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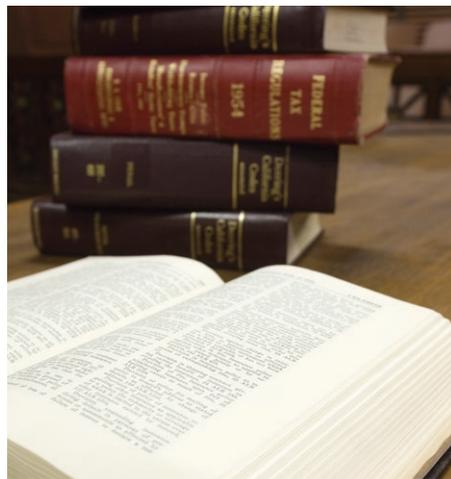
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INTERVIEWING DEAN HOWELLS

Blueprint for the School of Law

Q. As the leader of CityU Law School for three years now, could you share with us your thoughts on the School's strategic development in the years ahead?

A. We have a suite of programmes that work well for Hong Kong and the region. We may make strategic additions, but our main goal is to increase the number of quality students taking our courses. We also want to ensure our teaching is underpinned by quality research and investing in our research is a major priority.

Q. What do you think are the strengths of our School? How would you further develop these strengths?

A. Undoubtedly our people. Many Law Schools resemble empty vessels but our corridors are filled with a vibrancy stemming from the enthusiasm of our staff and students. We are working hard to make this the best place in Hong Kong to study law and work in legal education.

Our Education

Q. What do you think are the goals at the heart of the legal education we are providing? How will you see to its further development?

A. Law firms want students who are grounded, hard-working and can use common sense. They also want them to have high-level legal skills. We seek to produce students with a blend of these attributes.

Developing a world-class research profile

Q. How have your efforts for promoting active research among faculty been faring?

A. We are investing in our own talent and attracting scholars from universities in the region and globally. We already have a very successful record of grant capture and our analysis shows we are producing an increasing number of high quality publications.

Q. What are the plans you have for the School to move forward in developing world-class research?

A. We need to give staff space to produce outstanding work. We can also support research by creating the right support environment. Our recent establishment of a Human Rights Forum is a good example of our desire to nurture key areas of research. I also expect more developments in our commercial law research framework.



Links with the profession

Q. What has been done so far for students' professional development and building networks with practitioners? Would there be new initiatives to strengthen rapport?

A. David Tully was appointed to liaise with the profession and to work with Sara Tsui and Stella Leung to enhance the career opportunities available to our students and give them the means to take them up. We have developed a professional development programme, drawing on practitioners who can give students insights into legal practice and prepare them for internships and job applications. We have also developed a useful online resource website called Career Access. I am pleased that more firms are being exposed to our talented students and being keen to take them on.

The 30th Anniversary

Q. We have stepped into the 30th anniversary year beginning from Fall 2017. Could you share with us your thoughts, feelings, and plans for the School in this special year?

A. 30 year olds are mature yet youthful. The same applies with Law Schools. We are now well recognized. In the first ever Times Higher Education (THE) law school rankings we were placed 52 in the world. However, we have the energy to push on and become a truly global leader in legal education and research.

We have a range of academic events planned to celebrate our activities including talks by three senior UK judges, but the social highlight is undoubtedly our Gala Dinner on 3 March. I hope to meet many readers there.

Collaborations

Q. Can you update us on the progress of collaborations with law schools world-wide?

A. We have developed a range of overseas exchange opportunities for our students. They can also go to Monash or Oxford in the summer for intensive courses. In addition, we have developed research programmes with universities in Germany and Serbia allowing our students to study contemporary legal challenges alongside local students and professors. We have also developed truly innovative programmes allowing Sun-Yat-Sen students to take our JD and joint Masters programmes with Fribourg, Switzerland.

Q. What are your plans to further strengthen the School's international links and profile?

A. We are in discussions with major universities in USA, UK, Europe, Australia and China. I hope we can make further announcements next year.

Personal Impressions

Q. What do you think of Hong Kong compared to your initial expectations, and did anything interesting come up since you joined CityU?

A. Hong Kong is a busy, complex city but it has a fine heart. So many people are willing to help others. However, in the fast pace of Hong Kong it is not easy always to look after yourself. I was impressed by the speech of our student at graduation this year who called on our graduates to maintain a healthy balanced life style. This is important if you are to enjoy all the city has to offer.



REPORTING ON GENERAL RESEARCH FUND (GRF) / EARLY CAREER SCHEME (ECS) RESULTS

News for 2016-17

Following the earlier GRF results announced in mid-2016, the School of Law is pleased to report yet another newly awarded project by our staff member, **Dr Peter Wang Shucheng**. His project, titled "The Effectiveness of Judicial Interpretations of the Supreme People's Court in China: An Empirical Approach", is a collaboration with **Prof Fu Hualing** (HKU), and **Dr Wang** was granted \$340,000 for the project. Together with **Dr Wang's** grant obtained, the overall funding amount to our School of Law now accumulates to over 2 million HK dollars for 2016-17. We would like to express our heartfelt congratulations to **Peter** for the good news and trust that the hard work of our academics would continue to pay off in the coming years.

News for 2017-18

The RGC has recently announced the results of the 2017-18 funding exercise of the General Research Fund (GRF) and Early Career Scheme (ECS). The School of Law continued to succeed

in developing a strong research culture and has obtained six law research grants in various areas of legal and multi-disciplinary research.

The total amount of the six funded projects captured by the School of Law this year exceeded HK\$3.5 million, which doubles last year's amount. The principal investigators are (in alphabetical order) **Dr Peter Chan**, **Prof Lin Feng**, **Dr Lin Yu-Hsin**, **Dr Fozia Lone**, **Dr Daniel Pascoe** and **Dr Charles Qu**. Competition is fierce and their hard work has paid off. We congratulate them on their remarkable achievements, and look forward to their outstanding research outputs.

The School of Law would also like to thank those colleagues who did not succeed in this round. They have made considerable efforts in submitting high quality proposals. Their work is rarely wasted as it can become groundwork for another bid or research project.

