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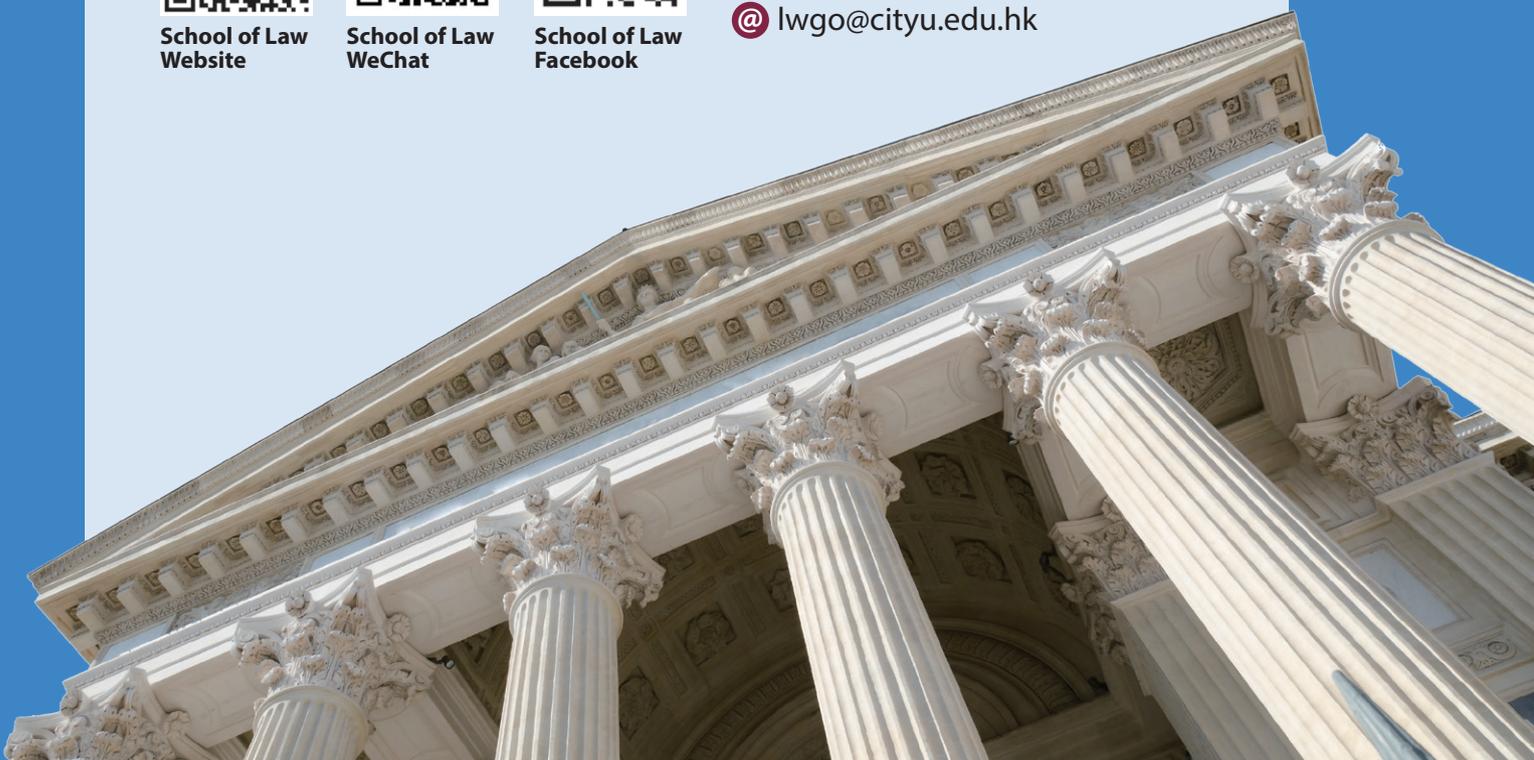


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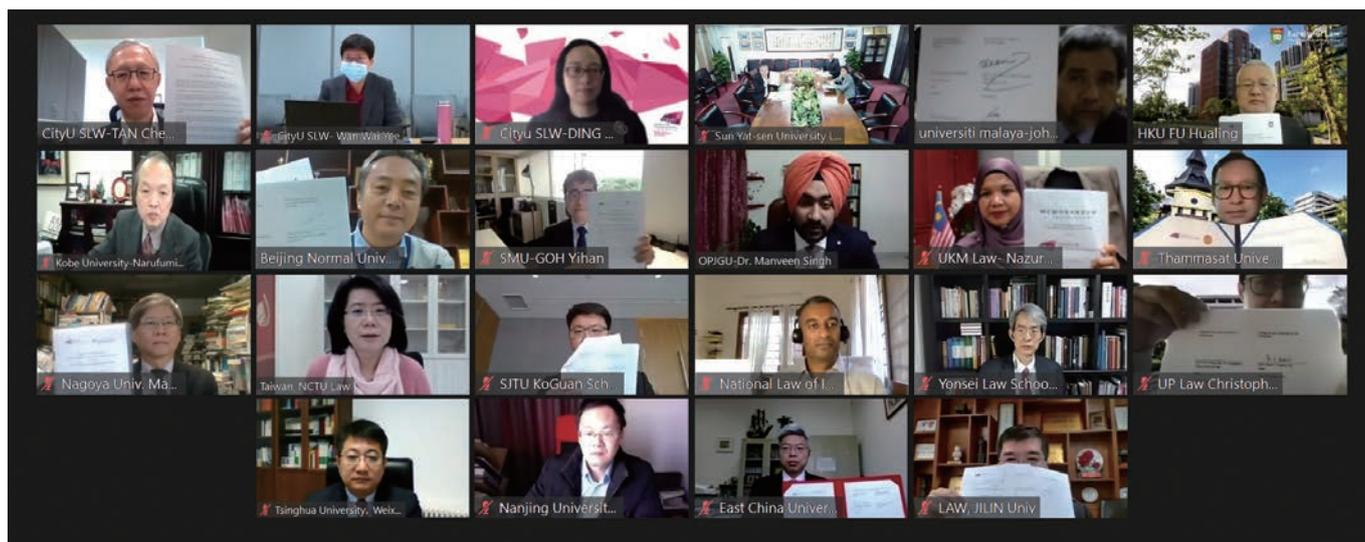
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Insights from the Inaugural Asian Law Schools Association Deans' Congress on the Future of Law Schools and Legal Education

The Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA) was formally inaugurated on January 15, 2021 with a Deans' Congress. Deans and academic leaders from the 22 founding institutions participated in a wide-ranging and stimulating discussion on the future of law schools and legal education.

Below are some of the insights from the Deans' Congress.

1. A strong theme was the pace of digitalization brought about by COVID-19. There was a strong consensus that hybrid learning is here to stay and views were also expressed that it should be the norm moving forward. This poses challenges while at the same time creates exciting opportunities for innovation such as the possibility of "global classrooms". Strong views were expressed about ALSA pioneering the use of global classrooms, which can take a number of forms.
2. One suggestion that was made and supported by several Deans was that the founding members can contribute courses (that are taught either wholly online or hybrid online and face to face classes) into a basket which students from other founding universities can take online. This will enhance the number of offerings that are available to the students and at the same time allow them to obtain the benefits of taking courses taught by renowned faculty members of the other universities without incurring significant costs of travel and accommodation.
3. An interesting insight was made about how the human-technology interface will become more important. This led to a discussion about some of the implications this would have on the legal profession and by extension law schools. One implication is that much of the tedious and time intensive work done by young associates may no longer be necessary in the medium term. This in turn raises the difficult issue of what law schools can do to ensure that their students continue to have value to law firms and other employers.
4. One theme that was much discussed (and that also may be part of the solution to the preceding issue) is the importance of interdisciplinary education. Law schools should not only be located within their universities but become better integrated with the entire university community. In addition to long-established double degree programmes with the humanities, social sciences and business, Asian law schools are starting new double degree programmes in science and technology while increasingly integrating broader perspectives into the law curriculum as a whole. The importance of integration was stressed by many participants so that students do not see interdisciplinary education as separate streams and are able to better integrate the knowledge and perspectives they encounter.



Virtual Signing of the ALSA Memorandum of Understanding

5. In terms of teaching methodology, views were expressed that academic faculty must transform themselves from being “gurus” in the classroom to facilitators to enhance student learning, and in an interconnected world having sufficient courses in the English language is important.
6. A concern shared by some is the impact of COVID-19 on the economy and how this may adversely affect funding for higher education. More efficient cost management could therefore be crucial. The ability to obtain research grants may also assume greater importance. As such grants are competitive in nature, and greater priority may be given to projects focused on health and certain areas in science, to be competitive law-based applications may have to be more interdisciplinary to have greater societal impact.
7. Just as the hybrid mode of learning may become the norm, similar views were expressed about online international conferences and symposia, given also the potentially challenging financial circumstances. A number of participants observed that their experience of such activities has been positive. In addition to financial savings, online conferences and symposia can also be held on a more timely basis and not be limited to windows where there is no teaching.
8. Notwithstanding these advantages, it was observed that time zone differences raised practical problems, and the loss of informal discussion and interaction was a major disadvantage. Such conferences and symposia may therefore have to be held over shorter segments involving more days; greater thought has to be given to using electronic meeting rooms that allow people to spontaneously transition to; and more use be made of pre and post-meets.

About the Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA)

The Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA) is a network of 22 leading Asian law schools dedicated to the development of legal education and scholarship within Asia. It seeks to facilitate collaboration through conferences, symposia, workshops, round tables and other learning activities. More information about ALSA can be found at: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/slw/ALSA/>.

CityU School of Law Dean Prof TAN Cheng-Han and CCCL Director Prof WANG Jiangyu Interviewed by HK01 on the Role of Hong Kong Law Schools in Legal Research and Education Reform in Hong Kong

In early January 2021, the Dean of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) Prof TAN Cheng-Han and Director of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) of CityU School of Law Prof WANG Jiangyu were interviewed by HK01 — a Hong Kong-based online news portal — on the role of Hong Kong’s law schools in Hong Kong’s legal research and education reform.

