

Online Symposium on “National Security Legislation of the HKSAR”

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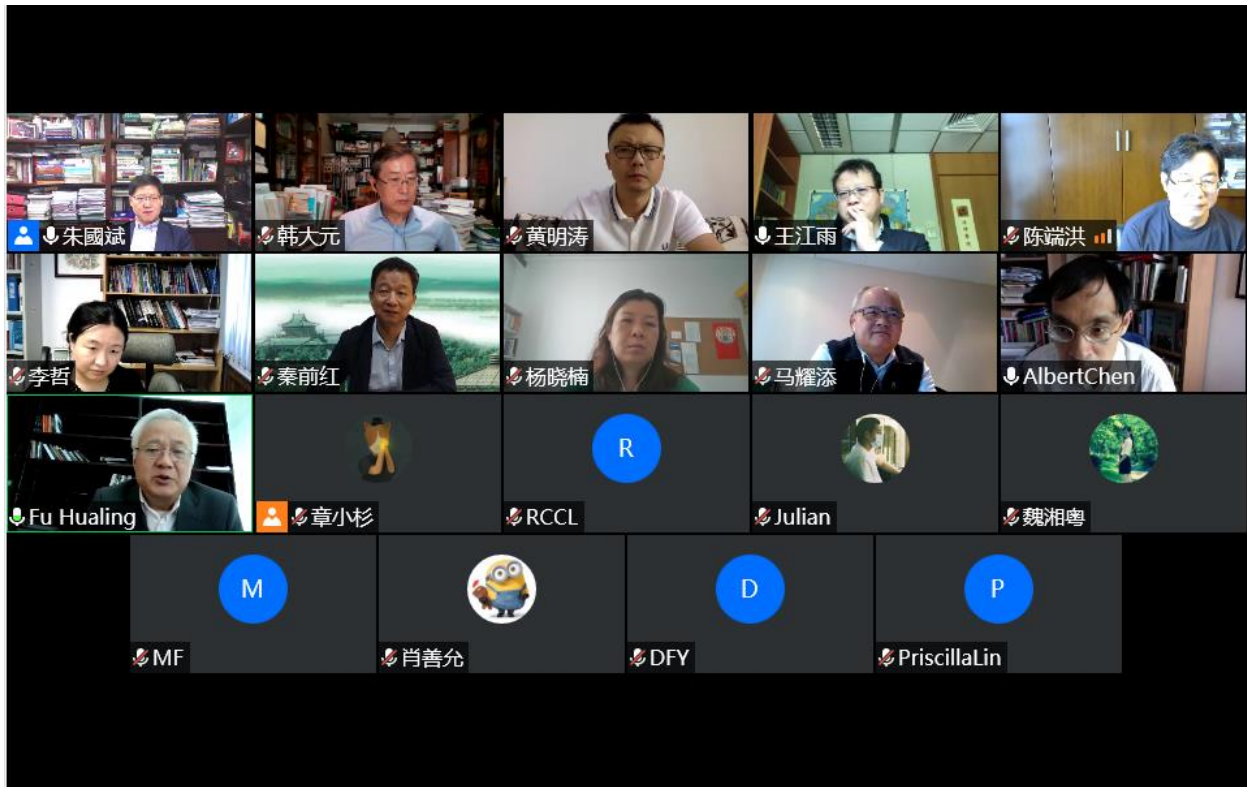
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On 28 May 2020, the Third Plenary Meeting of the 13th National People’s Congress (NPC) passed the Decision on Establishing and Improving the Legal System and Enforcement Mechanisms for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to Safeguard National Security (“NPC Decision”). According to this NPC Decision, when needed, relevant national security organs of the Central People’s Government may set up agencies in the HKSAR; the NPC Standing Committee is entrusted to formulate relevant laws on establishing and improving the legal system and enforcement mechanisms for the HKSAR to safeguard national security (“National Security Legislation of the HKSAR”) which shall be listed in Annex III of the Basic Law of the HKSAR and applied in the HKSAR by way of promulgation.

The NPC Decision not only arouses great concerns within and outside Hong Kong and mainland China but also brings forth many academic issues that have to be examined in depth urgently.

On 5 June 2020, the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) and the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong jointly organized an online symposium on the “National Security Legislation of the HKSAR”, inviting experts and lawyers from the mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and overseas to share their views on the NPC Decision and the “National Security Legislation of the HKSAR”. A total of 14 speakers presented wonderful and original ideas at the symposium. (A detailed report of the symposium will be published separately).

The 14 speakers who made their speeches in the online symposium were: **Prof. Han Dayuan** from Renmin University of China; **Prof. Chen Duanhong** and **Prof. Wang Lei** from Peking University; **Prof. Qin Qianhong** and **Dr. Huang Mingtao** from Wuhan University; **Prof. Yang Xiaonan** from Dalian Maritime University; **Prof. Ling Bing** from the University of Sydney; **Dr. Li Zhe** from Macau University; **Dr. Jimmy Ma** from the Liberty Chamber; **Dr. PY Lo** from the Gilt Chambers; **Prof. Chen Hung-Yee** and **Prof. Fu Hualing** from the University of Hong Kong; **Prof. Zhu Guobin** and **Prof. Wang Jianguyu** from the City University of Hong Kong. The CPLR and RCCL thank all invited speakers and participants for their participation and contribution.



Since the “National Security Legislation of the HKSAR” has not been drafted, many specific legal issues remain to be discussed. The CPLR and the RCCL will continue to closely follow the development of this issue and will organize similar academic events in future to discuss the relevant topics at appropriate times.