Details of the six funded grants are as follows:



Dr Peter Wang Shucheng,
"The Effectiveness of Judicial Interpretations of the Supreme People's Court in China: An Empirical Approach" (\$340,000).



Dr Peter Chan,
"Gender Inequality in Chinese Courts: the Case of Married-Out Women and Their Rural Land Rights" (\$458,000).



Prof Lin Feng,
"Constitutionality of Demand for Hong Kong Independence – A Comparative and Jurisprudential Study" (\$277,992).



Dr Lin Yu-Hsin,
"Corporate Governance of Controlled Firms: An Empirical Study of Company Constitutions in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan" (\$637,330).



Dr Fozia Lone,
"Towards the Pragmatic and Peaceful Resolution of the Sino-Indian Boundary Dispute: A Multidisciplinary Study" (\$715,024).



Dr Daniel Pascoe,
"New Comparative and Empirical Approaches to Clemency" (\$417,770).



Dr Charles Qu,
"The Decision Making on Corporate Guarantee Cases in Chinese Courts" (\$1,111,350).

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The City University of Hong Kong Law School is marking its 30th anniversary as a path-breaking provider of legal education in Hong Kong and the Asia Pacific region. To celebrate this in a buoyant fashion, the School of Law offers the 30th Anniversary Public Lecture series. The Kick-off Lecture titled 'International Insolvency: Conflict or Co-operation?' was given by the **Rt Hon Lord Justice David Richards** on 21 September 2017, which was moderated by **Mr Justice Jonathan Harris** of the Hong Kong High Court. The second lecture held on 8 November 2017, was on "Big Data and Personalized Law" given by **Prof Omri Ben-Shahar**, the Leo & Eileen Herzel Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, and the Kearny Director of the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics. There are a few others upcoming, including Lord Hope's Goff Lecture on commercial arbitration. **Lord Mance**, currently Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, will deliver a talk to conclude the lecture series in July, 2018.

The School of Law will soon publish a Law School 30th Anniversary Book to commemorate the School's history and map its future developments. Moreover, four academic conferences and one Dean's Forum have been planned to be part of the celebration. There is a variety of themes to be addressed by these conferences. They include fundamental issues concerning the Basic Law of Hong Kong SAR, Cross Border Insolvency and Maritime Law, Frontier of International Dispute Resolution, and a cutting-edge debate on Judicial education. The Dean's forum will be held in May, 2018 to explore the extent to which law schools are under an obligation to prepare students for the legal profession and job market in a changing society. In early March, 2018, a gala dinner will be taking place to celebrate together with alumni, past and present faculty and staff, legal practitioners, government officials and friends of the law school.

Below is a brief timeline for the School's 30th anniversary activities and event highlights:



Gala Dinner (3 March 2018)

The School of Law is delighted to announce that it will be hosting a Gala Dinner on Saturday 3 March 2018 in the Harbour View Rooms, 3rd Floor of the Excelsior Hotel at 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay. The Gala Dinner will be one of a series of major events celebrating the SLW's proud thirty years' history.

Heading the list of dignitaries and honoured guests will be the Honourable Chief Justice, **Geoffrey MA Tao-li, GBM**, the Chief Justice of the Hong Kong SAR. Other guests will include alumni, current and former staff and current students. All those wishing to come to this event should contact Ms Esther Wong of the School of Law at galadinner.law@cityu.edu.hk to reserve their tickets on a 'first come, first served basis'.

The evening is shaping up as a wonderful occasion to both formally honour the great achievements of the SLW and to rekindle friendships with former teachers and classmates. We look forward to seeing you there to share fond memories of your time at the SLW amidst the unique ambience of the Excelsior and its exquisite cuisine.

School of Law 30th Anniversary Book

As a major part of its 30th Anniversary Celebrations, the School of Law will be publishing shortly a commemorative album in an attractive coffee table book style, to celebrate this important milestone in its history. Following on from illuminating 'forwards' from both **Way Kuo**, CityU President and Distinguished Professor, and **Geraint Howells**, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, the book contains a number of interesting features, including a historical outline and some very nostalgic and poignant photos from its early years.

The book also showcases many of the SLW's impressive achievements which have occurred over a remarkably short period, varying from its extraordinary success in winning the Vis East and West moots in 2012-13, the creation of its signature Chinese Judges training programmes, the development of its world class research centres including The Centre for Judicial Education and Research, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law, the Hong Kong Centre for Maritime and Transportation Law and the Human Rights Law and Policy Forum and its landmark GLEAP student exchange programmes with Oxford and Monash Universities. In exploring this narrative, readers will glean just how far the SLW has moved from its early beginnings as a new law school in Hong Kong to a major regional and international presence in the field of legal education and research.

In addition to recording these important milestones and accomplishments, the book recognizes the wonderful contributions of its people over the last 30 years to the SLW, including its students, its staff (both past and present) and its alumni. These contributions have made it not only a world ranked institution and incubator of Hong

Kong's legal talent, but truly a place where lives are transformed and lasting memories and lifelong friendships are formed.

The Third Law Forum among Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong – Legal Cooperation and Challenges (20 December 2017)

In 2008, the Guangdong Law Society, the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong and the Faculty of Law, Macau University agreed to launch a Law Forum among Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong. The Law Forum has generated significant impact and provided a good opportunity for the exchange of information and views among participants from the three regions.

The School of Law is now celebrating its 30 years anniversary and will also organize the Third Law Forum. It serves as an ideal platform where people from the three regions can share and exchange their legal views and put forward useful suggestions in order to facilitate legal cooperation among the three regions.

School of Law 30th Anniversary Lecture: Big Data and Personalized Law (8 November 2017)



The School of Law held a 30th Anniversary Lecture in the evening of 8 November 2017. Around 100 participants, comprising students, alumni, teachers and external legal practitioners attended the talk with the topic "Big Data and Personalized Law" given by **Prof Omri Ben-Shahar**, the Leo & Eileen Herzel Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School, and the Kearny Director of the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics.