During the interview, when responding to the question as to the role of law schools, CityU School of Law Dean Prof TAN Cheng-Han expressed the opinion that a law school should balance its role “locally” and “internationally”. As far as its local role is concerned, since a law school has close connection with the jurisdiction in which it is located, it therefore has the obligation to serve the local community. In other words, Hong Kong’s law schools have the obligation to train lawyers that are needed for Hong Kong’s legal market. As to a law school’s international role, since it is a member of the international community, it therefore should also serve the international community and become part of the international dialogue. This means that Hong Kong’s law schools should help the international community to understand

the position of Hong Kong’s legal system at an international level, and at the same time enhance the knowledge of themselves, the Hong Kong legal community, as well as Hong Kong society as a whole, with regard to the approaches different jurisdictions adopt in handling various legal issues.

Besides, Prof Tan considered that, given the fact that Hong Kong law schools have been enjoying a good international reputation, and Hong Kong’s geographic advantage also makes it the central place for Chinese legal studies, there is no doubt that Hong Kong has all the necessary conditions to house one of the most significant law schools in the world, which is also the goal of CityU School of Law. In fact, CityU School of Law’s CCCL has long been a pioneer in Chinese law research internationally. Additionally, Prof Tan pointed out that, as China’s international influence continues to increase and China’s legal development keeps accelerating, demand for Hong Kong lawyers who are proficient in both common law and Chinese law in the legal market would definitely increase. Thus, CityU School of Law would endeavour to nurture professionals of this kind.

With regard to the pressure faced by Hong Kong’s universities as a result of the adoption of

“internationalisation” by the University Grant Council (UGC) as the assessment criterion in its research assessment exercise (RAE), Prof Tan expressed that as a Law Dean he would not place too much emphasis on that criterion. Instead, he was concerned about recruiting outstanding academics for the Law School and providing a good research environment — such as setting up a broad research direction for the Law School, providing seed funding for colleagues to start their research, encouraging colleagues to collaborate with scholars of other disciplines to conduct cross-disciplinary research and to establish partnerships with outstanding researchers in the world — for colleagues to demonstrate their potential to the greatest extent. With respect to the research of Law School colleagues, Prof Tan explained that he would respect colleagues’ academic freedom to the greatest extent, and thus, he would only give a broad research direction instead of imposing pressure on colleagues because of RAE or other reasons.

CCCL Director Prof WANG Jiangyu started his interview by talking about Hong Kong’s contribution to China’s legal development. He pointed out that, for the past three or four decades, the laws of China have developed from



CityU School of Law Dean Prof TAN Cheng-Han



CCCL Director Prof WANG Jianguo

their original simple rules into a sophisticated and complicated legal system with rather comprehensive and highly technical rules. During this legal modernisation process, Hong Kong has played a significant role, for example, in facilitating the transplantation of Western laws into the Chinese legal system through legal exchange between Hong Kong and mainland China in academic and market contexts.

As Prof Wang argued, several advantages, including the “One Country, Two Systems” arrangement, Hong Kong’s strategic geographical location in China and the world, and the strong international background of the legal scholars and lawyers in Hong Kong, have sustained the irreplaceable role of Hong Kong’s legal academia in serving as a bridge between Chinese law and the international community. On the one hand, unlike legal scholars in mainland China whose legal research is guided by various aspects (such as the academic training they received, the macro political environment, research purpose and research methodologies), Hong Kong’s legal scholars are capable of interpreting, analysing and promoting Chinese law by using internationally accepted methods. On the other hand, the rich international elements

of Hong Kong law schools’ programmes and the international and comparative research carried out by Hong Kong’s legal scholars also help meet the strong demand for comparative legal studies in mainland China — especially the demand for overseas experience with respect to newly emerging legal issues (such as legal liabilities of automatic driving and artificial intelligence, and regulation of crowdfunding).

On the role of CCCL, Prof Wang further observed that, as a research institution established in Hong Kong, CCCL also hopes to contribute to legal research centred upon issues which are relevant to and significant for Hong Kong, and to assist in clarifying Hong Kong’s status and promoting Hong Kong’s influence and contribution to building the rule of law in China. Hence, the study of Hong Kong’s past, present and future role in the process of China’s legal system development has been set as one of CCCL’s key research foci.

With regard to the research direction and assessment criteria for Hong Kong’s legal academia, Prof Wang pointed out that UGC should not only use internationalisation as the sole assessment criterion in its RAE and ignore local resources and issues. On the contrary, he was of the opinion that more attention should be

given to local knowledge and research questions. Hong Kong should better utilise its advantages of being a place with a unique position to examine China-related legal issues as well as to study Hong Kong’s local issues from comparative and international perspectives because these are the values in which Hong Kong is vested.

Three New Double Degree Programmes Offered at CityU School of Law

CityU School of Law will offer three double degree programmes namely, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science in Computing Mathematics, Bachelor of Social Sciences in Criminology and Bachelor of Laws, and Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Bachelor of Laws* in the next academic year to fulfil market needs.

JS1220 Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science in Computing Mathematics

In view of the increasing demand for lawyers to handle legal cases requiring analytical mathematical skills, the School of Law (SLW) and the Department of Mathematics (MA) jointly offer a new five-year undergraduate double degree programme, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science in Computing Mathematics, the first-ever double degree in these two disciplines in Hong Kong. The law-maths double degree programme addresses an important market need in the legal profession by providing additional mathematical training to law students and equipping them with critical skills in areas such as probability and statistics, quantitative analysis and logic that are becoming increasingly important in the legal world. Graduates possessing legal knowledge and data analysis skills are expected to be highly sought-after in the employment market.

For more information about this programme, please visit:
https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ma/ug/law-math_doubledegree.htm

JS1121 Bachelor of Social Sciences in Criminology and Bachelor of Laws

The double degree programme co-offered by the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and SLW aims to equip students with broad knowledge of criminology and laws and broaden their perspective on both criminal justice and legal issues. Students will also acquire professional competence to conduct criminological and legal research to solve problems in organisational, community, societal, national, and international contexts with a particular interest in protecting the public and maintaining Hong Kong as one of the safest cities in the world.

The double degree will not only provide students with in-depth and diversified knowledge and much-enhanced job market prospects, but also foster further multidisciplinary understanding and cooperation in advancing professional development in the region.

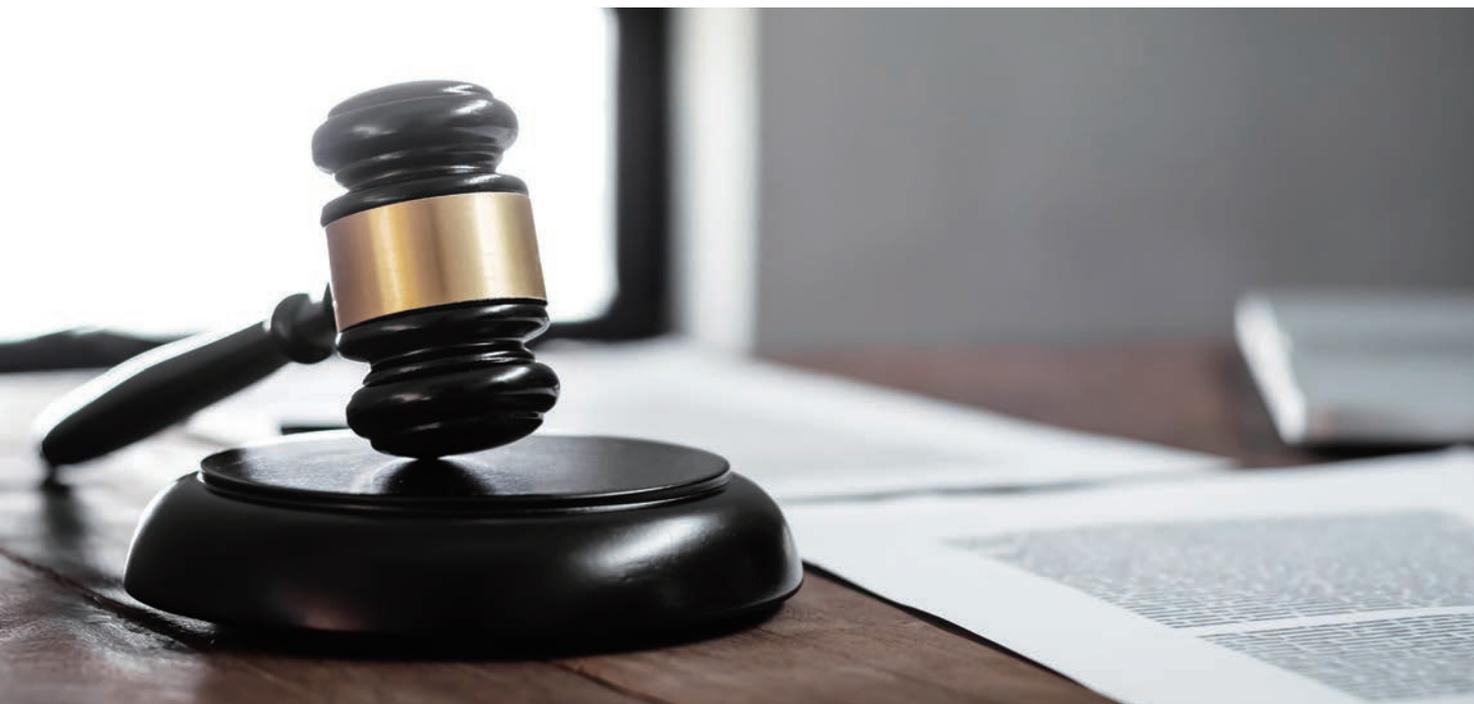
For more information about this programme, please visit:
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JS1122 Bachelor of Social Sciences in Public Policy and Bachelor of Laws

The trends of globalisation and integration have generated strong demand locally in Hong Kong for professionals with multi-social and cultural exposure in their educational background. In particular, establishing a close partnership with another College/School in CityU will benefit our students tremendously with academic training in multiple disciplines — i.e. policy, social, and legal studies — which can prepare our students to become all-rounders to compete on the world stage.

