

RCCL Online Workshop

Covid-19, International Law and the Post-Pandemic International Order

The novel coronavirus, officially known as Covid-19, first broke out in Wuhan and has quickly become a global pandemic. As the disease unleashes the worst global health and economic crisis since WWII, China has been locked in a public relations tug-of-war on the international stage as some foreign politicians and lawyers have been blaming the Chinese government and its officials for their early handling of the disease. Several attempts have been made in the United States to hold China accountable under domestic law and international law. On the other hand, Chinese government and many scholars within and outside China presented arguments and evidence on China's good-faith effort to inform foreign governments and international organizations at the inception of its war on the pandemic. Leading scholars in international relations have also pointed out that the Covid-19 pandemic, in tandem with the growing rivalry between China and United States, will forever alter the international order.

This workshop will bring together a group of distinguished international law and international relations scholars from Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas to discuss the international law issues concerning Covid-19, including, in particular, state responsibility in public health crisis. Taking advantage of the combined expertise of the scholars invited, the workshop will also explore the impact of the Covid-19 crisis on the international order.

Date: 22 May 2020 (Friday)

Time: 9:00am (HKT) – 6:00pm (HKT)

Language: Putonghua

This Workshop will be conducted via Zoom or Ding Talk (to be confirmed later). It is a closed-door meeting and participation is by invitation only.

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