The event was kicked off by the speech of the Dean of School of Law **Prof Geraint Howells**. He welcomed all the participants and introduced **Prof Ben-Shahar**. This event was co-organized with Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong and School of Accounting and Finance, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Prof Ben-Shahar illustrated that early Big Data identifies patterns of behavior that could predict future behaviour. For example, credit score predicts delinquency and insurance risk. Mature Big Data

identifies regularities in the personalities of individuals; personality in turn predicts future behavior.

With the rise of Big Data, the costs associated with creating and administering personalized legal rules tailored to specific individuals or circumstances have decreased significantly. Prof Ben-Shahar pointed out that rules — like standards of care in tort law; default and mandatory rules in contract law; disclosure mandates; sentencing rules; tax laws; and legal procedures — now face the possibility of becoming personalized in nature.

After Prof Ben-Shahar's talk, the floor had an animated discussion. On behalf of the School of Law, Prof Howells presented a souvenir to thank him for his inspiring talk.



International Conference on the Evolution of Constitutional Order of the HKSAR: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives (26-27 October 2017)



2017 marked the 20th anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China, and also the 30th anniversary of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong. To celebrate these two significant anniversaries, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law of CityU and the Implementation of the Hong Kong Basic Law Research Project jointly organized an international conference with a theme of the "Evolution of Constitutional Order of the HKSAR: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives" on 26th and 27th of October 2017.

This conference aimed to gather well established experts and scholars from Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China and overseas

to conduct a serious and systematic review of the evolution of the HKSAR's new constitutional order, and to forecast its future development, as well as exploring the suitability of various models of autonomy as adopted in other parts of the world to HKSAR. Twenty-eight speakers from Hong Kong, Macau, Mainland China, Denmark, France, India, Montréal, Scotland and Spain participated in this conference.

The conference was kicked off by the speech of the Dean of the School of Law, Prof Geraint Howells, who welcomed all the conference participants and thanked them for their support to the conference. After that, the conference convenor, Prof Zhu Guobin of our Law School, 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.

The conference was divided into six panels. Chaired by Prof Han Dayuan of Renmin University of China School of Law, Panel 1 focused on the historical and theoretical analysis of the core-periphery relationship in China. Three speakers, namely Prof Xiong Wenzhao of Minzu University of China School of Law, Prof Linda Li of City University of Hong Kong Department of Public Policy, and Prof Lin Feng of our Law School, presented their research relating to this topic. Besides, Mr Henry Ho of the One Country Two Systems Youth Forum also presented his paper relating to the system of political appointees in Hong Kong at this Panel.

Panel 2, which was chaired by Prof Simon Young of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, moved to examine the constitutional role of the HKSAR's common law judiciary in the civil law system of the People's Republic of China, including its relationship with the HKSAR legislature, its jurisdiction, as well as how it handles legislative interpretation of the Basic Law by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and post-Occupy Central protesters in public order cases. Speakers of this panel included Dr Yang Xiaonan of Dalian Maritime University, Chairman of Hong Kong Bar Association Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Dr P.Y. Lo, Dr Fu Jing of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law's Law School, and Dr Tian Feilong of Beihang University's Graduate School of Humanities and Social Science & School of Law.

While themes discussed in all the six panels were important for the HKSAR, Panels 3 and 4 should be regarded as the highlight of this conference. In these two panels, which were chaired by Dr Mark Kielesgard and Prof Zhu Guobin of our Law School respectively, in addition to four speakers (namely, Prof Qin Qianhong and Mr Di Gaoyang of Wuhan University School, Dr Zhai Xiaobo of University of Macau Faculty of Law, Dr Stephen Thomson of Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law) who specifically talked about the "one country, two systems" as currently practiced in the HKSAR, the unitary system as adopted in the PRC,



as well as the future of HKSAR's constitution, we had the honour to invite the following six overseas speakers and one local speaker to share their research and experience on constitutional arrangements with regard to central-local relations and various models of local autonomy as adopted in other parts of the world:

- Prof Ferdinand Mélin-Soucramanien of University of Bordeaux, France examined issues relating the sovereignty of Caledonia;
- Dr Sheikh Showkat Hussain of the School of Legal Studies, Central University of Kashmir, India talked about Kashmir's autonomous governance system;
- Prof Jean-François Gaudreault-DesBiens of the Faculty of Law, Université de Montréal, Canada talked about the autonomy enjoyed by Quebec;
- Prof Alan Page of the School of Law, University of Dundee, Scotland, who presented via Skype, talked about the Scottish Devolution;
- Prof Eduardo J. Ruiz Vieytes of the University of Deusto, Spain discussed the Spanish constitutional arrangements with regard to central-local relations in the complex country of Spain;
- Prof Helle Krunke of the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark introduced to the audience the self-governance of Greenland; and
- Dr Ng Hoi Yu of the Centre for Governance and Citizenship of the Education University of Hong Kong gave an overview of the autonomy enjoyed by Åland under Finland's constitutional arrangement.

Panels 5 and 6 were held on the second day of the conference. Chaired by Prof Qin Qianhong of Wuhan University School of Law, Prof Han Dayuan of Renmin University of China School of Law, Prof Chen Duanhong of Peking University School of Law, Dr Cao Xudong of the Institute of Guangdong Hong Kong and Macao

Development Studies of Sun Yat-sen University, and Prof Albert Chen of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law presented their papers concerning the relationships between the PRC Constitution, the Basic Law and the "one country, two systems" principle.

The last panel of the conference discussed a rather controversial topic which recently aroused heated debate in Hong Kong society, namely localism and nationalism. Chaired by Prof Albert Chen of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, 6 presenters in this panel included Prof Sonny Lo and Mr Danny Gittings, both from the School of Professional and Continuing Education of the University of Hong Kong, Dr Brian Fong of the Education University of Hong Kong's Academy of Hong Kong Studies, Senior Counsel and non-official Executive Council member of the HKSAR Mr Ronny Tong Q.C., S.C., and Dr Zhu Shihai of the Macau University of Science and Technology's Faculty of Law.