The double degree programme run by the Department of Public Policy in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and SLW will constitute a move in the direction of meeting these local needs and challenges. Such a double degree programme will not only provide students with in-depth and diversified knowledge and much-enhanced job market prospects, but also foster further multi-disciplinary understanding and cooperation in advancing professional development in the region.

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CityU LLMArbDR and LLM Programmes Obtained Fellowships from UGC

The Master of Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (LLMArbDR) and the Master of Laws (LLM) in Corporate and Commercial Law of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) have successfully obtained fellowships from the University Grants Committee's (UGC) Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme (Second Cohort) for 2021/22 intake. The main purpose of the Scheme is to attract meritorious local students to pursue further studies in priority areas that are conducive to the development of Hong Kong.

Under the scheme, 13 fellowship places would be made available for the LLMArbDR and three fellowship places for the LLM in Corporate and Commercial Law. The fellowship recipients are required to pay a minimum tuition fee of HK\$42,100 and the difference will be subsidised by the fellowships subject to a cap of HK\$120,000 for each student regardless of the actual study period of their programme.

The admission for 2021/22 intake for the above two programmes was commenced in mid-November 2020.

Reappointment of Adjunct Professors, Mr IU Ting Kwok, Mr LEUNG Wing Keung, Albert, Dr MA Yiu-Tim, Jimmy, Mr MUGHAL Hanif M, and Dr TO Wing, Christopher at the School of Law



Mr IU Ting Kwok, MH ("TK") is a CityU School of Law alumnus holding a master's degree in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (with credit). TK is a Hong Kong leading mediation practitioner, as Who's Who Legal 2019 says, "[TK] is a well-respected name in the Hong Kong market where he enjoys a strong reputation for his world-class mediation practice."

Currently, TK is a member of the Secretary for Justice's Steering Committee and Chairman of the Special Committee on Evaluation Mediation.

TK is also a director of eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited, and he maintains his legal and mediation practice with Kwok, Ng & Chan, Solicitors & Notaries.



Mr LEUNG Wing Keung, Albert graduated from CityU School of Law in 2003. He is a consultant to Yau Lee Holdings Limited and is currently involved in mediation, arbitration and expert witness work as well as forensic engineering work. He teaches LLMArbDR.



Dr MA Yiu-Tim, Jimmy is a practising barrister and former Legal Adviser of the Legislative Council Secretariat. He acquired a PhD in Law from Peking University, China in 2006, and he teaches LLM, Doctor of Juridical Science (JSD) and General Education (GE).



Mr MUGHAL Hanif M is a practising barrister in Hong Kong and he acquired an LLM from the University of Cambridge, UK. He teaches Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL).



Dr TO Wing, Christopher is a recognised authority on alternative dispute resolution techniques and has represented clients in arbitrations, adjudications and mediations in Hong Kong and overseas, as well as commission on inquiry and court litigation. He frequently acts as a neutral in Hong Kong and overseas and is a sought-after speaker/moderator at international forums. He is Programme Director of LLMArbDR and teaches the programme.

City University School of Law Students Shared Love and Warmth With Children Witnesses of Domestic Violence and Children From Low-income Families During the Christmas Season- “See You Zoom See You Soon” Online English Storytelling Classes and Christmas Party”

Since 2015, CityU law students and alumni have been participating in a number of service projects for children and teenager witnesses of domestic violence living at Serene Court, a women’s shelter for domestic violence victims, of the Christian Family Service Centre (“CFSC”). Such projects included School of Law students and alumni acting as mentors and accompanying these children to purchase books at the Hong Kong Book Fair, a mentoring scheme for secondary school students and Christmas parties. These activities have benefited more than 200 children and teenagers, allowing them to feel the love and concerns from the volunteers while living in the shadows of domestic violence.

In the past year, the COVID-19 epidemic has not diminished the enthusiasm of CityU law students for public service. In September 2020, a number of law students attended a webinar jointly organized by the CityU School of Law Students’ Professional Development and Public Service Programme (“the Public Service Programme”) and the Children Family Service Division of CFSC to understand the needs of children witnesses of domestic violence as well as underprivileged and ethnic minority children. After this seminar, children from four families received online private tutoring from the law students for three months. This enabled the children to receive adequate learning support despite their lack of resources.



An online English storytelling session with 2 law students as teachers and children from Tin Shui Wai

During the past Christmas and New Year break, the Public Service Programme joined hands with Serene Court and Tin Shui Wai Community Centre of CFSC again to serve the children in need in an activity entitled “See You Zoom See You Soon.” In this activity, 23 CityU law students provided a total of 12 online English storytelling sessions to some children witnesses of domestic violence staying or used to stay at Serene Court and children from low-income families living in Tin Shui Wai. 43 children participated in this activity. In each session, two volunteers read English story books around the themes of Christmas and good morals to a small group of children. Volunteers did not simply tell the stories but also encourage the children to reflect upon and discuss in English their thoughts on the contents and morals in these stories. Some of the stories were specially chosen in light of the needs of the participants. For example, most children affected by domestic violence lack confidence in their interactions with others. By discussing the book “If You Give A Moose A Muffin”, volunteers highlighted the importance of establishing trust in human relationships. They also shared their own experience in developing trusts in their friends thus providing a role model for these children.

We have received very positive comments from both the children participants and volunteers. According to the children’s feedback questionnaire received by the Tin Shui Wai Community Centre, 100% of the participants agreed

that this activity had helped them learn new English words and increased their interest in English. All of them were satisfied with this event and the performance by the volunteers. According to the feedback from the law student volunteers, most of them indicated that they felt happy in the service process and found this experience very meaningful as they could help children in need and bring them joy. They were grateful for the opportunity to participate in this activity and had learnt how to interact with children and be more patient. In particular, one law student wrote that through participating in this activity, “I was able to understand more about the less privileged.” Another wrote “I got to understand more about the children’s situation, thus making me appreciate the things that I have right now.”

Besides the storytelling sessions, on Christmas Eve, Mrs. Fung, Adjunct Professor and founder of the Public Service Programme and volunteers also helped in an online Christmas party for the children in Tin Shui Wai. Activities in this party included singing of Christmas songs, story-telling and an art and craft session where each child made a Christmas tree. Hand-made Christmas cards and presents were also prepared and given to the children at Serene Court and in Tin Shui Wai. Hopefully all the time spent by the law students with the children together with the Christmas cards and presents could bring warmth to these children amidst the cold weather during this joyful Christmas season even though we all had to stay at home!



An online Christmas party for children in Tin Shui Wai

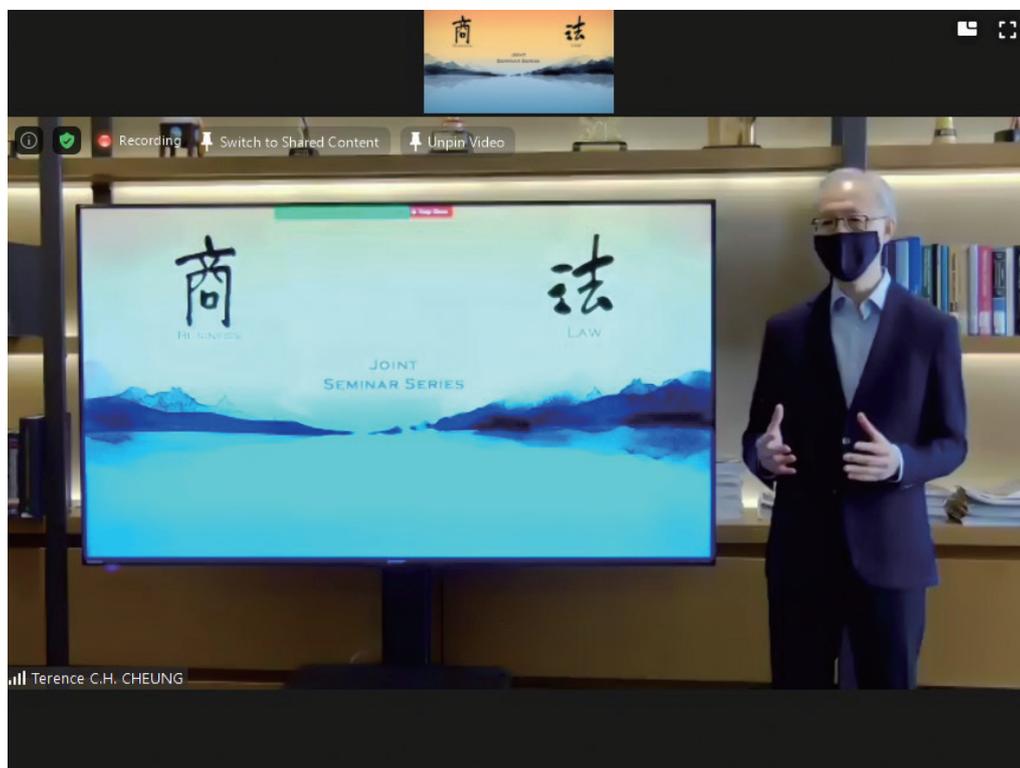


Children in Tin Shui Wai received presents prepared for them with love from the volunteers

School of Law – College of Business Inaugural Joint Seminar Series: “Implementing Transaction Fee Mechanism in Permissioned Blockchains: An Economic Analysis”

School of Law – College of Business Inaugural Joint Seminar Series: “Implementing Transaction Fee Mechanism in Permissioned Blockchains: An Economic Analysis” was held on 12 November 2020. The event kicked off with a welcome speech by Prof TAN Cheng-Han (Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong (SLW, CityU)) and Prof Frank CHEN (Dean, College of Business, City University of Hong Kong (CB, CityU)). Prof Tan extended a warm welcome to all the participants. Prof Chen was delighted to see the collaboration between the two departments and wished this series a great success.

