

The “private” law’s response to accident, illness and disability

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On 18th and 19th of February 2019, the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong and the Faculty of Law, University of Otago, New Zealand jointly organized a one and a half day conference entitled “The “private” law’s response to accident, illness and disability”.

The aims of conference were:

- to assess the no-fault regime in New Zealand and consider whether it should be expanded to cover any disability irrespective of cause;
- to consider the reaction to the no-fault principle in other countries;
- to analyse private law reforms moving away from fault as the basis for compensating for accident, illness and disability;
- to justify why certain areas are marked out for special treatment; and
- to consider the interaction between private law, insurance and administrative compensation schemes.

The speakers included (according to the order of presentation):

- Dr Simon Connell (Faculty of Law, University of Otago, New Zealand)
- Mr Warren Forster (Barrister and Independent Researcher, New Zealand)
- Ms Dawn Duncan (University of Auckland Business School, New Zealand)
- Professor Daniel Gardner (Faculté de droit, Université Laval, Québec, Canada)
- Professor Marie-Ève Arbour (Faculté de droit, Université Laval, Québec, Canada)
- Dr Ding Chunyan (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong)
- Professor Geraint Howells (Dean & Chair Professor of Commercial Law, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong)
- Professor Thomas Wilhelmsson (Chancellor (Emeritus), Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki, Finland)
- Professor Vincent Rivollier (Faculté de Droit, Savoie Mont Blanc University, France)
- Prof. Dr. Peter Rott (University of Kassel, Germany)
- Prof. Dr. Piotr Machnikowski (Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, University of Wrocław, Poland)

Through discussion and debate, the conference's atmosphere was full of enthusiasm. While the speakers delivered excellent and insightful presentations, the audience actively participated in the discussions sessions, giving critical comments and putting forward challenging questions to speakers.



Group Photo of Guests