



CPLR Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights – “Post-colonial Asian Perspectives on Human Rights” by Radhika Coomaraswamy

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In honour of the CityU School of Law’s 35th Anniversary in September 2022, the Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) has launched a *Webinar Series on Asian Perspectives on Human Rights*. On 4 November 2021, the Series was inaugurated with a keynote lecture, “Post-colonial Asian Perspectives on Human Rights” by **Dr. Radhika COOMARASWAMY**, a former top United Nations official and human rights advocate. This webinar was moderated by **Dr. Fozia LONE** (Associate Professor and Associate Director of the CPLR, CityU School of Law), and **Prof. TAN Cheng Han** (Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, CityU School of Law) was a guest of honour. **Prof. ZHU Guobin** (Director of the CPLR, CityU School of Law) also attended the webinar.



First row from left: Prof. TAN Cheng Han; Dr Fozia LONE
Second row from left: Dr Radhika COOMARASWAMY; Prof. ZHU Guobin

Prof. TAN Cheng Han believed that the law school has the responsibility to promote and facilitate the rule of law as well as human rights. This webinar series can make sure that public law and human rights will be continually discussed and debated and ultimately be well understood and respected.

Dr. Radhika COOMARASWAMY briefly discussed that the development of human rights in South Asia is highly influenced by the modern European Enlightenment, and shared her experience in promoting human rights as a diplomat, scholar and former United Nations official. In her view, the United Nations

plays a vital role in facilitating human rights in which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has become a universal language and a source of inspiration encouraging international commitment. She also emphasised that new ideas and conversions and the tradition of humanism should all be respected when promoting human rights.

On behalf of the CPLR, **Dr. Fozia LONE** thanked **Dr. Radhika COOMARASWAMY**, **Prof. TAN Cheng Han** and all participants for contributing to the webinar.