Following the warm welcome, the presentation entitled “Implementing Transaction Fee Mechanism in Permissioned Blockchains: An Economic Analysis” was given by Prof YUE Wei Thoo (Associate Head and Professor, Department of Information Systems (IS), CityU). By using a queuing and game-theoretic model to investigate the economic outcome of implementing a transaction fee mechanism in a permissioned blockchain setting, Prof Yue’s study evaluated the social welfare outcomes and compared them with the outcome of the use of the FCFS mechanism. This study demonstrated that the transaction fee mechanism should be considered in permissioned blockchains in order to maximise social welfare under certain business situations.



The 25th Goff Arbitration Lecture by Ms REED Lucy: “Arbitrator ‘Temperance’: David Caron’s Rule of X”

CityU School of Law, in cooperation with Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), held the 25th Goff Arbitration Lecture via Zoom on 14 October 2020. This year, we were honoured to have Ms REED Lucy, an independent arbitrator at the Arbitration Chambers in New York, as the speaker to give a lecture entitled “Arbitrator ‘Temperance’: David Caron’s Rule of X”.

The lecture kicked off with the welcome speech by Prof TAN Cheng-Han (Dean of School of Law and Chair Professor, Commercial Law, CityU). Prof Tan explained the background and the aims of the Goff Arbitration Lecture. He also introduced the speaker and thanked all the participants for their support for the lecture.

Ms Reed’s lecture focused on the merits of arbitrator self-discipline in managing caseload and work. She further developed the late David Caron’s “Rule of X” which, in simple form, is that each arbitrator should set a number — X — as the upper limit of cases that he/she is capable of managing responsibly at the same time, while also balancing his/her own life outside arbitration. According to Ms Reed, the number is strictly individual, varying over time with personal circumstances (including experience, age, competing commitments, career stage) and with the demands of his/her caseload (including chair versus co-arbitrator responsibility).

Ms Reed said that “X” was a maximum of 8 to 10 cases for her when she was a professor and a director of an international law research centre; but for her right now as a full-time arbitrator, it is a maximum of 10 to 15 cases. She suggested that arbitrators identify the potential factors and run their own “X” equations.

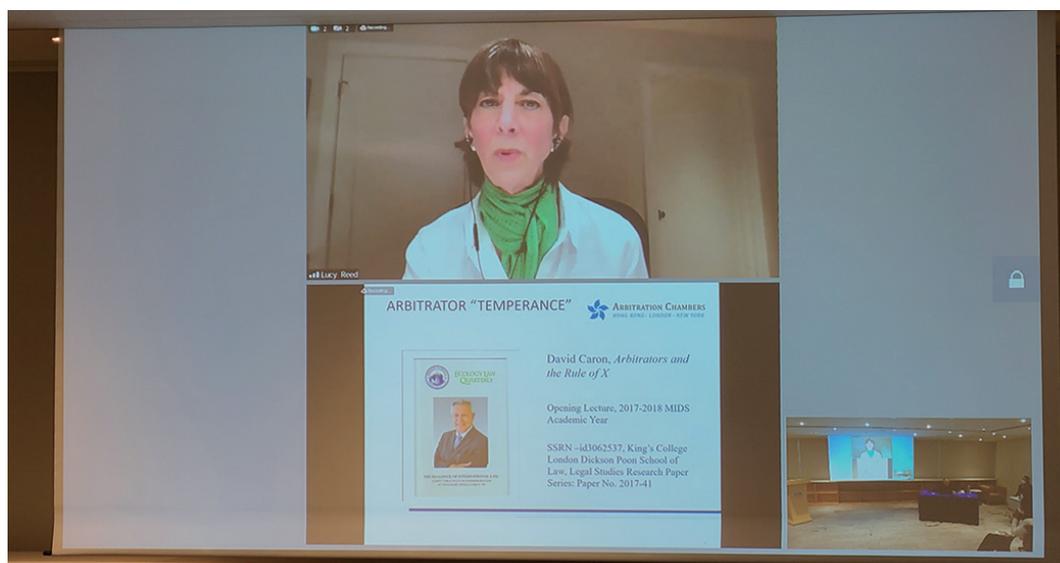
After the lecture, the participants raised questions and interacted with Ms Reed in the Q&A session moderated by Mr KAPLAN Neil CBE QC SBS (International Arbitrator, Arbitration Chambers Hong Kong). Finally, Dr TO Christopher (Adjunct Professor and Master of Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Programme Director, School of Law, CityU) thanked Ms Reed for delivering an insightful lecture. He also encouraged participants to follow CityU School of Law on social media for the latest School news and upcoming events.

About the Goff Arbitration Lecture:

The Goff Lecture was instituted in 1990 by the City University of Hong Kong to celebrate the commencement of our Master of Arts in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. The first lecture was delivered by Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord of Appeal, who then consented to the series bearing his name. The Goff Lecture provides an excellent opportunity for discussion and exchange of views among practitioners and academics in the arbitration field. Over the years, the Goff Arbitration Lecture has gathered 24 eminent scholars to share their views on arbitration.

About the Speaker:

Ms REED Lucy is President of ICCA and Vice-President of the SIAC Court. Over her career, Lucy has represented private and public clients in investment treaty and complex commercial arbitrations and sat as arbitrator in some 50 cases. Her earlier positions include Co-Director of the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Dormant Accounts in Switzerland, General Counsel of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization and, while working with the US State Department, the US Agent to the Iran-US Claims Tribunal. Being a New York qualified lawyer, she was educated at the University of Chicago Law School and Brown University.



Research Camp

The webinar Research Camp was hosted on 30 September 2020. The event kicked off with a welcome speech by Prof TAN Cheng-Han (Dean, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong (SLW, CityU)) and Prof HO Samuel M.Y. (Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Humanities (CLASS), CityU). Prof Tan extended a warm welcome to all the participants and wished such an important meeting a great success; while Prof Ho was delighted to see the collaboration between the two departments.

The Research Camp consisted of two sessions. The first session, the joint methods session with CLASS, was moderated by Prof WAN Wai Yee (Associate Dean, SLW, CityU). The topics of the presentation were as follows (according to the order of presentation):

- **Qualitative Empirical Research: Interviews, Surveys, Content Analysis**
Dr PASCOE Daniel, Associate Professor, SLW
- **'Sexting and Young People: Perceptions, Practices, Policy and Law' – A Collaborative, Interdisciplinary, Multi-methods Approach**
Prof CROFTS Thomas, Professor, SLW
- **Using Documents of Adjudication Decisions to Decipher Judicial Attitudes**
Dr CHAN Peter, Assistant Professor, SLW
- **Experimental Approach on Eye Tracking Research**
Dr YEUNG Dannii, Associate Professor, Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences
- **Public Opinion Survey**
Dr CHENG Edmund, Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy
- **The Use of Qualitative Inquiry in Legal Education (Language) Skills Research**
Dr HAFNER Christoph, Associate Professor, Department of English

The School also invited Dr ONG Rebecca (Associate Professor, SLW, CityU) and Dr DING Chunyan (Associate Dean, SLW, CityU) this year to share their strategies on grant capture. Dr Ong stressed the importance of project objectives and research outputs. She also mentioned that the research topic should satisfy both legal and non-legal interests. Meanwhile, Dr Ding suggested that caution was needed when choosing research methods to solve the research question.

The Research Camp then moved on to the next section – the work plan and accomplishments of research centres since the last session in May 2020. Prof WANG Jianguyu (Director, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL)), Prof ZHU Guobin (Director, Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR)), Prof LIN Feng (Director, Centre for Judicial Education and Research (CJER)), and Prof LOKE Alexander (Director, Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre (HKCML)) gave detailed presentations on their centres' past events. Conferences were successfully held despite the impact of COVID-19. Our research centres would strive to yield more output and strengthen their influence in the future.

At the end of the retreat, Prof Tan honoured Dr GUAN Wenwei (Associate Professor, SLW, CityU) as the winner of Outstanding Research Award 2020 at CityU School of Law. Meanwhile, the Outstanding Research Award 2020 (Junior Faculty) went to Dr CHAN Peter (Assistant Professor, SLW, CityU).

The day ended with closing remarks by Prof Wan. She expressed her appreciation for the constructive comments from colleagues and was pleased to see collaboration between CLASS and SLW.





CityU Hosted a Conference on “The Potential and Future of ODR”

Because of the COVID-19 lockdown, traditional in-person justice must now be pursued online. As a result, more practitioners and scholars are putting the spotlight on ODR – online dispute resolution. The online conference, entitled “The Potential and Future of ODR”, discussed the advantages, drawbacks and potential impacts of ODR and its development in an international context.

This Conference was co-organised by CityU School of Law and *CityU Law Review*, a student-edited, peer-reviewed academic law journal published by the CityU School of Law. With the aim of raising scholars’ and students’ awareness of the potential influence of ODR on the future of our legal industry, the *CityU Law Review* brought together scholars to discuss issues pertaining to the field of ODR. It was a valuable opportunity for practitioners, scholars and students to share their insights about the future of ODR. Around 70 guests attended the Conference.

The speakers invited to the Conference were Ms ROONEY Kim, Barrister, Gilt Chambers; Director, eBRAM International Online Dispute Resolution Centre Limited, who presented on the topic “ODR Legal Process and the New York Convention: The Need For, and Contents, of a Fair and Transparent Legal Process for ODR that Meets the Criteria of the New

York Convention”; Prof LARSON David Allen, Professor of Law, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, who spoke on the theme “ODR Can Improve Access to Justice But Must Include Everyone”; Dr TO Christopher, Adjunct Professor, SLW, CityU; Barrister, Gilt Chambers, who delivered a presentation entitled “Every Cloud has a Silver Lining – the Impact of Coronavirus on Online Dispute Resolution”; Dr PALOMBO Alessandro, CEO & Co-Founder, smart dispute resolution start-up “JUR”, who presented “Decentralized ‘Justice’: Today and Tomorrow – How Blockchain can Impact the Dispute Resolution Sector”; and Dr WANG Faye, Senior Lecturer in Law, Brunel Law School, who presented the topic “Online Arbitration in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”. Dr TOMASSETTI Julia (Coordinator and Assistant Professor, SLW, CityU) moderated the roundtable discussion among the speakers.

