CityU hosted a conference on “Cyber Security: Internet of Things or Internet of Threats?”

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World-renowned experts on the intersection of law and cyber security shared their knowledge and insights on internet threats and shed light on the potential influence of the internet of things on the future of the legal industry at a conference conducted by the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong (CityU) on 29 August 2019.

The conference, entitled “Cyber Security: Internet of Things or Internet of Threats?”, was co-organized by the School of Law, CityU and CityU Law Review, a student-edited, peer-reviewed academic law journal published
by the CityU Law School. The objective of this conference was to raise scholars’ and students’ awareness of LegalTech issues and to encourage them to submit papers regarding cyber security to the CityU Law Review to publish.

The conference was kicked off by the welcome speech of Professor Geraint HOWELLS (Chair Professor of Commercial Law, SLW). Professor HOWELLS introduced the background and the aims of the conference. He also thanked all the participants for their support of the conference. Following the welcoming remarks, Dr Julia TOMASSETTI (Coordinator and Assistant Professor, SLW) thanked the organizers, participants, and attendees, and wished this important conference a great success.

The conference was moderated by Dr HE Tianxiang (Assistant Professor, SLW), and the invited speakers for the conference were Professor Michael LOSAVIO (Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisville), who presented on the topic, ‘Ethical-Legal-Technical Challenges for Small Business with the Internet of Things Ledger Technology & Smart Contracts’; Dr Lennon Yao-chung CHANG (Senior Lecturer and HDR Coordinator, Criminology Programme, School of Social Sciences, Monash University), who spoke on the theme entitled, ‘Everything is Hackable: Cyber Security in the Age of IoT’; and Dr Max PARASOL (Senior Fellow (Adjunct), Faculty of Law, Monash University), who examined another ‘hot topic’, ‘What are the Motivations behind “Network Sovereignty” in China?’.
The conference ended with the closing remarks of Dr HE who thanked all the conference speakers for their contributions to the conference. He also encouraged the speakers and participants to submit papers to CityU Law Review. The conference was fruitful and thought-provoking, and the atmosphere throughout the whole conference was interactive. The insightful views of all the speakers who are the experts in the field of law and cyber security served as an important foundation for further research on internet issues.