

Human Rights Law and Policy Forum

International Conference on Human Rights at a Crossroads: From 1948 to 2018 and Beyond

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The conference on “Human Rights at a Crossroads: From 1948 to 2018 and Beyond” held by the Human Rights Law and Policy Forum (HRLF) took place at the Connie Fan Multi-media Conference Room at the City University of Hong Kong from 10 December 2018 to 12 December 2018.

The first day of the conference commenced with the Human Rights Day Panel Discussion, moderated by **Dr Surya Deva** (Associate Professor, School of Law, CityU). Invited speakers for this session included **Professor Leila Choukroune** (Professor of International Law, University of Portsmouth), **Mr Philip Dykes S.C.** (Chairman, the Hong Kong Bar Association), **Professor Erika George, Samuel D.** (Thurman Professor of Law, University of Utah), **Professor Cephias Lumina** (Research Professor of Law, University of Fort Hare), and **Professor Justin Nolan** (Associate Professor and Associate Dean (Academic), Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales).



Prof. Erika George, Prof. Leila Choukroune, Dr. Surya Deva, Mr. Philip Dykes, Prof. Cephias Lumina and Prof. Justine Nolan (From left to right)

The second day of conference kicked off with the welcoming remarks given by **Professor Lin Feng** (Professor and Acting Dean, School of Law, CityU). He welcomed all the conference participants and thanked them for their support to the conference. After that, the Director of the Human Rights Law and Policy Forum, **Professor Zhu Guobin** (Professor, School of Law, CityU) was invited to give opening remarks of the conference. He explained the aims and expected outcomes of the conference.

Before the end of the opening ceremony, all the conference participants were invited to take a group photo to memorize this conference.



Welcome Speeches by Prof. Lin Feng (left) and Prof. Zhu Guobin (right).



Group photo of the conference

The conference consisted of seven sessions in which attendees actively participated in discussion. The seven sessions were (i) Protecting human rights amidst terrorism, national security concerns, and ethnic conflicts, (ii) Human rights responsibilities

of business, (iii) Challenges to the existing governance structures of human rights, trade and finance, (iv) Human rights in Hong Kong and Mainland China, (v) Inequality, environment and health, and (vi) Protecting human rights of diverse groups of rights holders, (vii) Dealing with the challenges ahead.

The conference ended with the closing remarks of **Dr Mark Kielsgard** (Associate Professor, School of Law, CityU) who thanked all the conference speakers for their contributions to the conference. The conference was fruitful and thought-provoking, and the atmosphere throughout the whole conference was interactive.