The Conference ended with the closing remarks by Dr Tomassetti who thanked all the speakers for their contributions to the Conference. She also encouraged the speakers and participants to submit papers to the *CityU Law Review*. The Conference was fruitful and thought-provoking, and the atmosphere throughout was interactive.

New Student Orientation 2020

The CityU School of Law Student Orientation 2020 was held in a real-time, online format on 25 August 2020 for the new LLB, Juris Doctor (JD), PCLL, LLM and LLMArbDR students. More than 450 students attended the Orientation on Zoom. The Orientation aimed to give new students an overview of academic and university life, introduce them to the University's resources, facilities and opportunities, and help them get prepared for their new start.

Prof TAN Cheng-Han (Dean, SLW, CityU) first warmly welcomed the new LLB and JD students on behalf of CityU School of Law. In his speech, he advised the students to spend time on reading and thinking about the law rather than expecting answers from the teachers. Noting that law school "is an important stage in your life," Prof Tan encouraged the students to enjoy their study and make the most out of their university life: "Don't be afraid to speak in class. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Think independently. Develop intellectual skills. Build lifelong relationships. Expand horizons and look out for opportunities."

Afterwards, the respective programme directors welcomed their students and set out their expectations.

Later on, the new LLB and JD students were given introductions into different aspects of law school life, including international mooting and advocacy, professional development, student advising scheme, CityU Law Review, the law library, and e-learning. Ms WONG Sandy, Past Chair of the Alumni Association of CityU School of Law, and Mr WAT Hans Wa Yan, President of the Executive Committee of the CityU Students' Union 31st Law Students' Society, were invited as guest speakers to share their experiences with the students about aspects of legal practice and legal study, respectively.

The Orientation for PCLL students was held in the afternoon, and that for LLM and LLMArbDR students was held in the evening. The students were warmly welcomed by the Dean and the teaching staff. The respective programme directors then briefed the students on the programme features, curriculum, assessment, resources and facilities in the individual programme orientations.

The Student Orientation was a great success, as students got to become more familiar with university life and gain information useful for their studies at CityU. Welcome all new students again to the CityU School of Law!



CityU School of Law Held Online Admission Talk for Postgraduate Programmes 2020 Entry

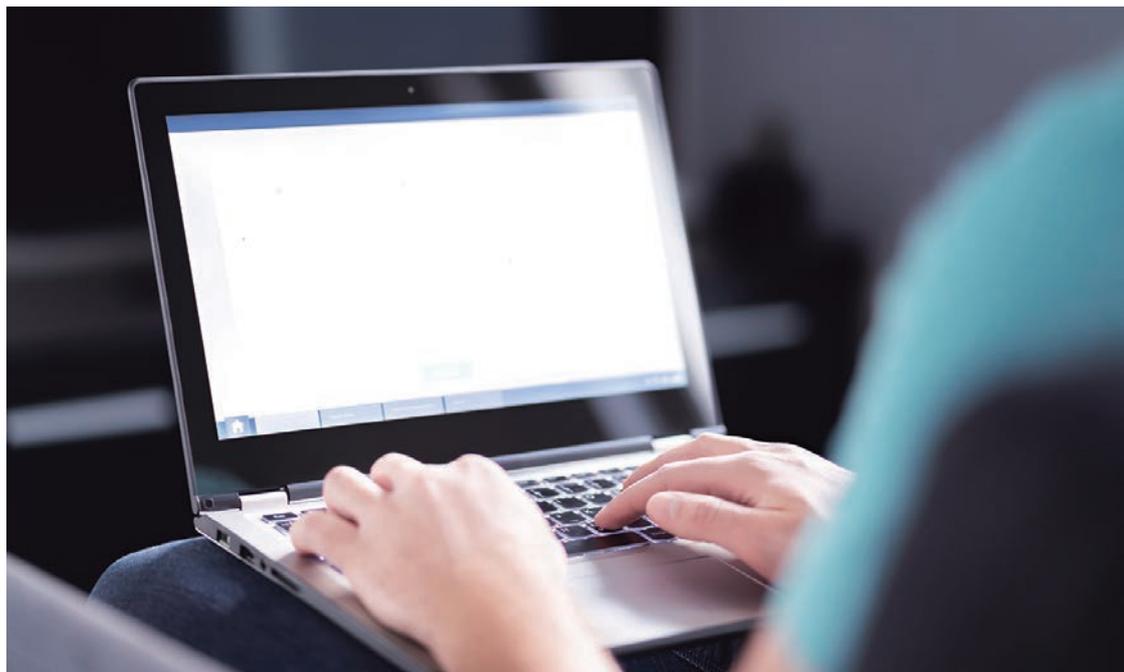
To help applicants understand more about the School and get the latest updates on the admission requirements of the postgraduate programmes, CityU School of Law held an admission talk online on 12 May 2020. The talk was attended by Dr DING Chunyan (Assistant Dean, SLW, CityU), Dr Lauren Yu-Hsin LIN (LLM Programme Director) and Dr TO Wing, Christopher (LLMArbDR Programme Director), and it attracted more than 500 participants.

Dr Ding kicked off the talk by introducing the latest rankings of the CityU School of Law. According to the latest Times Higher Education (THE) Law Rankings, CityU School of Law ranked joint 25th in the world and 3rd in Asia. Afterwards, Dr Ding, Dr Lin and Dr To introduced the JD, LLM and LLMArbDR programmes respectively in detail regarding aspects of the curricula, scholarships, admission requirements, etc.

Three graduates were also invited to join the talk to share their study experience.

During the final Q&A session, participants enthusiastically joined the discussion by posting questions to presenters who answered them in real time. Questions covered English language requirements, overseas exchange programmes, career development, etc.

To review the content of the admission talk, please visit: <https://m.lizhiweike.com/classroom3/17724705>



Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL)

CCCL & CPLR Online Symposium: International Symposium on COVID-19 and Models of Governance in East Asia and the World

The novel coronavirus, now officially known as COVID-19, which first broke out in Wuhan, China in December 2019 and later developed into a pandemic, has so far ravaged the whole world for over a year. While there has been some regression of the pandemic internationally, legal, social and political issues and challenges posed by COVID-19 have just begun to be seen and felt in many jurisdictions internally and globally.

Following the success of our online workshop on 22 May 2020 which focused on discussing the impact of COVID-19 on international law, international relations and international order, on 12 June 2020, in collaboration with our sister research centre — the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) of the CityU School of Law — CCCL held another online symposium to discuss issues relating to national and regional governance, especially in East Asia, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, including: the impact of governments' responses to COVID-19 on the rule of law and rights protection (e.g. right to live, freedom of speech, privacy, freedom of information, etc.); the implications of COVID-19 on trade and economics; emergency law and public health policy in times of pandemic; and the responses of different jurisdictions and different governance models to COVID-19 and their lessons.

The Symposium started with the opening remarks by Prof WAN Wai Yee (Associate Dean, SLW, CityU) who thanked all the speakers for their participation; then, the Directors of the two organising institutions — Prof WANG Jianguy, Director of CCCL and Prof ZHU Guobin, Director of CPLR — introduced the purpose of this online Symposium.

After that, we had 21 presentations that were both informative and thought-provoking on the following four sub-themes: 1) Rights protection and health governance in China; 2) Economic and legal issues relating to COVID-19 in China; 3) A comparative study of different jurisdictions' responses to COVID-19 and the challenges of the pandemic to state governance; and 4) The impact of COVID-19 on global governance.

While COVID-19-related issues and phenomena are new to everyone, many of the scholars and experts in the world (including our Symposium speakers) have been following closely the development and conducting in-depth studies on the relevant issues. Notwithstanding that their research may still be at a preliminary stage given the time constraints, our speakers' generosity in sharing their preliminary

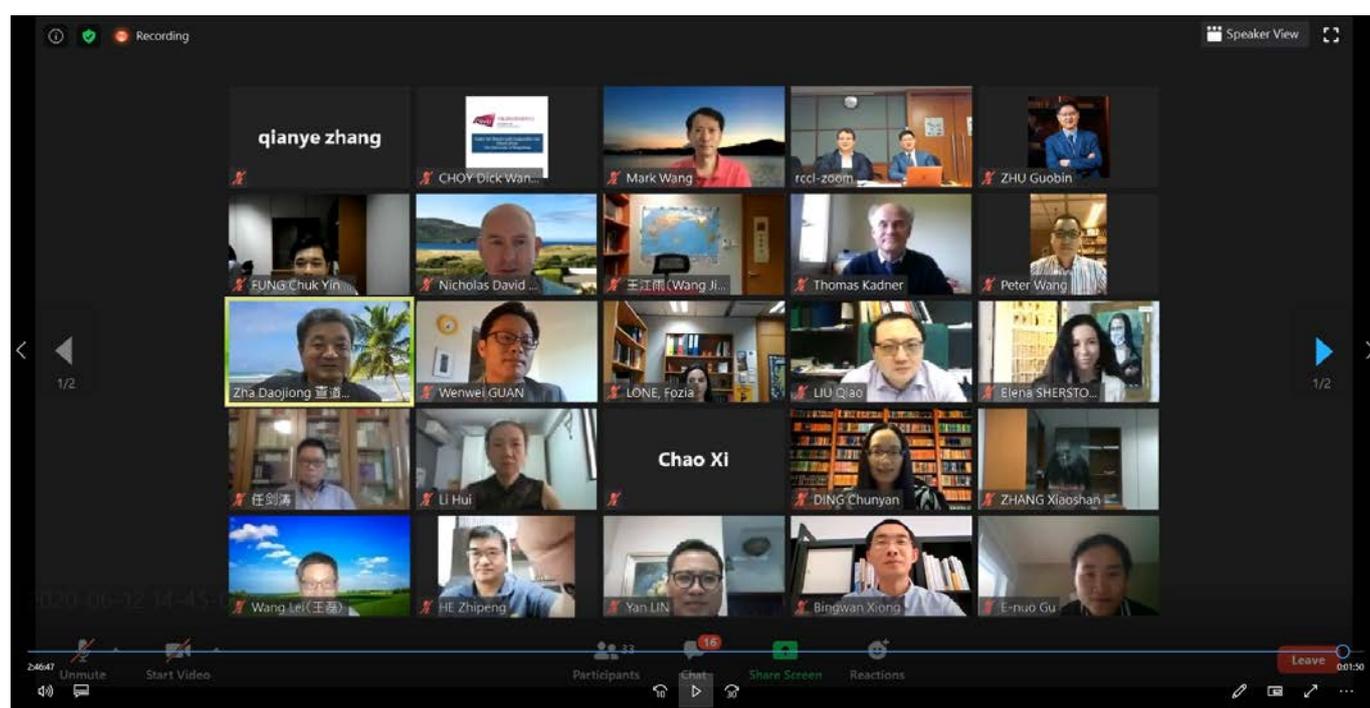
findings and research outputs at the Symposium was instrumental in providing important information to the Symposium participants and laying a sound foundation for further academic exchange and research.

