

## Cybersecurity and Its Role in Law and Society

On 15 September 2025, the School of Law Research Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) at City University of Hong Kong hosted a guest lecture titled *Cybersecurity and Its Role in Law and Society* by Professor **Samgat Yermekbayev**, First Vice-Rector for International Cooperation and Strategic Development at Satbayev University, Kazakhstan, and Adjunct Professor at CityU Law. The event took place at the Li Dak Sum and Yip Yio Chin Academic Building and drew participation from students, faculty members, and researchers with keen interest in the intersection of law, technology, and governance. The lecture was chaired and commented on by Professor **Wang Jiangu**, Director of the CCCL.

Professor Samgat Yermekbayev is a distinguished scholar and higher education leader. He holds an LL.M. degree from Penn State Law and has extensive experience in international law, policy design, and digital transformation. At Satbayev University, he has spearheaded major initiatives to strengthen global collaborations and develop academic programmes in technology and governance. His research and teaching focus on cybersecurity, international law, digital governance, and corporate compliance—areas where he seeks to integrate legal methodologies with technological realities.

In his lecture, Professor Yermekbayev examined the evolving role of law in addressing cybersecurity in a highly interconnected world. He explained how national regulations, international treaties, and cross-border cooperation frameworks have become essential tools to combat cyber threats, protect critical data, and preserve digital security. He discussed the complexity of balancing privacy rights, data protection, accountability mechanisms, and innovation in emerging technologies. Drawing from case studies and his own policy experience, he underscored the importance of viewing cybersecurity as a shared societal responsibility rather than a purely technical challenge. Professor Yermekbayev argued that legal systems must adapt dynamically to rapid technological change and that legal professionals must develop technological literacy to effectively participate in digital governance.

The audience responded enthusiastically to Professor Yermekbayev's comprehensive and forward-looking insights. Participants appreciated his clear articulation of the global dimensions of cybersecurity law and his emphasis on the ethical responsibilities of legal actors in shaping the future digital order. Students particularly valued his practical examples of cross-border cooperation, while academic staff acknowledged his contribution to clarifying the methodological foundations of a modern cybersecurity legal framework.

This lecture exemplified CCCL's mission to engage in interdisciplinary dialogue and global academic exchange. By hosting thought leaders such as Professor Yermekbayev, CCCL continues to advance its commitment to bridging law, technology, and society. The event not only enhanced the understanding of cybersecurity among the CityUHK community but also reflected CCCL's broader goal of fostering comparative perspectives and international collaboration in addressing contemporary global challenges.



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