Throughout the conference, the atmosphere was enthusiastic: while the 28 speakers delivered excellent and insightful presentations, the audience actively participated in the discussions in the Q & A sessions, giving useful comments and putting forward challenging questions to speakers.

The conference was concluded by the closing speech of Prof Zhu Guobin who thanked all the conference participants for their participation and contribution which made this conference a great success.

In conclusion, this conference perhaps was one of the most "internationalized" and eye-opening constitutional/Basic Law conferences held in Hong Kong. It was both thought-provoking and inspirational. In particular, the various autonomy models in other countries as introduced by the overseas speakers no doubt will serve as an important foundation for future research relating to central-local relations between the Chinese Central Government and the HKSAR.

School of Law 30th Anniversary Kick-off Lecture (21 September 2017)

The School of Law held a Kick-off Lecture in the evening of 21 September 2017. It was a special night since it was the debut of our 30th Anniversary Celebration series. Over 200 participants, comprising students, alumni, teachers and external legal practitioners joined us for the lecture: 'International Insolvency: Conflict or Co-operation?' given by The Rt Hon Lord Justice David Richards.



Prof Lin Feng commenced the lecture by introducing the School's history to guests. Back in 1987, the School of Law was named Department of Law, under the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science in the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong. In the Chinese tradition, when a man reaches the age of 30, he should be fully established and independent, that is, '而立之年' in Chinese. The same saying could be applied to describe the status of School of Law. Now, the CityU School of Law is in its best shape, vibrant in teaching and research activities. Over the years, we have strived to provide quality legal education to undergraduates and postgraduates. Many of our graduates have become legal professionals and partners in international law firms.

Mr Justice Harris was the moderator of the Lecture. He was appointed as judge of HKSAR in 2009 and later became a Companies and Insolvency Judge of the High Court. He indicated that cross-border insolvency is in particular significant to the unique position of Hong Kong as an international financial centre. The session was then taken up by Lord Justice Richards. The system of insolvency

law helps to maximize the benefits of creditors, employees and other stakeholders. The outcome of insolvency of a business, if steps were taken quickly, could be positive by selling the business to a third party. However the liquidation procedures usually take a long time which prohibits efforts to rescue the business. Most advanced economies have effective liquidation procedures and rescue procedures. In an increasingly globalized economy, there is a growing importance of cross-border insolvencies. Lord Justice Richards illustrated a few significant examples, from Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) scandal in 1991 to the recent case of Lehman Brothers. In these cases, judges in courts had cooperated across borders. He also highlighted the aspirations and limitations for co-operation on cross-border insolvencies. In the example of Nortel in 2009, the insolvency procedure was carried out effectively, and asset separation was discussed in court by video-linked conferences, so that counsel could join the proceedings to reach a decision. Communication is essential. Limitations such as time zone and lack of a common language might be solved by discussion through written channels and by an administrator who has a good command of particular languages.

Some participants asked thoughtful questions in the Q & A session. When asked about the attributes of ideal law graduates, Lord Justice Richards indicated that the increasing specialization in practicing law was a result of the complexities in modern society. Though it is impossible to be a specialist in all areas, graduates should also have a good foundation in the major areas of law. They should understand the subject matter in a general sense instead of being confined by



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one stream of law. **Mr Justice Harris** added that legal education should not be only limited to law students, but could be incorporated into the 4-year degree curriculum for students of other disciplines, for example, to connect students with basic concepts of business and commercial law. Two judges also suggested increasing the role of moot in Hong Kong legal education, as this is directly relevant to legal practice, which can develop skills of argument drafting. They mentioned that the recent International Insolvency Moot in Sydney was a good one. The finalist teams were from Asia, which showed

that Asians had a great ability to compete against teams all over the world. Last, Justice Harris encouraged the Law School to join the competition as this is a valuable exposure.

This Lecture was a feature in our 30th Anniversary Celebration Series. Please follow us on facebook—'School of Law, City University of Hong Kong' for our latest news. We hope you can join us in the coming activities!

SCHOOL EVENTS

A New Journey: CityU School of Law Graduation Ceremony 2017 (25 November 2017)



The School of Law held its graduation ceremony at the Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall, 5/F Lau Ming Wai Academic Building on 25 November 2017, celebrating the accomplishments of hundreds of new graduates.

More than 500 participants including faculty members and graduates from Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, Juris Doctor, Master of Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Master of Laws, Doctor of Juridical Science and Doctor of Philosophy programmes, along with their parents, relatives and friends participated in this memorable event.

Prof Geraint Howells, Dean of CityU Law School presided at the ceremony. **Mr Wong Wai-chung, Wesley SC, JP**, Solicitor General, Department of Justice, **Prof Howells**, and our graduate representative **Ms Poon Hei Tung Kathleen** gave addresses.

Mr Wong said to the graduates: "It is imperative that everyone in society should fulfil the civic duty to uphold the rule of law. This responsibility rests squarely on you, as law graduates". He

emphasized that the reputation of the rule of law in Hong Kong is built on its people. We are fortunate to inherit a legal system renowned for its rule-of-law credentials. He encouraged the graduates to stand strong in defence of the rule of law when confronted with irresponsible acts or speeches that sabotage it.

Prof Howells congratulated the graduates and thanked the faculty of the School of Law, who guided them throughout their legal education. He also thanked their families and friends for their endless love and support. "Graduation is not the end; it is the beginning of another new journey." **Prof Howells** encouraged graduates to critically reflect on what they have learnt at the School, prepare to learn new things and make a difference.

Graduate representative, **Kathleen** urged her fellow graduates to keep a balance in work and life. "Balancing is like diversification. Investing in different areas of life makes one less susceptible to everyday fluctuations and improves returns in the form of fulfillment," she said.

The graduation ceremony marks the beginning of a new journey for the graduates. The School of Law is proud of the graduates and we wish them every success in the next chapter of their lives.



Information Day 2017 (14 October 2017)



The CityU Information Day 2017 was held on Saturday 14 October from 9:30am to 5:30pm. The School of Law set up display boards and organized various activities to promote the undergraduate programme to prospective applicants. Our staff and student volunteers introduced programme information and addressed queries raised by participants.