The interaction between the audience and the speakers during the Q&A sessions was equally interesting; while the audience was putting forward critical and acute comments and follow-up questions relating to the speakers' presentations, the speakers responded to those challenges enthusiastically.

The Symposium came to an end with the conclusion and vote of thanks by the Directors of the two hosting research centres.

COVID-19 is an unprecedented pandemic and issues arisen from it are also unprecedentedly challenging to individual jurisdictions and the world as a whole, of which matter definitely could not be thoroughly covered in two conferences. Thus, CCCL will certainly continue to explore opportunities to organise similar academic activities to provide a platform for further academic exchange on this important cutting-edge topic.

This Symposium is a research output-oriented event, some of the papers presented at this Symposium will be blind reviewed and published in a special issue of an international comparative law journal. Besides, based on the substance and spirit of the speakers' presentations, CCCL and CPLR will also jointly publish a bilingual policy report on COVID-19 and East Asian Governance Models.



Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre (HKCML)

Conference on Restructurings of Companies in Financial Distress: Global and Asian Perspectives

On 10 and 11 June 2020, Hong Kong Commercial and Maritime Law Centre (HKCML), CityU School of Law organised a two-day Conference entitled “Restructurings of Companies in Financial Distress: Global and Asian Perspectives”. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the Conference was virtually conducted as a precursor for HKCML online activities.

In the last two decades, many jurisdictions around the world have reformed or have been considering reforming their insolvency and restructuring laws in order to promote, among others, legal regimes that are conducive to restructuring viable companies and to facilitate the coordination of cross-border restructuring framework. However, there remains a wide divergence on what should be the optimal restructuring framework.

The Conference was organised with the purpose of bringing together international scholars, practitioners and policy makers from the US, Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region, in analysing current trends and future challenges on restructuring models and reforms around the world. Likewise, it sought to offer an academic forum for discussions from a comparative, practical and policy-oriented perspective in order to gain new insights.

The Conference started off with the welcoming remarks given by Prof TAN Cheng-Han (Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, SLW, CityU). Professor Tan extended a warm welcome to all participants and thanked the speakers for joining virtually. Thenceforth, Prof LOKE Alexander (Director of HKCML) welcomed participants on behalf of the centre and gave a brief introduction to the background of the centre. The Conference coordinators Prof WAN Wai Yee and Dr QU Charles explained the background and objectives of the Conference by giving a view of Hong Kong’s current situation. They also thanked Dr OMAR Paul, the editor of International Insolvency Review for agreeing to publish a special issue for the Conference. They hoped the Conference would be beneficial to scholars and participants and looked forward to insightful comments and stimulating discussion.

The Conference consisted of keynote presentations and panel discussions. Prof CASEY Anthony (Professor, Law School, The University of Chicago) gave a keynote presentation on the topic “Chapter 11’s Renegotiation Framework and the Purpose of Corporate Bankruptcy”, followed by another keynote presentation given by Prof LI Shuguang (Professor, School of Law and Economics, China University of Political Science and Law) on “Developments on the Restructuring of distressed companies and cross-border bankruptcy in China”. Throughout the two-day Conference, 12 papers on the following sub-themes were presented:

- The influence of US Chapter 11 on restructuring reforms globally;
- Cross-border restructuring, including between Hong Kong and Mainland China;
- Model Law on Cross-border Insolvency: Theory and Practice (including judicial assistance);
- Assessing effectiveness of tools of restructuring: provisional liquidations, schemes of assistance, work-outs;
- The impact of restructuring reforms in the last decade;
- Conflicts among stakeholders in the restructurings, agency costs;
- Role of insolvency practitioners in restructurings; and
- Role of the courts in restructurings.

To respond accordingly to the outbreak of COVID-19, a special panel discussion on the impact of COVID-19 on insolvency law was convened. The panel spotlighted COVID-19 issues with reference to the jurisdictions of the UK, Germany, Austria, Australia and Singapore on the following themes:

- Solutions for financial problems of debtors affected by COVID-19;
- Should insolvency law be changed in times of COVID-19;
- Foresight of COVID-19 to long-term changes to the insolvency law;
- Government intervention and support to insolvency system or companies in distress; and
- Other reforms to minimise the harmful economic effects of COVID-19.

The speakers took turns to make thought-provoking presentations under the sub-themes and participants actively commented and responded to the presentations and put forward an engaging discussion.

The Conference ended with the closing remarks of Prof WAN Wai Yee who once again expressed her gratitude to all experts from different jurisdictions for giving presentations and commentaries on insolvency issues that made the Conference a great success.



Centre for Judicial Education and Research (CJER)

National Judges College and CityU Successfully Held Symposium

CityU has been collaborating with the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China and its National Judges College since 2009. Together they have organised a number of programmes for Chinese senior judges and have educated elites in the field. To celebrate the 10-year cooperation between National Judges College and CityU, a Symposium and Case Law and Case Guidance System Forum were held on 8 December 2019 at National Judges College in Beijing. The Symposium aims to summarise and review the achievements of the project since the implementation ten years ago, to discuss the guiding system of case with Chinese characteristics, and to further strengthen judicial exchanges and cooperation between the two places.

Representatives of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, the Supreme People's Court, some local courts, the Case Law Research Society of the Chinese Law Society, the Hong Kong High Court, the Law Society of Hong Kong, experts and scholars from Peking University, the University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, National Judges College, CityU, and representatives of teachers and students of the cooperative project participated in the meeting. The officiating guests included YANG Wanming, Vice President of the Supreme People's Court, HU Yunteng, Grand Justice of the Supreme People's Court; Justice Wally YEUNG Chun-Kuen, Vice President of the Court of Appeal of the High Court; JIANG Huiling, Senior Judge and Vice President of the National Judges College; Mr. CHAN C.M., Vice President, The Law Society of Hong Kong; Prof LI Duan, Associate Provost (Strategic Planning), CityU and Prof TAN Cheng-Han, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, SLW, CityU.

YANG Wanming, Vice President of the Supreme People's Court, delivered a speech during the meeting and mentioned that the cooperation between the National Judges College and CityU, and the training of mainland judges had been an important part of the two countries' active development of judicial and legal exchanges and cooperation. The successful implementation of the project had trained a large number of high-quality trial personnel who were proficient in the legal rules of the two places and were good at handling inter-regional legal affairs. It had expanded the path of legal exchanges between the two places and had effectively promoted judicial exchanges and collaboration in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao. The field of cooperation and exchange had enriched the practice of "One Country, Two Systems".

Furthermore, YANG Wanming emphasised that the Fourth Plenary Session of the 19th CPC Central Committee had pointed in the direction to carry out judicial exchanges and cooperation between the Mainland and Hong Kong. He believed that it was necessary to deepen the exchanges of legal and educational resources between the two places and further strengthen the training of high-quality judicial talents; to strengthen judicial exchanges and cooperation to jointly build a business environment for the rule of law in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area; and to make full use of the Internet platform to achieve the interconnection of legal resources.

Prof LI Duan, Associate Provost (Strategic Planning), CityU mentioned that The Chinese judges' programmes had been advancing with the times, both in accordance with the needs of judicial reform in the Mainland and systematically imparting common law knowledge and different research methods in line with international standards to judges. He also emphasised that the Chinese judges' programmes had been put to good purpose for CityU: the university's mission is not only to educate and train talents,

but also to promote social progress and knowledge exchange. Finally, he hoped that CityU and the National Judges College would have more cooperation opportunities in the future to further strengthen the country's rule of law.

Prof TAN Cheng-Han, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, SLW, CityU mentioned that the 10-year cooperation between National Judges College and CityU was a significant milestone and a sign of the strong relationship the School had with the National Judges College. It was also a reflection of the mutual benefit that both institutions derived from such a partnership.

He assured that CityU School of Law would continue to work hard to ensure that for as long as this programme continues, the judges would receive a high quality of education and it would help them to discharge their judicial functions with great distinction.

The Case Law and Case System Guidance System Forum was held in the afternoon. The Forum kicked off with the welcome speech of Dr LI Xiao-Min, Vice President of the National Judges College and was moderated by four senior legal scholars. 10 invited speakers delivered presentations during the Forum. Prof LIN Feng, Associate Dean, SLW, CityU presented on the topic, "Guiding Analysis of Guiding Cases and Improvement of Case Guiding System"; Dr GUAN Wenwei, Associate Professor, SLW, CityU spoke on the theme entitled "Comparison of European and American Application Cases of the Principle of Fairness, Reasonableness and Non-discrimination in Standard Essential Patents"; and Dr ZHAO Liang, Assistant Professor, SLW, CityU examined another topic, "China Case Report System". Dr HE Tianxiang, Assistant Professor, SLW, CityU participated the Forum.

