



Roundtable Series on National Security Law

Hong Kong's National Security Law: Implications for Companies and their Human Rights Responsibilities

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Hong Kong's National Security Law (NSL) applies, among others, to all companies or organisations set up in Hong Kong if they commit an offence – whether in Hong Kong or outside – under the NSL. A company may also be liable to incite, aid, abet, or assist in the commission of four broadly defined offences. At the same time, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and other international standards expect companies to follow all internationally recognised human rights. This independent responsibility applies wherever companies operate, and they should seek ways to honour the principles of internationally recognized human rights when faced with conflicting requirements.

How can companies comply with the NSL without ignoring their human rights responsibilities under international standards? Several experts will discuss practical ways to deal with this challenge already faced in different ways by many companies operating in Hong Kong.

This webinar is the first in a series of webinars that the Public Law and Human Rights Forum of City University of Hong Kong will organise in coming months to discuss various aspects of the NSL.

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William Nee, Business and Human Rights Strategy Advisor, Amnesty International Hong Kong

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