A Mooting Training Workshop for secondary school students was held on the morning. It aimed at promoting legal education and inspiring students in debating, public speaking and writing.

Dr Mark Kielsgard, Director of Mooting of the School of Law, kicked off the event by providing the secondary school students information about mooting and the mooting culture in the school. Mr Mike Lam and Ms Jenny Hui, two mooting alumni in SLW, then shared with the students the impact of mooting on their current legal careers.

The secondary school students also had the opportunity to participate in a real moot. Four SLW students, who had represented the SLW in previous international mooting competitions, assisted them during the moot. Mike and Jenny presented the awards to the winners of the moot.

An Information Seminar for the LLB Programme was held in the afternoon which was delivered by Dr John Ho, LLB Programme Associate Director. He gave an introduction on the LLB Programme and answered participants' enquiries. It was well-attended by over 250 secondary school students and parents.

The event was a success and we trust the potential students and their parents and relatives obtained useful information in relation to the SLW programmes.



CityU Held Opening Ceremony for Chinese Judges Programmes (12 October 2017)



The School of Law and the Centre for Judicial Education and Research jointly held the Opening Ceremony for the 8th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges and the 11th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges on 12 October at the Connie Fan Multimedia Conference Room.

Many legal experts and professionals from the Mainland and Hong Kong participated in the Ceremony. Our officiating guests included Prof Huang Yongwei, President of the National Judges College; Prof Jian Lu, Vice President (Research and Technology); Mr Wesley Wong, SC, Solicitor General, Department of Justice; Mr. Liu Chunhua, Deputy Director-General, Department of Law, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Mr Wang Chen, Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR; Ms Melissa Pang, Vice President, Law Society of Hong Kong; Mr Stephen Kai-yi WONG, Commissioner, Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Hong Kong; Dr Kennedy Ying Ho Wong, BBS, LLD, DCL, JP, Managing Partner, Philip K H Wong, Kennedy Y H Wong & CO.; Mr. DU Mao, Chairman of the Board, China Legal Service (H.K.) Ltd; Prof Geraint Howells, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, CityU and Prof Lin Feng, Director, Centre for Judicial Education and Research, CityU and Associate Dean, School of Law, CityU.

Prof Geraint Howells welcomed the new cohort of judge students in his address. The recent School of Law's achievement which he credited to the collaborative efforts of both School of Law's staff and students has made him very proud. He hoped that the new cohort of LLM Chinese judge students can compare the difference between the two legal systems and exchange views on legal topics with the local legal community.

Prof Lu Jian said that the nine-year cooperation between CityU and the National Judges College is very fruitful. Almost 600 judges from the mainland have been trained under the Chinese Judges Programme. It is our honour to provide such a platform to promote communication and understanding between the two legal systems.

Prof Huang Yongwei acknowledged the fruitful outcome of the Chinese Judges Programmes. He pointed out that CityU is one of the most influential overseas institutes providing training to members of the Mainland court system. The National Judges College is planning to support more Chinese judges to receive this kind of judicial training in future.

Ms Melissa Pang noted that the 20th Anniversary of HKSAR marks the success of the implementation of the “One Country, Two Systems”. Exchange and cooperation between Hong Kong and the Mainland would become ever more frequent. She thought that the Chinese Judges Programmes would help in building up a sound legal framework that is indispensable for China’s rapid economic development.

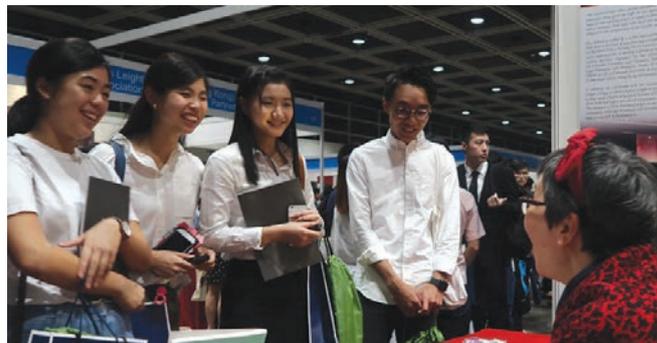
Mr Stephen Wong said under the “One Country, Two Systems”, a mutual understanding of the two legal systems is pivotal for both Hong Kong and the Mainland. The Centre for Judicial Education and Research focuses on forward-looking research on legal theory, and is a role model in judicial education. It is also a mission for legal experts and practitioners in both Hong Kong and Mainland to disseminate knowledge and culture to the public and to understand the thoughts and needs of people from various backgrounds.

Ms Li Kun, Judge of the Beijing No.3 Intermediate People’s Court and student representative of the 8th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges, expressed her gratitude for the support from the National Judges College, CityU, and her family and friends. Studying at CityU provides a chance to better understand common law and to conduct in-depth conversations with common law experts. Guided by the Belt and Road Initiative, she looks forward to bridging the two systems by drawing on her knowledge and experience from both legal systems.

Judge Xi Jianlin, President of the Shanghai Hongkou District People’s Court and representative of the 11th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges pointed out that communication can promote understanding, while understanding nurtures trust. **Judge Xi** believes in the value of law on social order and development.

Prof Lin Feng delivered the vote of thanks. He was glad that the Mainland judicial system continues to send potential judges to CityU to further their study in common law despite the increasingly heavy workload in courts. He also expressed his sincere thanks to all the organizations that have offered help and assistance to the Chinese Judges Programmes.

Hong Kong Law Fair 2017 (30 September 2017)



The Hong Kong Law Fair 2017 was successfully held on 30 September 2017 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wanchai. School of Law joined the fair together with other local law schools, legal institutions and major international and local law firms. An information booth was set up to display the detailed information of respective programmes in the School. Our staff and student volunteers introduced programme information and addressed queries raised by participants.

School of Law Research Retreat (26 September 2017)



The School of Law Research Retreat was held on 26 September 2017 at Royal Plaza Hotel. It was a continuation of discussions on the strategies to succeed in the coming Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) after an earlier sharing session delivered by **Prof Gillian Douglas**. The Research Retreat is an endeavour to mobilize staff to share their research progress and get feedback from the discussion.