The Forum ended with the closing remarks of Dr HU Yunteng who thanked all the speakers and moderators for their contributions. The Forum was fruitful and thought provoking, and the atmosphere throughout was interactive. The insightful views of all the speakers served as an important foundation for further research.



Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR)

International Symposium on the National Security Law of Hong Kong: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives

The Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) and CCCL at CityU School of Law, together with the “One Country, Two Systems” Law Institute at the Renmin University of China, has successfully convened a large-scale academic conference on the theoretical and practical perspectives of the National Security Law of Hong Kong (“NSL”, or “National Security Law”) on 11 September 2020.

On Friday, 26 legal academics and industry practitioners around the world gathered on Zoom to present their findings and views on a range of topics surrounding the National Security Law in six discussion panels, which were individually moderated by leading academics in the respective field and attended by over 100 participants online. Our Conference began with the discussion of the NSL’s implications on the “One Country, Two Systems” policy and the politics and governance of Hong Kong, and moved into the application of National Laws and its relationship with the Basic Law in the Hong Kong Special Administration Region (“HKSAR”). In the afternoon, the speakers in our third panel focused on the discussion of the NSL in the context of International Law while our fourth panel brought forth perspectives on the connections between NSL and Hong Kong’s Criminal and Criminal Procedure Law. Our fifth panel inspected views on the national security mechanisms under the implementation of the NSL, while our sixth panel examined the breadth and prevalence of human rights protection under the NSL in the HKSAR jurisdiction.

Our speakers examined the impact of the National Security Law on Hong Kong’s political and legal system and reflected upon the connection between cultural identity and acceptable legal norms behind the political clashes that surrounded the city of Hong Kong not long ago. Similarly, speakers also pointed out the issue of coordination behind the synchronisation of the Basic Law, the National Laws and respective courts under the “One Country, Two Systems” policy during the first and second panel. Other notable academic viewpoints presented at our Conference include difficulties that the Hong Kong Criminal Law system faces against the accommodation of the National Security Law and the comparative resemblance between socialist legal elements and Hong Kong’s National Security Law, which were vibrant and thought-provoking. The possible impact on the rule of law and existing human rights protection mechanisms against the implementation and framework of the NSL was examined with much interest. Case studies, such as the case of Tong Ying Kit in the HKSAR were also used as a point of inquiry. As such, major questions were raised and identified as a result of our speaker’s contributions and debates.

The Conference opening speech was presented by Dean TAN Cheng-Han, SLW, CityU; Prof HAN Dayuan, Professor at Renmin University of China Law School and Committee Member for the Basic Law of the HKSAR under the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; and Prof ZHU Guobin, Professor and Director of CPLR, SLW, CityU. Leading academics who presented their views and findings on Friday in no particular order include Prof CHEN Albert Hung-Yee, Committee Member for the Basic Law of the HKSAR under the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Faculty of Law at The University of Hong Kong; Prof FU Hualing, Dean and Professor of Human Rights and Responsibilities at Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong; Prof LO Sonny S.H., Deputy Director (Arts and Sciences) at the School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE), The University of Hong Kong; Prof GITTINGS Daniel, Associate Head, College of Humanities and Law at SPACE, The University of Hong Kong; Dr CHENG Jie, Associate Professor at Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia; Dr JIANG Su, Associate Professor at Peking University Law School; Dr CHEN Xuan, Associate Professor at Renmin University of China Law School; Dr TU Kai, Associate Professor at Tsinghua University School of Law; Dr ZUO Yilu, Assistant Professor, Peking University Law School; Prof WANG Jianxue, Professor at Tianjin University Law School; and Dr ZHANG Xiaoshan, Lecturer, School of Law at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, amongst others.

The Conference was closed with gratitude and success by Dr HUANG Mingtao, Associate Professor at Wuhan University School of Law and Deputy Director at "One Country, Two Systems" Law Institute, Renmin University of China; and Prof WANG Jianguyu, Director of CCCL, CityU.





CityU has been awarded the Fali Nariman Award for the Best Respondent Memorandum in the 2020 Vis East Moot

The CityU School of Law is pleased to announce that their team has been awarded the Fali Nariman Award for the Best Respondent Memorandum in the 17th Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Coaches: HERBERT Campbell and AHUJA Navin G.

Team: LO Loras Yuen Sing (LLB), CHUNG Wan Ying Wannie (LLB), PENG Yanbing Sandra (LLMArbDR), FANNING Megan (LLMArbDR), HONG Wah Ngai Andy (PCLL), and CHO Siu Man Linda (PCLL)

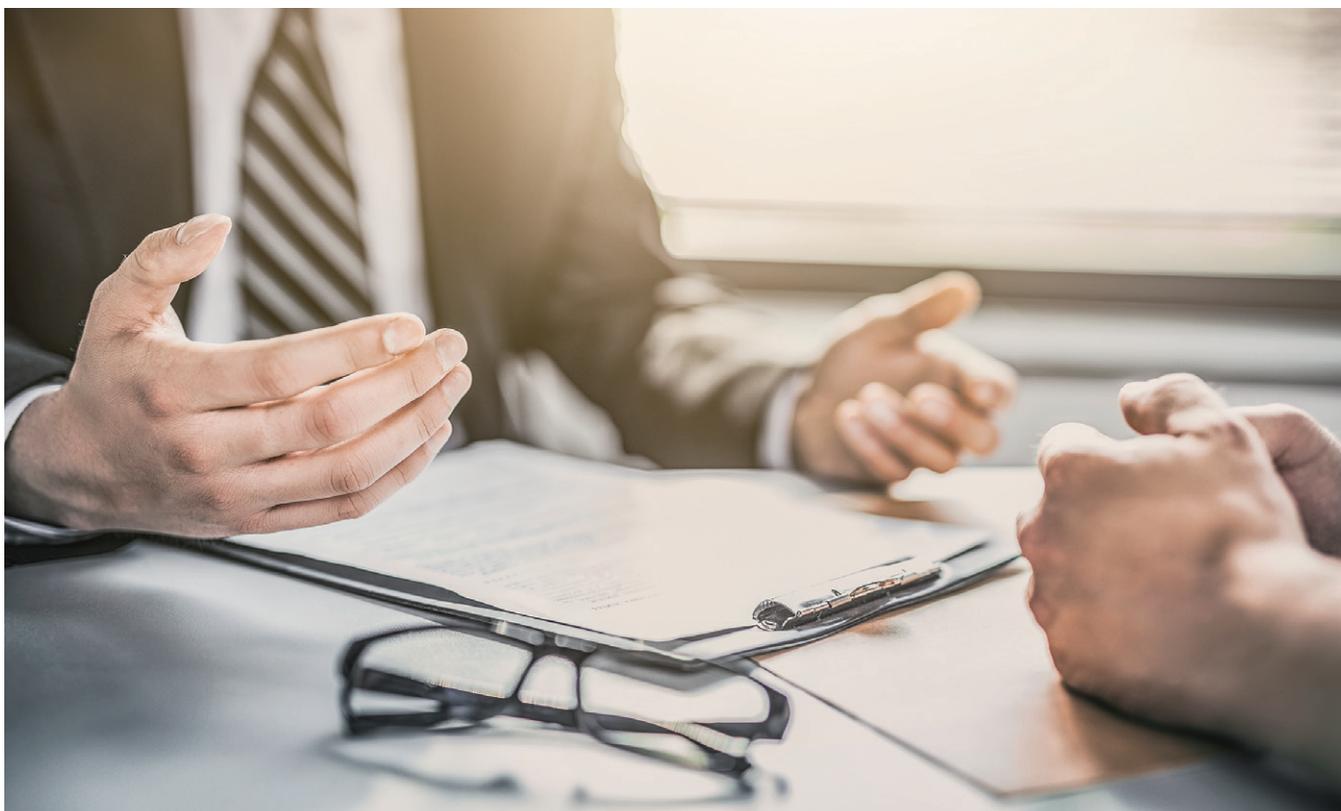
The Willem C. Vis East International Commercial Arbitration Moot, which is a competition for law students from all countries, was held virtually in Hong Kong from 22–29 March 2020. It consists of the preparation of a memorandum for claimant, a memorandum for respondent and oral hearings. This year's Moot Problem involved complex international commercial arbitration issues as well as challenging international sales law issues arising from the United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods ("CISG"). This year's rules are the LCIA Arbitration Rules (2014).

Apart from the Vis East Moot, the team was also awarded an Honourable Mention for the Best Memorandum for Respondent in the 27th Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Congratulations to Professor CHAISSE Julien

Prof CHAISSE Julien was awarded the Smit-Lowenfeld Prize for the best article in the field of international arbitration by the International Arbitration Club of New York. The prize was awarded for the article, “Cybersecurity and the Protection of Digital Assets – Assessing the Role of International Investment Law and Arbitration”, which was co-authored with BAUER Cristen and was published in Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment & Technology Law 2019.

The Smit-Lowenfeld Prize is awarded annually by the International Arbitration Club of New York, a group of leading international arbitration lawyers in the New York City area to recognise outstanding articles published in the previous year on any aspect of international arbitration. The Prize honours the late Hans Smit of Columbia Law School and Andreas F. Lowenfeld of New York University School of Law, both were renowned scholars in international litigation and arbitration, well-known arbitrators, and dearly missed members of the Club.



Congratulations to Dr LANDO Massimo

Dr LANDO Massimo was awarded the Prix Daniel Vignes, ex aequo with Dr IOANNIDES Nicholas, for his article entitled “Judicial Uncertainties Concerning Territorial Sea Delimitation Under Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea”, published in volume 66 of the *International & Comparative Law Quarterly* (2017).

