

# Private Law and the Problems of Vulnerability and Sustainability

## A Conference of the Private Law Consortium

**Organized by Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre (HKCML)**

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Vulnerability is a multifaceted concept which, in private law, includes issues that arise whenever there are interactions between parties of differing sophistication and different bargaining power. It also includes the ability to deal with exposure to new or increased financial, environmental or public health risks. New vulnerabilities are exposed whenever there are changes to the environment, whether there are changes in our natural world or advances in technology, that impact the way we live and interact. Vulnerability at the broader environmental level dovetails with the call for sustainable practices.

The Conference will cover a wide range of topic including:

- harm and redress in the metaverse
- vulnerability as a legal excuse in contracting
- retail investor and consumers as vulnerable contracting parties
- data privacy vulnerabilities
- risks which attend authorized push payments
- potential solutions to vulnerabilities through comparative welfare law
- private-law-public law intersections addressing sustainability concerns
- public-private partnerships directed toward sustainable development
- supply chain governance dilemmas
- corporate regulatory techniques to promote sustainable practices

### DATE

4 May (Thursday) - 5 May (Friday) 2023

### TIME

9:00 am - 6 pm (4 May 2023)

9:00 am - 1 pm (5 May 2023)

(TBC)

### VENUE

Seminar Room of School of Law  
(LI -6301) , City University of Hong  
Kong

6/F Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic  
Building, City University of Hong Kong

### LANGUAGE

English

**Limited spaces are available for observers from the CityU community and the Hong Kong legal fraternity.**

**If you would like to attend the conference, please register by 26 April 2023.**

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