PCLL programme and practicing the law. It is a very good degree that opens doors for you and changes your way of thinking," she said.

After the luncheon were the introductions on international mooting and advocacy, the Law library, lawbies.net, professional development and e-learning. **Ms Bonita Chan**, the Chairlady of the Alumni Association of CityU School of Law, was invited as a guest speaker to share with the students. She advised them to study hard and pay extra attention to core subjects, attend lectures and tutorials, improve language skills in both English and Chinese, get internships during summer vacations, and participate in the activities organized by the Law Society of Hong Kong.

The Orientation for LLM and LLMArbDR students was held in the evening. The Dean, **Prof Geraint Howells** elaborated on the streams of the LLM programme, the LLM for Chinese Judges programme and our collaboration with the University Paris 1. The LLM Programme Director **Dr Ding Chunyan** explained the programme features, curriculum, assessment, resources and facilities. LLM Maritime and Transportation Law Stream and LLMArbDR students met their programme directors afterwards.

Welcome to CityU School of Law! The exciting new journey has now begun.

CityU Held the Closing Ceremony for the 7th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges (3 July 2017)

CityU has successfully held the Closing Ceremony for the 7th Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges in the afternoon of 3 July 2017. Officiating guests of the Ceremony included **Prof Huang Yongwei**, President, National Judges College; **Prof Way Kuo**, President and University Distinguished Professor, CityU; **The Honorable Martin Liao Cheung-kong**, Non-Official Member of Executive Council, The Government of the HKSAR; **Mr Wesley Wong, SC**, Solicitor General, Department of Justice, The Government of the HKSAR; **Mr Liu Chunhua**, Deputy Director-General, Counsel, Department of Law, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; **Mr Paul Lam, SC**, Chairman, The Hong Kong Bar Association; **Mr Thomas Shiu Tsung SO**, President, The Law Society of Hong Kong; **Dr Kennedy Wong, BBS, LLD, DCL, JP**, Managing Partner, Philip K H Wong, Kennedy Y H Wong & CO.; **Mr Du Mao**, Chairman of the Board, China Legal Service (H.K.) Ltd.; **Prof Geraint Howells**, Dean and Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, CityU and **Prof Lin Feng**, Director, Centre for Judicial Education and Research & Associate Dean, School of Law, CityU.

Prof Geraint Howells delivered the welcoming speech at the Closing Ceremony. He recognized the judge students' achievements in the past year of study and wished them every success after returning to their positions in mainland courts.

Prof Huang Yongwei said the 23 Chinese judge students are outstanding representatives of the young judges in Mainland China. The CityU LLM brings a strong advantage to their profile and prospects for their career. Given the tremendous success of the Chinese Judges Programme, the National Judges College and CityU will strive to recruit more Chinese judges specializing in handling foreign cases to study at CityU.

Offering his congratulations to the graduands, **Prof Way Kuo** urged them to exercise self-discipline in handling every case at work.

Mr Wesley Wong felt glad to have welcomed the class in October 2016, and now witness the achievement of the 23 participants completing the Programme. From now on, the path lying ahead for them will forever be different, because what is expected of them is now different.

Mr Liu Chunhua said it made him excited to attend the Closing Ceremony for the 7th LLM Programme for Chinese Judges at the historical moment of the 20th Anniversary of the HKSAR. It is not an easy decision for the 23 Chinese judges to return to the campus and study common law in an English environment. They have manifested the evolution of the rule of law in China and built up a positive image of mainland judges in Hong Kong.

In **Mr Paul Lam's** view, there are three reasons why the Chinese Judges Programmes are significant for both Hong Kong and the Mainland: first, the Chinese Judges Programmes promote mutual trust and understanding in the two legal systems; second, in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative, training in common law for Chinese judges gives confidence to countries in the common law jurisdiction to participate in the Initiative; third, Chinese judges play a very important role in promoting the rule of law and the judicial reform in China.

Mr Thomas So shared his impression on the difference between Hong Kong's judicial system and that of the Mainland. He noted that both systems are unique and there is a lot that we can share with each other. Looking at the differences in both systems in a positive way enhances the interests of both Hong Kong and the Mainland. The Master of Laws Programme for Chinese Judges is successful in promoting and facilitating mutual trust and understanding in the two legal systems.

Dr Kennedy Wong said the 23 Chinese judge students are among the best. Although the "One Country, Two System" policy has been successful in the past 20 years, there is still much work to do and more interactions between legal talents in the two systems will be vital.

Mr Du Mao pointed out that as part of the legal training for judges in the Mainland, CityU's high-quality legal education has played an important role in improving judges' ability in handling foreign cases, enriching their knowledge and increasing exposure to common law. Meanwhile, a clear and straightforward message of the concept,

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system and practice of the rule of law in the Mainland is conveyed to the Hong Kong legal community via the Programme.

Judge Liang Ying, student representative of the class, expressed her gratitude to the National Judges College and the City University of Hong Kong on behalf of her fellow classmates. The Programme had not only equipped her with a good understanding in the logic of common law system, but more importantly, the one-year study has given her insights in her career to pursue excellence. The students will internalize what they have learnt at CityU and put it into practice to contribute to the judicial system in China.

Prof Lin Feng expressed his gratitude to those who have supported and contributed to the Chinese Judges Programmes, including the

National Judges College, **Prof Way Kuo** and the CityU management, the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd., the Hong Kong Judiciary, the Legislative Council, the Department of Justice, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Law Society of Hong Kong, and the law firms and foundations sponsoring the Programmes. He also extended his special thanks to the London Mercantile Court and the Emory University for their efforts in making the Programmes even better. As the Ceremony came to a close, **Prof Lin Feng** wished the graduands could become a bridge between different legal systems through mutual understanding and communication.

