presentation and 5 min discussion (speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom) | Speakers: Michael Tsimplis, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>GBA Economic Integration and Sustainable Shipping</i> [11.00-11.25] *Fang Meng, Assistant Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law <i>Low-carbon Transition in the GBA: The development of Renewable Energy Market</i> [11.25-11.50] Zhu Yuanbing, Research Fellow, Guangzhou Institute of GBA |

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| | <i>Research on Interactive Development of Industries in the GBA: With the Pattern of Coordinated Advantage</i> [11.50-12.15] |
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| PANEL 6: Concluding Remarks | |
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| 12.15pm to 12.35pm 20 mins | Closing Remarks Wang Jiangyu, Director, Professor, City University of Hong Kong, School of Law, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law He Dongni, Academic Deputy Dean, Guangzhou Institute of GBA |
| 12.35pm | Lunch & Group Photo End of Conference |