

RCCL Online Symposium

Chinese Civil Code

On 28 May 2020, the Third Plenary Meeting of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC) passed the much anticipated Civil Code of the PRC. The Code represents the single most comprehensive collection of civil and commercial provisions of Law currently effective in China. The Code consists of 7 Parts, a total of 1260 articles, and when it comes into force on 1 January 2021, will replace 9 NPC Laws including the General Principles of Civil Law (1986), the General Rules of Civil Law (2017), Contract Law (1999), Property Law (2007), Tort Liability Law (2009). Further, no less than 100 changes, including more than 40 substantial changes, have been made during the NPC deliberation in May 2020.

How significant is the Civil Code in a legal sense? What are the most significant changes it brings to Chinese law effective up to 1 January 2021? What challenges lie in the future if the Civil Code is to fulfil its ambition of being a Code 'with Chinese characteristics, in tune with the times and reflecting people's will'? This online symposium, organized by the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) of the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong, will convene a group of civil law scholars and experts, both from the Hong Kong SAR and mainland China, including a member of one of the Code drafting teams, to discuss a range of academic issues arising from the Code, such as debates and controversies during the law-making process and issues in its future application in areas including but not limited to general provisions, property, contract, personality right.

Date: 7 June 2020 (Sunday)

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm (HKT)

Venue: This Symposium will be conducted via Tencent Meeting

Language: Putonghua

This Symposium is open to up to 200 participants. To participate in this Symposium, please send your name and affiliation to lwrccl@cityu.edu.hk for registration, on first-come, first-served basis by **5 June 2020 (Monday)**. The Symposium's Meeting ID will be sent to successful registrants via email.

For enquiries and further details about this Symposium, please email to lwrccl@cityu.edu.hk.