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CityU Law School hosts Workshop on Causal Inference in Empirical Legal Studies (8 June 2017)



On 8 June 2017, the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) hosted a One-day Workshop on Causal Inference in Empirical Legal Studies. We were much honored to have **Prof Bernard Black** and **Prof Katherine Litvak**, Professors of Law at Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law to teach this workshop. The workshop mainly focused on methodology that could be applied in different research fields, with an aim to promote empirical studies in Hong Kong.

This one-day workshop was kicked off by the opening remark of Assistant Professor of CityU School of Law **Dr Yu-Hsin Lin**. She welcomed and introduced speakers to the attendants. After that, Acting Dean of CityU School of Law **Prof He Xin** gave a welcome speech and wished the workshop a great success.

The workshop was divided into two sessions: **Prof Litvak** chaired the morning session and the afternoon session was chaired by **Prof Black**. In the one-day workshop, **Prof Litvak** and **Prof Black** provided an introduction to methods for causal inference, how to design a research study to provide credible causal inference, and which questions do, and do not, lend themselves to convincing causal analysis. They also provided an overview of the research designs for a research study that uses quantitative analysis method, and assessed the causal inferences one can draw from such a research design, threats to valid inference, and research designs that can mitigate those threats.

Around 50 students, legal scholars and empirical researchers in social sciences attended this workshop. Overall, the workshop was very successful and the responses from the participants were very positive. They hailed the workshop as informative, enjoyable and thought provoking.

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LLB Student Gordon Chung Speaks at the 2017 Manfred Lachs International Conference (5-6 May 2017)

Mr Gordon Chung Chun Wai, a CityU Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Year 4 student, attended the 2017 Manfred Lachs International Conference (MLC17) on Global Space Governance and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which took place on 5-6 May 2017 in Montreal, Canada. He was the only undergraduate student and the youngest one who had been invited to present at the Conference. All of the other invited speakers were highly qualified professors from renowned universities, officers from the UN and PhD students specialising in space law.

The MLC17 was organized together with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) as one of the key Workshops/Conferences in preparation of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNCOPUOS) fiftieth anniversary of the first UNISPACE Conference (UNISPACE+50). MLC17 addressed UNISPACE+50 Thematic Priority II, the “legal regime of outer space and global space governance: future and current

perspectives”. The key ideas from this Conference will be presented at the Fall 2017 High-Level Forum in preparation for UNISPACE+50 with an aim of providing viable input to UNISPACE+50 in 2018.

On 6 May 2017, **Gordon** presented his article “An Incentivising Regime for Private Enterprises: The Enduring Benefits Derived from the Commercialization of Outer Space” at the Parallel Session 6B: Space

Natural Resources for Human Needs on Earth, together with three other scholars including **Dr Ricky Lee**, **Ms Maria Manoli** and **Prof Lawrence Roberts**. **Dr Steven Freeland**, a famous scholar in the area of space and public international law, chaired the session.



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In the article, **Gordon** argued that space mining is inevitable and confers enduring and profound benefits to all states for the future benefits of mankind. Accordingly, an international regime should be developed to guarantee the assertion of property rights over extraterrestrial natural resources extracted by private entities.

“As a law student, it is one of the craziest things I have done - but also one of the best things.” **Gordon** said that he was honored to get the opportunity to present his article in front of renowned international space law scholars, while presenting at such a conference was also a great challenge for him. According to **Gordon**, one of the most challenging parts of the conference was that his views, while being supported by many audience members, were challenged by some scholars. He said that he had to be brave enough to rebut their arguments, supported with authority and logical analysis.

“Now I still keep in touch with some of the presenters and professors in order to exchange views on various topics in space law,” **Gordon** said. He also expressed that he will continue contributing to the development of space law by writing more scholarly papers in this area.

CityU Team Seizes Runner up in 2017 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (Asia Pacific Regional Rounds) (18-21 April 2017)

The School of Law at City University of Hong Kong is pleased to announce that their team performed magnificently in 2017 Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (Asia Pacific Regional

Rounds) held at the Adelaide Law School, Australia, from 18 to 21 April 2017. They made it through to the grand final and returned with the trophy for the first runner up and the award for the second best memorial in the competition. **Chung Chun Wai** also won an oralist award.

Under the guidance of **Dr Mark Kielsingard**, Assistant Professor and the Director of Mooting of the CityU Law School, and **Dr Vernon Nase**, Visiting Fellow of the CityU Law School, the CityU team consisted of **Chung Chun Wai**, **Ting Darryl Chadlyn** and **Ho Mondy Man Hay** from Bachelor of Laws with Honours (LLB).

Around 40 teams participated in the Asia-Pacific zone with the top 30 selected to take part in the oral round based on scores of written submissions. Teams competing included the host Adelaide Law School, Murdoch University (Perth, Australia), the National University of Singapore, Gujarat University (India), the China University of Political Science and Law (Beijing) and the University of Hong Kong. The CityU team lost to National Law School of India University (Bangalore) by a slim margin in the Grand Final of the competition.

The Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition is organized annually by the International Institute of Space Law (IISL). The aim of the Competition is to promote the interest in, involvement in and knowledge of space law among students by providing a fair and competitive environment for the exchange of thoughts and the deepening of understanding of space law. This year, the students argued about a case concerning lunar facilities, mining of the moon, liability for collisions on the moon and withdrawal from the Outer Space Treaty.





**Hong Kong Centre for
Maritime and Transportation Law**
香港海事及運輸法研究中心

International Conference on Cross Border Insolvency and Maritime Matters (21-22 November 2017)



In collaboration with United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, the Hong Kong Centre for Maritime and Transportation Law (HKCMT) hosted an international conference with a theme of “International Conference on Cross Border Insolvency and Maritime Matters” on 21st and 22nd of November 2017. This is the third occasion that the Centre has hosted as an international conference on maritime law. This conference is not only an important event of the Maritime Week 2017 organized by Hong Kong government, but also one of the conferences for celebrating the 30th anniversary of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong (CityU).