The Prix Daniel Vignes was established by the International Association for the Law of the Sea (Association Internationale du Droit de la Mer) in honour of Professor Daniel Vignes (1924–2011), one of the founding members of the Association and its first President. The prize, open to scholars of 40 or less years of age, is awarded every two years to the author or authors of one or more articles dedicated to a law of the sea topic. The prize was first awarded in 2014 and is now in its third edition. As the recipient of the Prize, Dr Lando has automatically become a member of the Association.



Congratulations to Three Faculty Members Awarded General Research Fund

The RGC has recently announced the results of the 2020-21 funding exercise of the General Research Fund (GRF). The CityU School of Law continued to succeed in developing a strong research culture and has obtained three law research grants which indicates that we have a high quality research environment.

The total amount of the three funded projects captured by the CityU School of Law this year exceeded HK\$2 million. The principal investigators are (in alphabetical order) Prof CHAISSE Julien, Dr DING Chunyan and Dr ONG Rebecca. Competition is fierce and their hard work has paid off. We congratulate them on their remarkable achievements, and look forward to their outstanding research outputs.

Colleagues who did not succeed in this round just narrowly missed out. They have made considerable efforts in submitting high quality proposals. Their work is rarely wasted as it can become the groundwork for another bid or research project.

Details of the three funded grants are as follows:



Prof CHAISSE Julien, “Anatomy of Hong Kong’s International Trade Law: Logic and Consequences of Unilateralism, Bilateralism, and Multilateralism” (HK\$952,000).



Dr DING Chunyan, “Two Tales of Legal Mobilization: NGO-led and Procuratorate-led Environmental Public Interest Litigation in China” (HK\$794,883).



Dr ONG Rebecca, “Trust Me, I’m a Doctor: An Empirical Investigation into Factors Influencing the Adoption of e-Health Record Sharing in Hong Kong” (HK\$489,500).

Congratulations to Professor LOW Fatt Kin, Kelvin, Dr LIN Yu-Hsin, Lauren, and Dr PASCOE Daniel on their Promotion and Substantiation

Prof LOW Fatt Kin Kelvin, Professor, SLW CityU, has acquired academic tenure starting from January 2021. Kelvin's interests focus primarily on property law and trust law. His publications have been cited by the courts in Australia, England and Wales, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore; law commissions in Australia, England and Wales, New Zealand, and Scotland; the Singapore Law Reform Committee, the Irish Sales Law Review Group as well as leading texts throughout the Commonwealth.

In July 2020, Dr Lauren Yu-Hsin LIN, and Dr PASCOE Daniel, assistant professors, SLW, CityU were promoted as tenured associate professors. Lauren's research interests focus on empirical and economic analysis of corporate law and capital markets regulation. She has published with leading academic journals and has been interviewed by major media, including The Economist and Bloomberg, as a corporate law expert. Daniel's research interests include comparative criminal law, Southeast Asian law, Islamic Law and transitional justice. He has published widely in academic journals and is the author of two books. He contributes regular opinion pieces within the international media on issues of crime, punishment and pardon in Asia. Our heartfelt congratulations to Kelvin, Lauren and Daniel!



Professor LOW Fatt Kin, Kelvin



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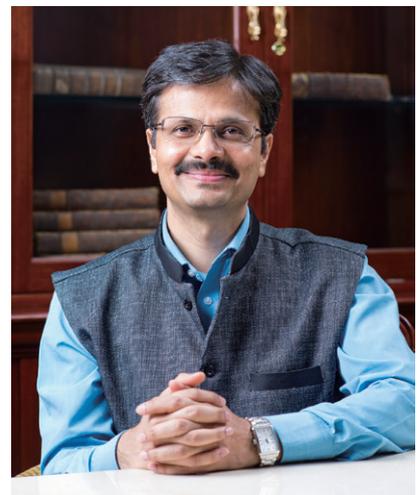
Dr PASCOE Daniel

Associate Professor DEVA Surya invited to join UN Global Compact's Target Gender Equality Global Coalition

We are pleased to announce that Dr DEVA Surya, Associate Professor, SLW, CityU and Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, has been invited by the UN Global Compact to join its Target Gender Equality Global Coalition, a multi-stakeholder group bringing together gender equality and business experts. The Global Coalition will assist the UN Global Compact in the development and rollout of Target Gender Equality, an initiative with a focus on increasing women's representation on corporate boards and in executive management positions.

This invitation is a recognition of Surya's work as a member of the UN Working Group. He developed and presented to the Human Rights Council in June 2019 a report on "Gender Guidance for the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights":

https://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/41/43



Congratulations to Professor ZHU Guobin on Being Appointed as an Advisor of Our Hong Kong Foundation (OHKF)

Congratulations to Prof ZHU Guobin, Professor, SLW, CityU and Director of CPLR, and concurrently Director of City University of Hong Kong Press, who has been appointed as Advisor of Our Hong Kong Foundation (OHKF) with effect from 1 April 2020 for a term of three years.

OHKF is a Hong Kong think tank established in 2014 by Mr TUNG C.H., Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and former Chief Executive of the HKSAR. It is a leading non-government, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the long-term and overall interests of Hong Kong through public policy research, analysis and recommendation. Pooling together local, Mainland and international talents, the Foundation studies Hong Kong's development needs, offers multi-disciplinary public policy recommendations and solutions to foster social cohesion, economic prosperity and sustainable development. OHKF was ranked 112th among over 8,000 think tanks in the University of Pennsylvania Top Think Tanks Worldwide List 2019.

Thus far, the Foundation has drawn active support from over 100 influential figures in political, business, professional and academic circles and also representatives of various sectors in the community to join as advisors.



CityU School of Law Associate Dean Receives The President's Award

Prof LIN Feng, Associate Dean, SLW, CityU was awarded one of The President's Awards (TPAs) to recognise his exemplary contributions to research and professional education that have helped CityU achieve local and global distinction. Our heartfelt congratulations to Prof Lin.



Selected Publications

BURKE Jack

David Birchall and **Jack Burke**, 'Just a Slap on the Wrist? Parental Corporal Punishment of Children and the Defence of Reasonable Chastisement in Hong Kong' (2020) 50(1) Hong Kong Law Journal 167

CHAISSÉ Julien

Julien Chaisse, 'Both Possible and Improbable: Could COVID-19 Measures Give Rise to Investor-State Disputes?' (2020) 13(1) Contemporary Asia Arbitration Journal 97

Julien Chaisse, 'The Pervasive Problem of Special Economic Zones for International Economic Law: Tax, Investment, and Trade Issues' (2020) 20(1) World Trade Review 100

GUAN Wenwei

Wenwei Guan, *WTO Jurisprudence: Governments, Private Rights, and International Trade* (Routledge 2020)

Foreword by Prof Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann, former Consultant Legal Advisor in GATT/WTO Secretariat. This book offers a critical examination of the jurisprudence of the WTO as an emancipatory international social contract on trade.

HE Tianxiang

Tianxiang He, 'The Big "Ban" Theory and Piracy: Which Way Forward for Effective Transnational Copyright Enforcement Policy in China?' (2019) 66 Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. 161

Tianxiang He, 'The Sentimental Fools and The Fictitious Authors: Rethinking the Copyright Issues of AI-generated Contents in China' (2019) 27(2) Asia Pacific Law Review 218

LIM Eugene

Eugene Lim, 'From Harvard Mouse to Novartis: Synthetic Biology, Transgenic Life and the Varieties Exclusion in Patent Law' (2019) 49(3) Hong Kong Law Journal 927

LIU Qiao

Qiao Liu, 'COVID-19 in Civil or Commercial Disputes: First Responses from Chinese Courts' (2020) The Chinese Journal of Comparative Law cxaa023 <<https://doi.org/10.1093/cjcl/cxaa023>> accessed 10 October 2020

LONE Fozia

Fozia Lone, 'Damming the Indus Waters: Thoughts on the Future of the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty and Himalayan Water Security' (2020) 26 Journal of Water Law 207

Patricia Wouters and **Fozia Nazir Lone**, 'Introduction –Transboundary Water Governance In Asia – Examining Regional Practice Through Multidisciplinary Perspectives' (2020) 26 Journal of Water Law 193

PASCOE Daniel

Daniel Pascoe and Andrew Novak (eds), *Executive Clemency: Comparative and Empirical Perspectives* (Routledge 2020)

Daniel Pascoe and Sangmin Bae, 'Idiosyncratic Voting in the UNGA Death Penalty Moratorium Resolutions' (2020) The International Journal of Human Rights <<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642987.2020.1804370>> accessed 10 October 2020

TAN Cheng-Han

Cheng-han Tan, 'Estoppel in the Law of Agency' (2020) 136 Law Quarterly Review 315

WAN Wai Yee

Douglas W Arner, **Wai Yee Wan**, Andrew Godwin, Wei Shen and Evan Gibson (eds), *Research Handbook on Asia Financial Law* (Edward Elgar 2020)

Selected Presentations

HE Tianxiang

Tianxiang He, 'Transplanting Fair Use in China? History, Impediments, and the Future' (Asian IP Works-in-Progress Conference, Hong Kong, 9–10 January 2020)

PASCOE Daniel

Daniel Pascoe, 'The Criminal Law Syllabus and the Realities of Legal Practice in Hong Kong' (Directions in Legal Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (online), June 2020)

Daniel Pascoe, 'NSL: A Socialist Legal Transplant?' (International Symposium on the National Security Law of Hong Kong: Theoretical and Practical Perspectives, City University of Hong Kong (online), September 2020).

TOMASSETTI Julia

Julia Tomassetti, 'COVID-19 impact on labour market. Experiences from Colombia, Hong Kong and South Africa' (Labor Law Research Network Summer Seminar 4, (online), 21 July 2020)

Julia Tomassetti, 'Workshop on Internationalization: Law in Hong Kong SAR, Peoples' Republic of China' (Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA (online), July–August 2020)

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