



Centre for
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COVID-19 and its Impact on the Changing World of Law

Saturday & Sunday, 21 & 22 June 2025
Interdisciplinary Multifunction Room (G7603)
Yeung Kin Man Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong

The main goal of the 1.5-day invitation-only, closed-door conference is to promote discussions and inspire interest in an issue of profound significance and lasting relevance, ultimately culminating in the production of a special issue in an internationally refereed journal featuring academic papers (subject to acceptance) or, alternatively, a comprehensive volume compiling works by leading scholars worldwide.

We are expecting participants from Singapore, China, Hong Kong SAR of China, Australia, North America and Europe. We expect a good mix of participants from the academia, the judiciary and the legal profession, as we believe better research ideas can be generated by inspiring dialogues among academics, judges and lawyers.

Convenor
Prof. Liu Qiao

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Saturday, 21 June 2025

TIME (HKT)	PROGRAMME
8.40am to 9.00am 20 mins	Registration, tea and coffee
9.00am to 9.30am 30 mins	Opening Address Lin Feng, Dean, CityUHK School of Law Wang Jiangyu, Director, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law
SESSION 1: COVID-19 and Contract Law Moderator: Professor Liu Qiao	
9.30am to 10.50am Each speaker be given 20 minutes for their presentation. A dedicated Q&A session will follow after all speakers have completed their presentations.	Speakers: Tan Cheng Han [09:30–09:50] National University of Singapore <i>Covid-19, Agentic AI and Contract Formation</i> Ewan McKendrick [09:50–10:10] University of Oxford <i>Dealing with Pandemics: The Role of Express Contractual Terms</i> Leon Trakman [10:10–10:30] University of New South Wales <i>Managing Performance Networks in the Pandemic: From Discrete to Relational Contracting</i> Q&A Session [10:30–10:50]
10.50am to 11.10am 20 mins	AM Tea / Coffee Break

SESSION 2: COVID-19 and Chinese Contract Law

Moderator: Professor Ewan McKendrick

11.10am to 12.30pm

Each speaker be given 20 minutes for their presentation. A dedicated Q&A session will follow after all speakers have completed their presentations.

Speakers:

Xiong Bingwan [11:10-11:30]

Renmin University

COVID-19, Contractual Obligation and Risk Allocation: The Loss Lies Where It Falls or Parties' Duty to Renegotiate and to Share Loss?

Liu Qiao [11:30-11:50]

City University of Hong Kong

Frustration, Force Majeure and Change of Circumstances in the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong: Prospect of Harmonisation

Zhao Liang [11:50-12:10]

University of Southampton

Covid-19 in Shipping Disputes and Its Impact on Common Law

Q&A Session [12:10-12:30]

12.30 pm to 2.00pm
90 mins

Lunch

City Chinese Restaurant. 8/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex, City University of Hong Kong

SESSION 3: COVID-19 beyond Contract

Moderator: Professor Leon Trakman

2.00pm to 3.20pm

Each speaker be given 20 minutes for their presentation. A dedicated Q&A session will follow after all speakers have completed their presentations.

Speakers:

Hang Wu Tang and Edward Ti [14:00-14:20]

Singapore Management University

Precipitated by the Pandemic: A Comparative Study of Electronic Wills

Zhao Yun [14:20-14:40]

The University of Hong Kong

the Rise and Development of Online Dispute Resolution In time of Pandemic

Tang Zheng [14:40-15:00]

Wuhan University

Post Pandemic Digitization of Dispute Resolution

Q&A Session [15:00-15:20]

3.20pm to 3.40pm
20 mins

PM Tea / Coffee Break

SESSION 4: COVID-19 and International Law

Moderator: Professor Wang Jiangyu

<p>3.40pm to 5.00pm</p> <p>Each speaker be given 20 minutes for their presentation. A dedicated Q&A session will follow after all speakers have completed their presentations.</p>	<p>Andre Janssen [15:40-16:00] Radboud University <i>The Impact of Covid 19 on International Sales Contracts</i></p> <p>Olaf Meyer [16:00-16:20] Frankfurt University <i>COVID-19 and UNIDROIT</i></p> <p>Jiang Hao [16:20–16:40] Bocconi University <i>Voluntary Commutative Justice: A Unified Theory of Change of Circumstances</i></p> <p>Q&A Session [16:40-17:00]</p>
<p>5.00pm</p>	<p>End of Conference, Day 1</p>
<p>5.15pm</p>	<p>Dinner City Chinese Restaurant. 8/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex, City University of Hong Kong</p>

Sunday, 22 June 2025

SESSION 5:

How COVID-19 Has Impacted Your Legal Teaching and Research

(this session of the conference will be conducted in Chinese)

9.00am to 12.00pm	Speakers:
Speakers in this session will be invited to deliver a short presentation, followed by a round-table discussion.	Jiang Hao, Bocconi University Liu Qiao, City University of Hong Kong Tang Zheng, Wuhan University Xiong Bingwan, Renmin University Zhao Liang, University of Southampton Zhao Yun, The University of Hong Kong
12.00pm	End of Conference, Day 2
12.15pm	Lunch City Chinese Restaurant. 8/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex, City University of Hong Kong