The conference aimed to investigate the current law and practice regarding the cross border insolvency and maritime matters worldwide by collecting comprehensive analyses from domestic

laws and international rules for the interaction of cross border insolvency law and maritime law. The sub-themes of this conference were 1) General principles of cross border insolvency and maritime laws; 2) Cross border insolvency and maritime matters in certain law jurisdictions; and 3) Other relevant issues relating cross border insolvency and maritime matters. Thirteen leading maritime law specialists and scholars from Hong Kong, Mainland China, Korea, Australia, United States and United Kingdom participated in this conference.

The conference was kicked off by the welcome speech of **Prof Geraint Howells** (Dean & Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law and Director of HKCMT, CityU). **Prof Howells** introduced the background and the aim of the conference. He also thanked all participants for their support of the conference, especially the overseas speakers who traveled a long way to Hong Kong. Other officiating guests included **Ms Kate Lannan** (Legal Officer and UNCITRAL Secretariat, Office of Legal Affairs, Vienna, Austria), **Prof Anselmo Reyes** (Chairman of Hong Kong Maritime Law Association and Professor of Legal Practice, the University of Hong Kong) and the **Hon Mr Justice Liudong Ye** (President of the Guangzhou Maritime Court, China).

The conference was divided into three sessions. The first session was chaired by **Dr Xing Lijuan** (School of Law, CityU) and the second and third sessions were chaired by **Dr Zhao Liang** (School of Law, CityU). Invited speakers were **Prof Beiping Chu** (Faculty of Law, Dalian Maritime University), **Prof Jason Chuah** (The City Law School, City University of London), **Prof Martin Davies** and **Ms Jingchen Xu** (Tulane University Law School), **Mr Look Chan Ho** (Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer), **Captain Guobin Hou** (Yang & Lin Law Firm, Shanghai Office), **Prof In-Hyeon Kim** (School of Law,



Korea University), Ms Kate Lannan, Mr Lianjun Li (Reed Smith Richards Butler), Justice Danke Pingyang (Guangzhou Maritime Court), Prof Anselmo Reyes, Prof Mikis Tsimplis (School of Law, University of Southampton), and Justice Bo Zhang (Qingdao Maritime Court).

The conference ended with the closing remarks of Prof Geraint Howells who thanked all the conference speakers for their contributions to the conference. The conference was fruitful and thought-provoking, and the atmosphere throughout the conference was interactive. The insightful views of all the speakers who are experts in the field of maritime law served as an important foundation for further research and related legal practice.



**Centre for
Judicial Education and Research**
司法教育與研究中心

Centre for Judicial Education and Research successfully held the 11th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges (25 November 2017)

The 11th Advanced Programme for Chinese Senior Judges successfully concluded on 25 October 2017. From 12 – 24 October, meetings and discussions in various forms were arranged for 25 Chinese senior judge participants who came from 22 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions. Through these judicial exchanges, the senior judge participants conducted in-depth discussions with the Hong Kong legal community and thus further advanced their knowledge

in common law and the difference between the two legal systems.

CJER has specially arranged four lectures on Civil Justice and Criminal Justice for the delegation of senior judges. Besides Prof Lin Feng's lecture on the core and hotspot issues of Hong Kong Basic Law, we have also invited Mr Wesley Wong, SC, Solicitor General; Mr Martin Hui, SC, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions; Justice Wally Yeung, Vice-President of the Court of Appeal of the High Court and Mr Symon Wong, Teaching Consultant, SLW to conduct the lectures.

With the support from various organizations, the delegation was able to have a comprehensive view of the Hong Kong Judiciary and other local judicial organs. During the two-week Programme, they visited the High Court, the Court of Final Appeal, the Department of Justice, the Legislative Council, the Hong Kong Bar Association, the Law Society of Hong Kong, the Correctional Service Department, the Legal Aid Department, the Ombudsmen, the ICAC, the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR and the China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd. Besides, inspectors of the Hong Kong Police also shared their experiences with the senior Chinese judges. Justice Chu Fun-ling, Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court, Mr Leung Kwan-yuen, President of the Legislative Council, Mr Paul Lam, SC, Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association, Mr Stephen Wong, Commissioner of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, Dr Zhou Lulu, Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, and Mr Zhuang Zhongxi, Lawyer at the China Legal Service (Hong Kong) Ltd. met the Chinese senior judges and gave them an overview of their field of expertise.



Selected Publications

John BURKE

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HE Tianxiang

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LIN Yu-Hsin

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Daniel PASCOE

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ZHAO Liang

"Achievements and Challenges of Chinese Maritime Judicial Practice" in Y Zhao and M Ng eds., *Chinese Legal Reform and the Global Legal Order: Adoption and Adaption*, pp 125-135, *Cambridge University Press* (Oct 2017).

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John BURKE

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HE Tianxiang

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“UGC Issue in the recent Amendment of HK’s Copyright Ordinance: a Comparative Approach” (香港版權條例修訂中的UGC問題：一個比較法的視角) at 第九屆兩岸四地著作權法制發展研討會, organized by Law School, Northwest University, Xi’an, Shanxi, P. R. China (2 Sept 2017).

Andra LE ROUX-KEMP

“Culture, the rule of law and the discourse of destiny: disrupted”, at the LSA Law and Society Association 2017 Annual Meeting, organized by the Law and Society Association, Mexico City, Mexico (20-23 Jun 2017)

“In search of common values amongst competing universals: An Asian perspective”, at the 14th Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Annual Conference, organized by the University of the Philippines College of Law, Manila, Philippines (18 – 19 May 2017).

LIN Yu-Hsin

“An Empirical Study of Default Rules and Menus in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan”, at the 12th Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies Conference, organized by Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, USA (Oct 13-14, 2017) (with Yun-chien Chang).

“Corporate Governance, Human Capital Resources, and Firm Performance: Exploring the Missing Links”, at the 3rd Conference of the International Corporate Governance Society, organized by the LUISS University and LUISS Business School, Rome, Italy (Sept 2-3 2017) (with Lajili, K. and Rostamkalaie, A.)

Daniel PASCOE

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YANG Fan

Guest Lecturer, at the International Summer School on Alternative Dispute Resolution - Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration, Tulane Law School and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Jul 30 - Aug 12, 2017

ZHAO Liang

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