

## **Forging Global Legal Research Alliances: CPLR's Pioneering Endeavors in Cross-Border and Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration**

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The Public Law and Human Rights Forum (CPLR) is research centre of the School of Law at City University of Hong Kong, formerly known as the Human Rights Law and Policy Forum and established in 2017. Through restructuring in 2017, CPLR is aimed to highlight the school's research expertise, expand research areas, and enhance research achievements. Its mission is to conduct research, foster collaboration, and build capacity in the fields of public law and human rights.

CPLR envisions itself as a leader in cross-disciplinary and international collaboration. By creating collaborative platforms and promoting knowledge exchange within the global legal community, CPLR is committed to advancing the cross-disciplinary and international dimensions of legal research. Through deep collaboration with other universities, non-university institutions, and internal research centers, CPLR aims to break down disciplinary and geographical barriers, laying a solid foundation for the mutual prosperity of the global legal community.

### **Collaboration with Other Universities**

CPLR has cultivated enduring relationships with law faculties in Hong Kong, mainland China, and other Asian regions, fostering friendly ties through personnel exchanges, academic dialogues, and collaborative initiatives between institutions. In 2022, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance (GHMUA) generously supported CPLR in organizing the Greater Bay Area Legal Forum 2022. This event witnessed active participation from scholars in Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan, and Guangdong Province. On July 29, 2023, CPLR co-organized the Greater Bay Area Legal Forum 2023 with Sun Yat-sen University. Additionally, on October 11-12, 2023, CPLR collaborated with the Faculty of Law at Vietnam National University to host the international academic conference titled "The Influence of the Soviet Law Model on Modern Legal Systems of Russia, China, and Vietnam." This collaborative initiative further underscores CPLR's commitment to fostering global partnerships, providing a unique platform for knowledge exchange within the legal realm.



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## **Collaboration with Other Non-University Institutions**

CPLR actively collaborates with various non-university institutions, diversifying its collaborative efforts. For instance, the collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), exemplified by the "70 years of German Constitutional Court" event held on May 19, 2023. Additionally, the collaboration with Joint Publishing to jointly hold the conference on "One Country, Two Systems, and the Rule of Law in Hong Kong Research Frontiers and Publishing Direction" on December 9, 2023, is another evidence. Such collaborations not only strengthen ties between academia and professional bodies but also facilitate the widespread dissemination of legal research outcomes.



*70 years of German Constitutional Court conference co-organized with KAS*



*'One Country, Two Systems' and rule of law in HK conference co-organized with Joint Publishing (HK)*

## **Collaboration with Other University Research Centers**

Internally, CPLR collaborates with other university research centers, forming an integral part of interdisciplinary research. Notably, in November 2022, CPLR collaborated with the City University of Hong Kong's Centre for Public Affairs and Law (CPAL) to co-host the large-scale academic conference titled "25 Years' HKSAR: Transformation and Continuation Academic Conference." Furthermore, collaboration with CPAL, such as the jointly organized event on "Pride and Prejudice in China-India Relations" on May 10, 2023, offers a valuable platform for in-depth exploration of specific themes. Additionally, collaboration with the Asia Pacific Law Review (APLR), manifested in biannual book reviews, fosters interdisciplinary exchange between legal studies and other disciplines. These collaborations underscore CPLR's commitment to facilitating meaningful dialogue and research synergy both within and beyond the university.



*25 Years' HKSAR co-organized with CPAL*

These three dimensions of collaboration collectively paint a rich picture of CPLR's commitment to cross-border, cross-disciplinary, and international cooperation. Through deep engagement with diverse partners, CPLR aims to build a robust foundation for the collective prosperity of the global legal community.